
Meeting Name	DCUSA Panel
Meeting Date	19 October 2011
Paper Title	Initial Assessment Report: DCP 109
Purpose of Paper	For Decision
Synopsis	This paper presents a Change Proposal that has been submitted to the DCUSA Secretariat and requests agreement from the Panel on its progression.

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This paper refers DCUSA Change Proposal 109 to the DCUSA Panel for agreement on its progression.
- 1.2 The Change Proposal (CP) has been assessed by the Secretariat in accordance with Section 10.11 of the DCUSA. The CP has met the requirements set out in the DCUSA, and ElectraLink has prepared a recommendation for consideration by the Panel.

2 DCP 109 – IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EDCM

- 2.1 DCP 109 has been raised by UK Power Networks on behalf of all DNO Parties. The intent of the CP is to bring the EDCM text (as approved by Ofgem) into Schedules 17 and 18 of the DCUSA on 01 April 2012.
- 2.2 The Distribution Network Operators (DNOs) submitted their proposals for an Extra High Voltage Distribution Charging Methodology (EDCM) to Ofgem on 01 April 2011.
- 2.3 On 06 September 2011, Ofgem published its decision to approve the methodology for import charges subject to three conditions. In its decision notice Ofgem stated that the new charges for demand customers connected at higher voltages will apply from 01 April 2012.
- 2.4 Licence Condition SLC 20A.11 requires the DNOs to incorporate the EDCM for import charges into the DCUSA. Licence Condition SLA 50A.24 requires the DNOs to implement the EDCM in the form in which it has been approved by the Authority.

3 PROGRESSION OF DCP 109

- 3.1 The CP seeks to populate Schedules 17 and 18 of the DCUSA with the approved EDCM text and to make any consequential changes to the rest of the Agreement required by the implementation of the EDCM including any around the use of the term EHV and any to the CDCM arising from any reclassification of customers. It has therefore been classified as a Part 1 matter in accordance with

Clause 9.5.5, which identifies that any changes to these schedules will require Authority consent.

- 3.2 The Secretariat recommends that DCP 109 goes to the Definition Phase and that a Working Group be established to assess and develop the CP. It is further recommended that the DCUSA Working Group works closely with CMG Workstream B which is developing the EDCM Methodology and addressing the approval conditions for sign-off by Ofgem.
- 3.3 A proposed timetable for the progression of the proposal is outlined below.

Activity	Target Date
Initial Assessment Report	19 October 2011
Definition Phase Ends	11 January 2012
Change Report Agreed	18 January 2012
Party Voting Ends	02 February 2012
Authority Decision	09 March 2012
Implementation	01 April 2012

4 RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 The DCUSA Panel is asked to:

- Consider the recommendation to accept the referral of DCP 109;
- Agree that the CP should be treated as a standard change;
- Agree that the CP should be treated as a Part 1 matter;
- Agree that the CP should be progressed via the Definition Phase;
- Agree the progression of the CP in accordance with the timetable set out in Section 3.3.

5 APPENDIX

- Appendix A – DCP 109 Change Proposal