



## **DCUSA Change Report**

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### **DCP 098 – DCUSA CRITERIA FOR URGENT CHANGE PROPOSALS**

## **1 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The Distribution Connection and Use of System Agreement (DCUSA) is a multi-party contract between electricity Distributors and electricity Suppliers and large Generators. Parties to the DCUSA can raise Change Proposals (CPs) to amend the Agreement with the consent of other Parties and (where applicable) the Authority.
- 1.2 This document is a Change Report issued to all Parties in accordance with Clause 11.20 of the DCUSA. The Change Report details DCUSA Change Proposal (DCP) 098 – DCUSA Criteria for Urgent Change Proposals, and asks parties to vote to accept or reject the proposed modification to the Agreement.
- 1.3 The voting process for the proposed variation, along with the timetable of the progression of this Change Proposal (CP) through the DCUSA Change Control Process, is detailed in this document.
- 1.4 Parties are invited to consider the proposed amendment which is attached as Appendix A and to submit their votes using the form attached as Appendix B to [dcusa@electralink.co.uk](mailto:dcusa@electralink.co.uk) by 15 September 2011.

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- 2.1 DCP 098 has been raised by ESP Electricity and will ensure consistency between the DCUSA and the guidance<sup>1</sup> produced by Ofgem on the criteria for determining the urgency status of Change Proposals.
- 2.2 The CP will allow the DCUSA Panel to assess, based on defined criteria, whether or not a CP should be progressed with urgent status. This will prevent misuse of the status and help to ensure that all CPs go through a robust assessment, consultation and voting stage. This will also help to target Party resources to assess the most critical issues.
- 2.3 The CP is classified as a Part 1 matter in accordance with Clause 9.5.1 of the DCUSA as it seeks to modify Section 1C – Change Control, which will require the Authority's consent.

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<sup>1</sup><http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Pages/MoreInformation.aspx?file=Code%20Modification%20Urgency%20Criteria%20-%20Final%20decision.pdf&refer=Licensing/IndCodes/Governance>

### **3 ASSESSMENT AGAINST THE DCUSA OBJECTIVES**

- 3.1 The proposer recommends that the Change Proposal will better facilitate the General DCUSA Objective 3.2.4<sup>2</sup>.

### **4 LEGAL DRAFTING**

- 4.1 The proposed legal drafting for DCP 098 has been reviewed by Wragge and Co, and is attached as Appendix A.

### **5 IMPLEMENTATION**

- 5.1 The proposed implementation date for DCP 098 is the first DCUSA release following Authority approval.

### **6 PANEL RECOMMENDATION**

- 6.1 The Panel approved the DCP 098 Change Report on the 31 August 2011.
- 6.2 In accordance with Clause 12.4 of the DCUSA the Panel determined that DCP 098 should be issued to all Parties for voting.
- 6.3 The timetable for the progression of the Change Proposal is set out below:

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Latest Date</b>
Change Report issued for voting	01 September 2011
Voting closes	15 September 2011
Change Declaration	16 September 2011
Authority Determination	21 October 2011
Implementation	First DCUSA release following Authority approval.

### **APPENDICES**

- Appendix A – Proposed Legal Text
- Appendix B – Voting Form

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<sup>2</sup> The promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of this Agreement