

DCUSA Change Proposal Form

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PART A - MANDATORY FOR ALL CHANGE PROPOSALS

Document Control	
CP Status	Standard
CP Number	DCP 246
Date of submission	03/07/2015
Attachments	
Originator Details	
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Change Proposal Details	
CP Title	Correction to unintended consequence of implementation of DCP 239.
Impacted parties	DNO/IDNO/Suppliers
Impacted Clause(s)	30.5F.2
Part 1 / Part 2 Matter	Part 2
Provide your rationale why you consider this change is a Part 1 or Part 2 Matter	This change simply corrects the unintended consequence of DCP 239 and ensures the date by which Distributors will be bound by DCP 195A Service Levels is amended to 1 ST April 2016 as approved by Ofgem on 12 th August 2014
Related Change Proposals	DCP 195A
Change Proposal Intent	
<p>DCP 239 'Alignment of DCP 195A Smart Meter Installation Forecasts Submission Dates with DECC Reporting' has been approved for implementation on 1 July 2015.</p> <p>The unintended consequence of this change has been to inadvertently move the date when Distributors are bound by the SLAs approved under DCP 195A from 1st April 2016 to 1st July 2016. This has happened as a result of the linkage in clause 30.5D.1 to 30.5F.2</p> <p>Clause Under 30.5F.2 under DCP 239 has been amended to:</p> <p>For the Quarter commencing on 1 July 2015 and each subsequent quarter, the User will produce and send to the Company a report in accordance with Part 4 of Schedule 24 for that Quarter and the subsequent periods required in accordance with the specified template. The User must send the report for each such Quarter to the Company by the last Working Day of the first month of the Quarter. Clause 30.5D.1 states:</p>	

30.5D.1 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 referred to in Section 30.5F.2.

The intent of this change is to amend the date when the Service Levels under DCP 195A apply to 1st April 2016 as originally approved by Ofgem

Business Justification and Market Benefits

DCP 195A was approved by Ofgem in August 2014 and included a suite of Service Levels which were intended to apply from April 2016. The Service Levels were put in place to support the Smart Meter roll-out and assist Suppliers in meeting their 2020 obligations. By delaying the date by which the agreed SLAs will be effective from may impact on Suppliers ability to meet the smart meter roll out timescales.

Proposed Solution and Draft Legal Text

It is proposed that the legal text be amended to:

30.5D.1 The obligations of the Company that are subject to the Service Levels shall only apply with effect from 1st April 2016.

Proposed Implementation Date

November 2015 release

Impact on Other Codes

Please tick the relevant boxes and provide any supporting information.

BSC	<input type="checkbox"/>
CUSC	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grid Code	<input type="checkbox"/>
MRA	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
None	<input type="checkbox"/>

If other please specify

Consideration of Wider Industry Impacts

None

Environmental Impact

None

Confidentiality

Nothing identified

PART B – MANDATORY FOR NON CHARGING METHODOLOGIES CHANGE PROPOSALS

DCUSA Objectives

General Objectives:

Please tick the relevant boxes.

- 1 The development, maintenance and operation by the DNO Parties and IDNO Parties of efficient, co-ordinated, and economical Distribution Networks
- 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 the DNO Parties and IDNO Parties of obligations imposed upon them in their Distribution Licences
- 4 The promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of this Agreement
- 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.

Rationale for better facilitation of the DCUSA Objectives identified above

1. The development, maintenance and operation by the DNO Parties and IDNO Parties of efficient, co-ordinated, and economical Distribution Networks

The change proposal better meets DCUSA General Objective One by ensuring that network issues reported to the network companies are rectified within agreed timescales therefore contributing to the efficiency of the network.

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.

The change proposal better meets General Objective Two as the proposal will help Suppliers in managing customer expectations with regard to fault resolution. This will assist those Suppliers who are carrying out meter exchanges to support specific customer propositions and therefore help to improve competition in the electricity supply market.

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

The change proposal better meets General Objective 3 as Licence Condition 21 "The Distribution Code" places obligations on licensees to ensure licencees operate their network in an efficient, co-ordinated and economical manner. The proposed changes will assist network owners in ensuring these obligations are met.

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.

The change proposal better facilitates Objective five by supporting the EU's requirement to install smart meters.

PART C – MANDATORY FOR CHARGING METHODOLOGIES PROPOSALS

DCUSA CDCM Objectives

Please tick the relevant boxes.

CDCM Objectives:

- 1 that compliance by each DNO Party with the Charging Methodologies facilitates the discharge by the DNO Party of the obligations imposed on it under the Act and by its Distribution Licence
- 2 that compliance by each DNO Party with the Charging Methodologies facilitates competition in the generation and supply of electricity and will not restrict, distort, or prevent competition in the transmission or distribution of electricity or in participation in the operation of an Interconnector (as defined in the Distribution Licences)
- 3 that compliance by each DNO Party with the Charging Methodologies results in charges which, so far as is reasonably practicable after taking account of implementation costs, reflect the costs incurred, or reasonably expected to be incurred, by the DNO Party in its Distribution Business
- 4 that, so far as is consistent with Clauses 3.2.1 to 3.2.3, the Charging Methodologies, so far as is reasonably practicable, properly take account of developments in each DNO Party's Distribution Business
- 5 that compliance by each DNO Party with the Charging Methodologies facilitates 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.

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Rationale for better facilitation of the DCUSA Objectives identified above

CDCM Objectives:

General Objectives:

Has this issue been discussed at any other industry forums? If so please specify and provide supporting documentation

This proposal has been discussed in the DCP 195A post implementation review meeting.

PART D – GUIDANCE NOTES FOR COMPLETING THE FORM

Data Field	Guidance
Attachments	Append any proposed legal text or supporting documentation in order to better support / explain the CP.
Change Proposal Intent	Outline the issue the CP is seeking to address. Please note that the intent of the CP cannot be altered once submitted.
Confidentiality	Clearly indicate if any parts of this Change Proposal Form are to remain confidential to DCUSA Panel (and any subsequent DCUSA Working Group) and Ofgem
CP Status	A CP may be deemed 'urgent' in accordance with Clause 10.4.8 of the DCUSA. The proposer should give supporting reasons.
DCUSA General Objectives	Indicate which of the DCUSA Objectives will be better facilitated by the Change Proposal.
DCUSA CDCM Objectives	Indicate which of the DCUSA CDCM Objectives will be better facilitated by the Change Proposal. Please note that a CDCM change may also facilitate the DCUSA General objectives.
Draft Legal Text	Insert proposed legal drafting (change marked against any existing DCUSA drafting). The Change Proposal Intent will take precedence in the event of any inconsistency.
Environmental Impact	Indicate whether it is likely that there would be a material impact on greenhouse gas emissions as a result of the proposed variation being made. Please see Ofgem Guidance .
Impact of Wider Industry Change	Indicate whether this Change Proposal will be impacted by or have an impact upon wider industry developments. If an impact is identified, explain why the benefit of the Change Proposal may outweigh the potential impact and indicate the likely duration of the Change.
Part 1 / Part 2 Matter	A CP must be categorised as a Part 1 or Part 2 matter in accordance with Clause 10.4.7 of the DCUSA. All Part 1 matters require Authority Consent.
Proposed Implementation Date	The Change can be implemented in February, June, and November of each year.
Proposed Solution	Outline the proposed solution for addressing the stated intent of the CP. The Change Proposal Intent will take precedence in the event of any inconsistency. A DCUSA Working Group may develop alternative solutions.
Rationale for DCUSA Objectives	Provide supporting reasons and information (including any initial analysis that supports your views) to demonstrate why the CP will better facilitate each of the DCUSA Objectives identified.
Related Change Proposals	Indicate if the CP is related to or impacts any CP already in the

	DCUSA or other industry change process.
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