



DCUSA Change Report

DCP 187 - Changes to Requirements to Provide Metering Data

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 This document is issued in accordance with Clause 11.20 of the DCUSA and details DCP 187 'Changes to Requirements to Provide Metering Data'.
- 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 Attachment B and submit votes using the form attached as Attachment C to dcusa@electralink.co.uk by **4 October 2013**.

2 BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF DCP 187 - Changes to Requirements to Provide Metering Data

- 2.1 DCP 187 was raised by Npower and seeks to clarify what metering data is to be provided free of charge under Clause 29.
- 2.2 The Proposer explains that following discussions at the DCUSA Smart Working Issues Group (SWIG), it was identified that the current wording of Clause 29 does not provide DCUSA Parties with absolute clarity on what metering data can be provided/obtained free of charge under this clause.
- 2.3 The Smart Energy Code (SEC) will provide for access to certain items of data for Distributors. Given that DCUSA Clause 29 also provides for access to data, it will be important to clarify what data can be obtained under the provisions of the DCUSA and when it is appropriate to obtain data via this route.
- 2.4 DCP 187 aims to ensure that the rights to obtain data within DCUSA do not conflict with the provisions of the SEC once designated and do not introduce confusion into the industry arrangements.
- 2.5 The Proposer explains that currently Clause 29 makes reference to data required under the Relevant Charging Statements; it is not clear what these data requirements are. The SWIG concluded at its July 2013 meeting that this reference is out-of-date, having been included to accommodate arrangements prior to the introduction of the

Common Distribution Charging Methodology, and is therefore no longer relevant. In addition, given that the content of the Relevant Charging Statements can be changed without the agreement of, or consultation with, DCUSA Users, the inclusion of this reference creates uncertainty within the Agreement.

- 2.6 The Proposer notes that going forward, with Smart metering rollout beginning, and the SEC shortly to be designated, it is important that the provisions of Clause 29 are clear.
- 2.7 If accepted, DCP 187 should provide greater clarity and prevent disagreement and misunderstanding between Parties over what data can be provided under the terms of Clause 29.

3 PROPOSED LEGAL DRAFTING

- 3.1 The draft legal text for DCP 187 has been reviewed by Wragge & Co and is attached as Attachment B.

4 ASSESSMENT AGAINST THE DCUSA OBJECTIVES

- 4.1 DCP 187 has been assessed against the DCUSA Objectives:
- Objective 1¹ – No Impact.
 - Objective 2² – No Impact.
 - Objective 3³ – No Impact.
 - Objective 4⁴ – Better Facilitated.
 - Objective 5⁵ – No Impact.

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

²The 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

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

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

⁵Compliance 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.

- 4.2 The Proposer of DCP 187 explains that this CP will better facilitate DCUSA Objective 4 as it will provide greater clarity for Parties in interpreting the provisions of Clause 29 of the agreement and will therefore bring greater efficiency in its implementation.

5 IMPLEMENTATION

- 5.1 This CP is classified as a Part 2 matter in accordance with Clause 9.6 of the DCUSA. Therefore, the CP will not require Authority approval and will be subject only to the Party vote.
- 5.2 The proposed implementation date for DCP 187, if approved, is the first DCUSA release following approval.

6 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

- 6.1 The DCUSA Panel did not identify any material impact on greenhouse gas emissions which would result from the implementation of DCP 187.

7 PANEL RECOMMENDATION

- 7.1 The DCUSA Panel approved the DCP 187 Change Report at its meeting on 18 September 2013.
- 7.2 The timetable for the progression of the Change Proposal is set out below:

Activity	Target Date
Change Report Issued for Voting	20 September 2013
Party Voting Closes	4 October 2013
Change Declaration Issued	8 October 2013
Implementation	First DCUSA Release following Party Acceptance

- 7.3 Parties are invited to vote using the Form attached as Attachment C.

8 APPENDICES:

- Attachment A– DCP 187‘Changes to Requirements to Provide Metering Data’
- Attachment B –DCP 187 Proposed Legal Drafting
- Attachment C – DCP 187 Voting Form