



DCUSA Change Report

DCP 177 - Housekeeping Change Relating to
DCP 127 to Allow Gas Suppliers Accession to
DCUSA

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 This document is issued in accordance with Clause 11.20 of the DCUSA and details DCP 177 'Housekeeping Change Relating to DCP 127 to Allow Gas Suppliers Accession to DCUSA'.
- 1.2 The voting process for the proposed variation and the timetable of the progression of the Change Proposal (CP) through the DCUSA Change Control Process is set out in this document.
- 1.3 Parties are invited to consider the proposed amendments attached as Appendix A and submit votes using the form attached as Appendix B to dcusa@electralink.co.uk by **1 August 2013**.

2 BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF DCP 177 - HOUSEKEEPING CHANGE RELATING TO DCP 127 TO ALLOW GAS SUPPLIERS ACCESSION TO DCUSA

- 2.1 DCP 127 'Gas First Smart Meter Installation' was implemented on 27 June 2013. The CP introduced amendments to DCUSA to cater for the commercial impacts of the installation of an electricity-powered communications hub associated with a smart meter for a gas supply, in advance of the fitting of an electricity smart meter at a given premise. DCP 127 requires gas suppliers to become DCUSA Parties should the gas supplier wish to perform works on the systems of the Distributor Parties for which permission is required by them, and the gas supplier does not wish to set up bilateral arrangements with the Distributors to do so.
- 2.2 Housekeeping change DCP 177 has been raised to amend the DCUSA wording as necessary to facilitate Gas Suppliers' accession to the DCUSA.

3 PROPOSED LEGAL DRAFTING

- 3.1 The draft legal text for DCP 177 has been reviewed by Wragge & Co and is attached as Appendix A.
- 3.2 The legal drafting will amend Schedule 11 (Party Details) such that a Market Domain ID need only be provided by Parties acceding to the DCUSA if required. This is because Gas Supplier Parties will not have an electricity Market Domain ID.

4 ASSESSMENT AGAINST THE DCUSA OBJECTIVES

4.1 DCP 177 has been assessed against the DCUSA Objectives:

- Objective 1¹ – No Impact.
- Objective 2² – No Impact.
- Objective 3³ – No Impact.
- Objective 4⁴ – Better Facilitated. With the implementation of DCP 127, Gas Suppliers will be able to connect to distribution systems under the terms of the DCUSA, but will not be able to satisfy the requirements to accede to the agreement in order to do so. DCP 177 rectifies this issue.
- Objective 5⁵ – No Impact.

5 DCUSA ACCESSION FORM

5.1 The DCUSA accession form has been amended to reflect the changes proposed under DCP 177. The updated form is provided as Appendix C.

5.2 Subject to DCP 177 being approved, the online version of the accession form will also be updated on the DCUSA website.

6 IMPLEMENTATION

6.1 This CP is classified as a Part 2 matter in accordance with Clause 9.6 of the DCUSA. The CP is a housekeeping change and does not seek to make any material changes to the agreement, as the principle of gas Supplier accession has already been approved through DCP 127.

6.2 The proposed implementation date for DCP 177 is the first release following approval.

¹ The development, maintenance and operation by each of the DNO Parties and IDNO Parties of an efficient, co-ordinated, and economical Distribution System

² The facilitation of effective competition in the generation and supply of electricity and (so far as is consistent therewith) the promotion of such competition in the sale, distribution and purchase of electricity

³ The efficient discharge by each of the DNO Parties and IDNO Parties of the obligations imposed upon them by their Distribution Licences.

⁴ The promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of this Agreement and the arrangements under it.

⁵ Compliance with the Regulation on Cross-Border Exchange in Electricity and any relevant legally binding decisions of the European Commission and/or the Agency for the Co-operation of Energy Regulators.

7 PANEL RECOMMENDATION

7.1 The DCUSA Panel approved the DCP 177 Change Report at its meeting on 17 July 2013.

7.2 The timetable for the progression of the Change Proposal is set out below:

Activity	Target Date
Change Report Issued for Voting	18 July 2013
Party Voting Closes	1 August 2013
Change Declaration Issued	5 August 2013
Implementation	Next DCUSA Release following Acceptance

7.3 Parties are invited to vote using the Form attached as Appendix B.

8 APPENDICES:

- Appendix A – DCP 177 Proposed Legal Drafting
- Appendix B - DCP 177 Voting Form
- Appendix C – Accession Form Updated for DCP 177
- Appendix D - DCP 177 Change Proposal