



## **DCUSA Change Report**

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DCP 237 - Housekeeping change associated with the definition of Prescribed Period and ESPR

## **1 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 This document is issued in accordance with Clause 11.20 of the DCUSA and details DCP 237 'Housekeeping change associated with the definition of Prescribed Period and ESPR' (Attachment 1).
- 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 (Attachment 3) to [dcusa@electralink.co.uk](mailto:dcusa@electralink.co.uk) no later than **15 June 2015**.

## **2 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 DCP 237 was raised by Electricity North West with the intent to merge the two different definitions of Prescribed Period in the current version of DCUSA into one definition to meet good industry practice and business expectations in this area. The DCP 195A (Service Level Agreement for Resolving Network Operational Issues) legal text published in the 12 February 2015 DCUSA release introduced a second definition of the 'Prescribed Period' into Section 1A of the DCUSA. Both are valid. This CP has been raised to merge the two to avoid any misunderstanding should only one of the two be viewed during a search of the document.
- 2.2 This CP also seeks to change the definition of Electricity (Standards of Performance) Regulations (ESPR) as a consequence of a revision to the Statutory Instrument and other sections that refer to the previous version of Statutory Instrument. One of the definitions of 'Prescribed Period' refers to the ESPR. During the development of this CP it was identified that the definition of ESPR was also changing with effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015. By delaying the change proposal and incorporating the new Statutory Instrument number within this change proposal it avoids a further subsequent change, incorrect referencing and use of an outdated Statutory Instrument.

## **3 PROPOSED LEGAL TEXT**

- 3.1 The DCP 237 proposed legal drafting has been reviewed by the DCUSA legal advisor and is provided as Attachment 2. As a consequence of the proposed change, the legal text

includes updates to references to particular provisions of the ESPR that arise in clauses 33 and 49.

#### **4 EVALUATION AGAINST THE DCUSA OBJECTIVES**

4.1 DCP 237 has been assessed against the DCUSA General Objectives:

- Objective 1<sup>1</sup> – No Impact
- Objective 2<sup>2</sup> – No Impact
- Objective 3<sup>3</sup> – No Impact
- Objective 4<sup>4</sup> – Better Facilitated
- Objective 5<sup>5</sup> – No Impact

4.2 The Proposer explains that DCUSA General Objective 4 is better facilitated because DCP 237 avoids any misunderstanding where the defined term ‘Prescribed Period’ is used should the user not check both definitions since the expectation is that there is only one. Also by waiting for the new changes to the Statutory Instrument to be released it avoids a further housekeeping change at a later date and also ensures that the user is referred to the correct version of the Statutory Instrument thereby ensuring the latest understanding of those requirements.

#### **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 DCP 237 will be implemented in the next DCUSA Release after Party approval.

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

<sup>2</sup> 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

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

<sup>4</sup> The promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of this Agreement and the arrangements under it

<sup>5</sup> 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.

- 6.2 In accordance with DCUSA Clause 9.4, the DCUSA Panel has classed DCP 237 as a Part 2 Matter as the change is a housekeeping one which removes ambiguity within the legal text. The CP therefore does not require Authority consent.

## 7 PANEL RECOMMENDATION

- 7.1 The DCUSA Panel approved the DCP 237 Change Report at its meeting on 20 May 2015. The timetable for the progression of the CP is set out below:

Activity	Target Date
Change Report Approved by DCUSA Panel	20 May 2015
Change Report Issued For Voting	22 May 2015
Party Voting Ends	15 June 2015
Change Declaration	17 June 2015
Implementation	Next Release following Approval

- 7.2 Parties are invited to vote on DCP 237 using the voting form provided as Attachment 1.

## 8 ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment 1 – DCP 237 CP
- Attachment 2 – DCP 237 Legal Text
- Attachment 3 –DCP 237 Voting Form