



DCUSA Change Report

DCP 202 - Abolition Of National Consumer Council

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 This document is issued in accordance with Clause 11.20 of the DCUSA and details DCP 202 – Abolition Of National Consumer Council (Attachment 3).
- 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 (Attachment 2) and submit their votes using the form attached as Attachment 1 to dcusa@electralink.co.uk no later than **04 April 2014**.

2 INTENT OF DCP 202 – ABOLITION OF NATIONAL CONSUMER COUNCIL

- 2.1 DCP 202 was raised by Eastern Power Networks to update references to the National Consumer Council as it is to be abolished.
- 2.2 The National Consumer Councils' functions as regards electricity will be handled by Citizens Advice and Citizens Advice Scotland. DCUSA makes direct reference to the National Consumer Council and the DCUSA will need to be amended to correctly reference the Citizens Advice bodies.
- 2.3 The CP has been classified as a Part 2 Matter in accordance with Clause 9.5 as it is in the nature of a housekeeping change.

3 PROPOSED LEGAL TEXT

- 3.1 The proposer considered two options
 - Replace references to the "National Consumer Council" in DCUSA with "Citizen's Advice And/Or Citizen's Advice Scotland". Add definitions of "Citizen's Advice" and "Citizen's Advice Scotland" by reference to the Distribution License.
 - Replace references to "National Consumer Council" throughout the DCUSA document with a new defined term (e.g. "Consumer Body") and define this term to mean "Citizens Advice And/Or Citizens Advice Scotland". Add definitions of "Citizen's Advice" and "Citizen's Advice Scotland" by reference to the Distribution License.

3.2 The proposer took in to consideration the number of iterations of the name for the National Consumer Council such as Consumer focus and Consumer Futures in the decision between these options. As a result, to ensure an efficient administration of the agreement a new defined term of 'Consumer Body' was coined. This will ensure that if there are any future or subsequent name changes to the body which undertakes the role of the National Consumer Council then only the defined term will require a change and not multiple references throughout the DCUSA document.

3.3 The updated references to the National Consumer Council have been modified to Consumer Body in the following Clauses:

- 1) amending Clause 1.1 to include a definition for Consumer Body;
- 2) Clauses 5.7.3, 10.2.2; 11.2.2, 13.8.2, 13.14.2, 13.17.2 and Schedule 14 Clause 4.

4 EVALUATION AGAINST THE DCUSA OBJECTIVES

4.1 DCP 202 has been assessed against the DCUSA General Objectives:

- Objective 1¹ – No Impact.
- Objective 2² – No Impact.
- Objective 3³ – No Impact.
- Objective 4⁴ – Better Facilitated.
- Objective 5⁵ – No Impact.

4.2 General Objective 4 is better facilitated as the agreement is better implemented and administered when it references the correct bodies rather than an obligation to engage with an abolished body.

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.

5 IMPACT ON GREENHOUSE GAS OMISSIONS

- 5.1 It is not believed that there is any material impact on greenhouse gas emissions from the implementation of this Change Proposal.

6 IMPLEMENTATION

- 6.1 Subject to Authority approval, DCP 202 will be implemented in the next DCUSA release following Authority Consent.

7 PANEL RECOMMENDATION

- 7.1 The DCUSA Panel approved the DCP 202 Change Report on 19 March 2014. The timetable for the progression of the CP is set out below:

Activity	Target Date
Change Report Agreed	19 March 2014
Change Report Issued To Parties	21 March 2014
Party Voting Ends	04 April 2014
Change Declaration Issued	08 April 2014
Implementation	Next DCUSA Release Following Approval

- 7.2 Parties are invited to vote on DCP 202 using the voting form provided as Attachment 1.

8 ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment 1 – DCP 202 Voting Form
- Attachment 2 – DCP 202 Proposed Legal Text
- Attachment 3 – DCP 202 Change Proposal