



DCUSA Change Report

DCP 245 - Housekeeping re Schedule 24.

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 This document is issued in accordance with Clause 11.20 of the DCUSA and details DCP 245 'Housekeeping re Schedule 24'.
- 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 **1 September 2015**.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 DCP 245 was raised by Eastern Power Networks and seeks to address a discrepancy between Schedule 24 paragraphs 3.2 (g) and 3.3.
- 2.2 Paragraph 3.2(g) describes the contents of reports that distributors must produce and, in respect of distribution faults occurring in a given timeframe since a smart meter was fitted, refers to a one month period, as follows:

"The number of times in each Quarter that the Company has gone out to a perceived distribution fault at a Premises within a month of a smart meter being installed at the Premises and the fault is with the meter or the meter installation."

- 2.3 Whereas paragraph 3.3, which shows a reporting format that is designed to meet the requirements of paragraph 3.2, refers to a three month period:

"The number of times in each Quarter that the Company has gone out to a perceived distribution fault at a Premises within three month of a smart meter being installed at the Premises and the fault is with the meter or the meter installation."

- 2.4 Both of these paragraphs were drafted by the DCP 195 (Service Level Agreement for Resolving Network Operational Issues) Working Group and they should be consistent with each other. The minutes of the DCP195 Working Group's 30 April 2014 meeting indicate that the intent of the group was to set the period to three months. The specific section of the minutes reads as follows:

“It was then highlighted to attendees that the legal text specifies that the Distributor should report the number of times in each quarter that it has attended an incident at a premise within a month of a smart meter being installed. The group discussed whether a one month period was sufficient and agreed to amend it to three months.”

- 2.5 During the Initial Assessment of DCP 245, with reference to DCSUA Clause 9.4, the DCUSA Panel agreed that the CP should be classed as a Part 2 matter as it is a housekeeping change. The DCUSA Panel also agreed that the CP did not require a Working Group and instead should be progressed straight to the Report Phase, in accordance with DCUSA Clause 11.5.

3 PROPOSED LEGAL TEXT

- 3.1 The DCP 245 proposed legal drafting has been reviewed by the DCUSA legal advisors and is provided as Attachment 2. The legal text updates Schedule 24 paragraph 3.2(g) as follows:

“The number of times in each Quarter that the Company has gone out to a perceived distribution fault at a Premises within ~~a~~ three months of a smart meter being installed at the Premises and the fault is with the meter or the meter installation.”

- 3.2 It also amends the table in paragraph 3.3 of Schedule 24, “Smart Meter Faults” section as follows:

“(g) The number of times in each Quarter that the Company has gone out to a perceived distribution fault at a Premises within three months of a smart meter being installed at the Premises and the fault is with the meter or the meter installation”

4 EVALUATION AGAINST THE DCUSA OBJECTIVES

- 4.1 DCP 245 has been assessed against the DCUSA General Objectives:

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

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.

- Objective 5⁵ – No Impact

4.2 The Proposer explains that DCUSA General Objective 4 is better facilitated as DCP 245 will provide clarify on what is expected under the requirements of the DCUSA.

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 245 will be implemented following the next DCUSA Release after approval by Parties. The CP has been classed as a Part 2 Matter and therefore does not require Authority consent.

7 PANEL RECOMMENDATION

7.1 The DCUSA Panel approved the DCP 245 Change Report on 31 July 2015. The timetable for the progression of the CP is set out below:

Activity	Target Date
Change Report Approved by DCUSA Panel	7 August 2015
Change Report Issued For Voting	10 August 2015
Party Voting Ends	1 September 2015
Change Declaration	3 September 2015
Implementation	Next Release following Approval

7.2 Parties are invited to vote on DCP 245 using the voting form provided as Attachment 1 to dcusa@electralink.co.uk no later than **1 September 2015**.

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.

8 ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment 1 – DCP 245 Voting Form
- Attachment 2 – DCP 245 Proposed Legal Text
- Attachment 3 – DCP 245 Change Proposal