

DCUSA CHANGE DECLARATION

DCP 239 - Alignment of DCP 195A Smart Meter Installation Forecasts Submission Dates with DECC Reporting

VOTING END DATE: 22 May 2015

DCP 239	WEIGHTED VOTING				
	DNO	IDNO	SUPPLIER	DISTRIBUTED GENERATOR	GAS SUPPLIER
CHANGE SOLUTION	Accept	n/a	Accept	n/a	n/a
IMPLEMENTATION DATE	Accept	n/a	Accept	n/a	n/a
RECOMMENDATION	<p>Change Solution – ACCEPT In respect of each Party Category that was eligible to vote, the sum of the Weighted Votes of the Groups in that Party Category which voted to accept the change solution was more than 65% in all Categories.</p> <p>Implementation Date – ACCEPT In respect of each Party Category that was eligible to vote, the sum of the Weighted Votes of the Groups in that Party Category which voted to accept the implementation date was more than 65% in all Categories.</p>				
PART ONE / PART TWO	Part Two – Authority Determination Not Required				

PARTY	SOLUTION (A / R)	IMPLEMENTATION DATE (A/R)	WHICH DCUSA OBJECTIVE(S) IS BETTER FACILITATED?	COMMENTS
DNO PARTIES				
Electricity North West Ltd	Accept	Accept	General objective 2	n/a
Northern Powergrid - Northern Electric Distribution Ltd	Accept	Accept	Whilst the proposed arrangements appear to be more efficient for suppliers, including for their interactions with DECC and the DNOs, it is not clear how the more efficient arrangements would help facilitate competition (general objective 2) or a help promote efficiency in the implementation and administration of the DCUSA itself and the arrangements under it.	In voting to accept this change proposal and in particular noting the new date of 1 July 2015 in the proposed revised Section 30.5F2, we have assumed that this new date would also become the new applicable date referred to in Clause 30.5D1 i.e. that the obligations of the Company that are subject to the Service Levels shall only apply with effect from the date 12 months after the date (1 July 2015 as referred to in the proposed drafting) referred to in Section 30.5F.2.
Northern Powergrid - Yorkshire Electricity Distribution plc	Accept	Accept		
Scottish Power - Manweb	Accept	Accept	4 The promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of this Agreement and the arrangements under it.	We believe that this change takes a common sense approach to the provision of information for Smart Meter Rollout
Scottish Power - Distribution	Accept	Accept	We believe that this change would allow for delivery of efficiency for suppliers if the timescales are aligned to the DECC submission timescales. We do not believe that this change aligns with DCUSA General Objective 2	
SSE - Scottish Hydro-Electric Power Distribution plc	Accept	Accept	General Objective 4 in particular is	We hope that the efficiency gains from

SSE - Southern Electric Power Distribution plc	Accept	Accept	better facilitated as it is much more efficient for Supplier parties if the DCUSA and DECC reporting arrangements are aligned.	implementation of this CP will also lead to greater levels of compliance with the forecasting requirements than is currently evident.
UKPN - Eastern Power Networks	Reject	Accept	<p>This change would have a negative impact on General Objective 1 and General Objective 3 due to the impact on allocating resources.</p> <p>We disagree with the proposer that this betters General Objective 2 as this change will have no impact on competition. We also disagree that it will better General Objective 4 as the benefits of this change are to Suppliers, but not directly in the implementation and administration of this agreement and the arrangements under it. It would however have a detrimental effect on DNOs in the administration of arrangements under it by reducing our ability to plan work that is required by the DCUSA.</p>	<p>In the original proposal and the legal text provided with it, the outcome of this change was to amend the reporting date with effect from July. This is described in the Change Report.</p> <p>However, the legal text differs from the Change Report in a material way as it makes a change to the template in Schedule 24 which is not explained in section 3 of the Change Report. This change is to amend the first column of the reporting template to reference Quarter T rather than the Quarter following T. The effect of this is to make the first quarter being reported in late July the quarter that commenced on 1 July rather than the quarter starting 1 October, i.e. to provide “forecast” data for periods that are already partly in the past.</p> <p>The key benefit of this reporting for the DNO is to plan resources for possible DNO interventions at a local level. The data in respect of Quarter Two is important in this in that it allows us to plan ahead. With no change, the earliest</p>
UKPN - London Power Networks	Reject	Accept		
UKPN - South Eastern Power Networks	Reject	Accept		

				<p>sight we have of reporting for Quarter Two is three months (Quarter One) and 15 Working Days before it starts, at which point we can begin planning resources. As per the original proposal to merely align dates, this would increase to five months notice. However as per the legal text this notice would be significantly reduced to two months. We would also only receive one forecast for month one in any quarter and what should be the second forecast will now be actual data.</p> <p>It is unclear why this impact is not represented in the Change Report.</p> <p>While we are comfortable with aligning the reporting dates, which seems sensible, we are concerned that to do so on the basis of this legal text results in a reduction in the effectiveness of the date being reported. A better outcome, if timing is to be aligned to DECC forecasts and reports are to be submitted 4 weeks into the first reported period as per the legal text, would be to add a third quarter of postcode outcode forecasting.</p>
Western Power Distribution - East Midlands plc	Accept	Accept	n/a	n/a
Western Power Distribution - South	Accept	Accept		

Wales plc				
Western Power Distribution - South West plc	Accept	Accept		
Western Power Distribution - West Midlands plc	Accept	Accept		
IDNO PARTIES				
n/a				
SUPPLIER PARTIES				
British Gas	Accept	Accept	We believe that DCUSA General Objectives Two and Four are better facilitated by the CP as it will be more efficient for Suppliers to be able to produce a single Smart Meter Installation report that will meet the requirements of both DCUSA and DECC.	n/a
EDF	Accept	Accept	We believe that this change better facilitates DCUSA Objective 4 as it will reduce the administrative burden on Suppliers. It also ensures DNO/IDNO plans can be more easily integrated with plans issued by DECC and other key industry participants.	EDF Energy supports this change as it ensures alignment of the rollout profile DNOs and IDNOs receive with those being used by DECC, SEGB, DCC and other key parties. The change will also reduce administrative burden on Suppliers.
EON	Accept	Accept	DCUSA general objective 2 and DCUSA general objective 4	n/a

Npower	Accept	Accept	We believe this change will better facilitate DCUSA Objective 4 as it will enable us, as a supplier, to produce our smart meter roll-out in a consistent and agreed format that aligns with those requirements of DECC.	n/a
Scottish Power Energy Retail Ltd	Accept	Accept	<p>We consider that objective 1 is better facilitated.</p> <p>4.The promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of this Agreement and the arrangements under it.</p> <p>By amending the date that Suppliers are required to submit their Smart Meter Installation Forecast Report to DSCUSA to align with the requirements of DECC serves to prevent duplication of effort whilst creating more efficiency for Suppliers and the DCUSA administration.</p>	n/a
SSE Energy Supply	Accept	Accept	<p>DCUSA Objective 2. This will be more efficient for suppliers as they will be able to produce a single Smart Meter Installation report that will meet the requirements of both DCUSA and DECC.</p> <p>DCUSA Objective 4. This will be more efficient for suppliers as they will be</p>	n/a

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DISTRIBUTED GENERATOR PARTIES				
N/A				
GAS SUPPLIER PARTIES				
N/A				