



DCUSA CONSULTATION

DCP 176 – Housekeeping Change for Disconnection Definition

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.
- 1.2 Parties to the DCUSA can raise a DCUSA Change Proposal (“DCP”) to amend the Agreement. DCPs should better facilitate the DCUSA General Objectives and/or Charging Objectives of the DCUSA document.
- 1.3 Amendments to DCUSA may only be made with the consent of a majority proportion of Parties to the DCUSA, through a voting process, or (where applicable) the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority.¹
- 1.4 This document is a consultation issued in accordance with Clause 11.14 of the DCUSA and seeks industry views on Change Proposal DCP 176 – Housekeeping Change for Disconnection Definition.
- 1.5 The Consultation has been issued to DCUSA Parties and Ofgem.
- 1.6 Parties are invited to consider the Change Proposal detailed in this consultation and submit comments using the form attached as Appendix C to dcusa@electralink.co.uk by **11 September 2013**.

2 INTENT OF DCP 176 – HOUSEKEEPING CHANGE FOR DISCONNECTION DEFINITION

- 2.1 DCP 176 has been raised by UK Power Networks and the intent of this proposal is to correct the definition of ‘Disconnection’ so it is the same for Section A and Section B.

3 DCP 176 – DCUSA PANEL CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The DCUSA Panel were in agreement that a Working Group should not be convened for this CP since it is a housekeeping change and did not require further development or analysis – apart from the choice of which version of legal text to progress.
- 3.2 The DCUSA Panel have reviewed the CP against all the DCUSA General Objectives and agree that the CP will better facilitate the following Objective:

¹ For more information about GEMA visit the Ofgem website: <http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/TheAuthority>

- DCUSA General Objective 4² – Better facilitated – The DCUSA Panel agrees that DCP 176 will rectify the inconsistency for the definition in respect of Section A and Section B and replace incorrect use of ‘De-energisation’ instead of ‘Disconnection’.

4 PROPOSED LEGAL TEXT

- 4.1 The DCP 176 proposed legal text can be progressed incorporating either of the variations as set out in Appendix B. The DCUSA Panel is seeking Parties’ views on which option should be progressed as the final version.
- 4.2 Following a review of the proposed legal text by the DCUSA Panel, after feedback gained from the consultation, it will be issued to the DCUSA legal representative for a final review.

5 PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE

- 5.1 The proposed implementation date for DCP 176 is the first release following Authority consent.

6 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 Parties are asked to consider the intent and impact of DCP 176 and answer the following consultation questions:
1. Do you agree with the intent of DCP 176?
 2. Do you agree with the principles of DCP 176?
 3. Do you feel that DCP 176 better facilitates any of the DCUSA General Objectives? The Panel have evaluated the CP against all the General Objectives and agree that DCUSA General Objective 4 is better facilitated. Please provide supporting comments about this and any other DCUSA Objective you feel that this CP will impact.
 4. Which version of the proposed legal text you would like to see progressed, Option 1 or Option 2?
 5. Do you have any other comments on either variation of the proposed legal drafting of DCP 176?
 6. Are you aware of any wider industry developments that may impact upon or be impacted by this CP? If so, please give details, and comment on whether

² The promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of this Agreement

the benefit of the change may outweigh the potential impact and whether the duration of the change is likely to be limited.

7. Do you agree with the implementation date of DCP 176?
8. Are there any alternative solutions or matters that should be considered by the DCUSA Panel?

6.2 The Consultation response form (Appendix C) should be submitted to dcusa@electralink.co.uk no later than **11 September 2013**. Parties are asked to provide as much relevant detail as possible to enable the DCUSA Panel to understand the comments and the reasons behind them.

6.3 Responses, or any part thereof, can be provided in confidence. Parties are asked to clearly indicate any parts of a response that are to be treated confidentially.

7 NEXT STEPS

7.1 Following the end of the consultation period the DCUSA Panel will review and consider the responses. The DCUSA Panel will issue its final report setting out the proposed variations before it is issued to all DCUSA Parties for voting.

7.2 If you have any questions about this paper or the DCUSA Change Process please contact the DCUSA Help Desk by email to dcusa@electralink.co.uk or telephone 020 7432 3014.

8 APPENDICES

- Appendix A – DCP 176 ‘Housekeeping Change for Disconnection Definition’
- Appendix B – DCP 176 Proposed Legal Text Options
- Appendix C – Response Form