



DCUSA Change Report

DCP 175 – Add National Terms of Connection
Version Control

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 This document is issued in accordance with Clause 11.20 of the DCUSA and details DCP 175 – Add National Terms of Connection Version Control.
- 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 legal drafting amendments (Attachment B) and submit their votes using the form attached as Attachment C to dcusa@electralink.co.uk no later than 13 September 2013.

2 BACKGROUND OF DCP 175 - ADD NATIONAL TERMS OF CONNECTION VERSION CONTROL

- 2.1 DCP 175 has been raised by UK Power Networks and the intent of the Change Proposal is to add version control to the National Terms of Connection to be used within the DCUSA terms and on the terms published at www.connectionterms.co.uk.
- 2.2 The Proposer explains that currently the National Terms of Connection are published as Schedule 2B of DCUSA and on www.connectionterms.co.uk. It was noted that the DCUSA shows the current version of DCUSA as the version control number, and the published terms show the date published; there is no version control that can be cross referenced between them. DCP 175 seeks to add version control for the NTC themselves which will be shown in Schedule 2B of DCUSA and retained on www.connectionterms.co.uk.
- 2.3 The Proposer feels that DCP 175 will allow users to be able to check that the published terms are the latest available without requiring prior knowledge of when they were last changed. The Proposer highlights that this will make it easier to determine which versions of the terms were applicable for periods in the past.

3 DCP 175 – WORKING GROUP

- 3.1 The DCUSA Panel established a Working Group to assess and refine DCP 175. The Working Group was comprised of DNO and Supplier Parties.
- 3.2 The Working Group meeting was held in open session, and the minutes and papers from the meeting are available on the DCUSA website – www.dcusa.co.uk.

4 DCP 175 CONSULTATION

- 4.1 The Working Group agreed that a consultation would not need to be undertaken for DCP 175. The reasoning behind this is that the only question for Parties to answer would be whether or not they agree that a version number should be introduced for the National Terms of Connection.
- 4.2 The Working Group felt that there was sufficient representation among Working Group members in order to be a robust and complete solution that is issued for Industry vote.

5 PROPOSED LEGAL TEXT

- 5.1 The proposed legal drafting of DCP 175 has been considered by the Working Group, and reviewed by the DCUSA legal advisor, and is attached as Attachment B.
- 5.2 The Working Group have recommended that the version number for the current NTC be '5'. This number was derived by beginning with 1 at DCUSA go-live, and changing the number only when a CP was introduced into the DCUSA that affected the NTC. The version number will not change every time the DCUSA is reissued, only when a change to the NTC has taken place. The following table illustrates how this version number was developed and which CPs have been applicable to the NTC. It is intended that this table be published on the DCUSA website for reference.

TABLE 1: DERIVATION OF THE NTC VERSION NUMBER

Change Proposal	DCUSA Release Date	Version Number
	05 October 2006	1
DCP45 - Connection Terms Change Notification	05 November 2009	2
DCP33 - Connection Terms	04 November 2010	3
DCP79 - Statutory Application of NTC	03 November 2011	4
Green Deal Arrangements (under Secretary of State Powers)	04 February 2013	5

6 DCP 175 – WORKING GROUP CONCLUSIONS

- 6.1 The Working Group’s conclusion is that the proposed drafting meets the intent of DCP 175 and therefore should be issued for Party voting and Authority determination.

7 EVALUATION AGAINST THE DCUSA OBJECTIVES

- 7.1 The Working Group considers that the following DCUSA General Objective is better facilitated by DCP 175 ‘Add National Terms of Connection Version Control’:

General Objective 4 – Better Facilitated - The promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of this Agreement.

- 7.2 The Working Group unanimously agrees that General Objective 4 is better facilitated because DCP 175 will promote the efficient administration of this agreement and the National Terms of Connection which form part of this agreement and are also published elsewhere.

8 IMPLEMENTATION

- 8.1 DCP 175 is classified as a Part 1 matter in accordance with Clause 9.4.2 (B) of the Agreement, and therefore will go to the Authority for determination after the voting process has completed.

- 8.2 The implementation date is the first release following Authority consent.

9 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

9.1 The Working Group did not identify any material impact on greenhouse gas emissions which would result from the implementation of DCP 175.

10 PANEL RECOMMENDATION

10.1 The DCUSA Panel approved this Change Report on 21 August 2013 and considered that the Working Group had carried out the level of analysis required to enable Parties to understand the impact of the proposed amendment and to vote on DCP 175.

10.2 The timetable for the progression of the Change Proposals is set out below:

Activity	Date
Change Report issued for voting	22 August 2013
Voting closes	13 September 2013
Change Declaration	17 September 2013
Authority Decision	22 October 2013
CP Implemented	First Release Following Authority Consent

11 ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment A – DCP 175 Change Proposal
- Attachment B – DCP 175 Proposed Legal Drafting
- Attachment C – DCP 175 Voting Form