



DCUSA Change Report

DCP 272 – ‘TRAS Amendment of Schedule 25 Appendix 2’

Executive Summary

DCP 272 seeks to replace the spreadsheet contained within Schedule 25 Appendix 2 with a data items table. It also intends to introduce a reference to the most current version of the Service Provider’s Programming Manual within section 8 of Schedule 25.

This document presents the Change Report for DCP 272 and invites all Parties to vote on the following:

- whether to accept or reject DCP 272, noting whether or not DCP 272 better facilitates the DCUSA Objectives; and
- the implementation date for DCP 272.

The voting deadline for DCP 272 is **13 September 2016**.

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 This document is issued in accordance with Clause 11.20 of the DCUSA and details DCP 272 – *‘TRAS Amendment of Schedule 25 Appendix 2’*.
- 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 3) and submit their votes using the form attached as Attachment 1 to dcusa@electralink.co.uk no later than **13 September 2016**.

2 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 DCP 272 was raised by E.ON on the 11 May 2016 and seeks to update the Schedule 25 Appendix 2 as it is out of date and not in line with the current TRAS programming manual version (v3). DCUSA could therefore be misleading to existing parties and new entrants because it is out of date and contains a significant amount of information which is not necessarily required in the DCUSA itself. CP 16/339 has been raised as an equivalent SPAA change.
- 2.2 Over a period of three months the TRAS Expert Group (TEG) met four times and issued one consultation. The consultation requested Parties views on the proposed updates. The consultation responses are included as Attachment 4.
- 2.3 The TEG unanimously supports the principles of this change and the legal text.

3 BACKGROUND TO THE DCP 272 CHANGE PROPOSAL

- 3.1 Now that TRAS is in live operation, the TEG has begun a wholesale assessment of the TRAS programming manual to ensure that it is up to date. The changes proposed under DCP 272 are just stage 1 of a series of programming manual changes.
- 3.2 DCUSA Schedule 25 set out the provisions relating to TRAS. Specifically, Appendix 2 includes details of the data to be provided by Suppliers to the TRAS Service Provider on a monthly basis.

- 3.3 During discussions at the TRAS Working Group (now the TRAS Expert Group), members agreed the information contained within Schedule 25 Appendix 2 was out of date and not in line with the current Programming Manual version (v3) which the TRAS Service Provider is providing to service users. DCUSA could therefore be misleading to existing parties and new entrants because it is out of date and contains a significant amount of information which is not necessarily required in the DCUSA itself.
- 3.4 The decision of the TEG was that an amendment was required to DCUSA (and SPAA) to update the information to ensure it remains robust. The amount of information to be included in the TRAS Schedules has also been reduced to minimise the level of duplication between the TRAS Schedules and the programming manual. Therefore, it is proposed that Schedule 25 should only refer to the layout of the data files as part of Appendix 2, with the detailed descriptions of data items included in the programming manual. This means that a SPAA and DCUSA CP would be required should the layout need amending in future which maintains visibility and transparency for Suppliers and enables parties to flag any system changes necessary where future amendments to the data requirements are proposed.
- 3.5 To ensure that Suppliers continually utilise the most recent version of the Programming Manual it is also suggested to make a slight amendment to paragraph 8 of the Schedule to direct parties to the Service Provider's programming manual for the correct version.

4 INTENT OF DCP 272 CHANGE PROPOSAL

- 4.1 DCP 272 has been raised by E.ON to update Schedule 25 Appendix 2 to ensure that it is aligned to the most recent version of the programming manual
- 4.2 This CP has been designated as a Part 2 Matter as the proposed change does not impact any of the criteria set out in Clause 9.4

5 DCP 272 WORKING GROUP

- 5.1 The DCUSA Panel acknowledged that the TEG has already been established to oversee the Theft Risk Assessment Service. Therefore, it was deemed that it was more efficient to use the TEG to assess the DCP 272, rather than creating a new working group. SPAA and DCUSA TRAS CPs are considered during the open session of the TEG meeting and all SPAA and DCUSA

Parties are eligible to attend. DCUSA Parties were provided with information regarding DCP272 and they were invited to the TEG meetings.

5.2 All TEG members were supportive of the general principle of DCP 272.

6 TRAS EXPERT GROUP ANALYSIS OF DCP 272

6.1 The TEG assessed DCP 272 and have proposed to replace the current excel documents in Appendix 2 of the TRAS Schedules with a table which contains detailed file information with the following information for the Consumption and Outcome files – the information contained is based on v3 of the Programming Manual issued by the TRAS Service Provider in December 2015 (see Attachment 2):

- Data block
- Field name
- Mandatory/Preferred
- Electricity J Codes
- Gas RGMA Codes
- Type
- Length

6.2 The TEG consider that this change is a documentation only change and is not seeking to amend the data items or the file formats currently used by Suppliers. This change seeks to provide relevant code level information which allows existing Suppliers and new entrants to clearly understand the data provision for the TRAS in both the Consumption and Outcome files (Residential / Commercial).

6.3 DCP 272 was formally raised at the May 2016 DCUSA Panel and is listed as Attachment 5.

7 DCP 272 CONSULTATION

7.1 The TEG carried out a consultation (Attachment 6) to give DCUSA Parties and other interested organisations an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed DCP 272 solution.

7.2 A summary of the responses received, and the TEG's conclusions are set out below and are included as Attachment 4:

Question 1: Do you understand the intent of the DCP 272 change?

7.3 All respondents understood the intent of the CP.

Question 2: Are you supportive of the principles of the DCP 272 change?

7.4 All respondents were supportive of the principles of the CP.

Question 3: Do you have any comments on the draft legal text?

7.5 There were no comments on the draft legal text.

Question 4: Do you consider that the proposal better facilitates the DCUSA objectives? Please give supporting reasons.

7.6 All respondents agreed that the CP better facilitates DCUSA Objective 4 by assisting with the effective operation of TRAS by providing Suppliers with both a requirement to obtain a copy of the programming manual and a clear list of data items.

Question 5: Are you supportive of the proposed implementation date?

7.7 All respondents answered that they were supportive of the proposed implementation date of 04 November 2016.

Question 6: Do you have any other comments on the DCP 272?

7.8 There were no further comments on DCP272.

8 ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN BASED ON FEEDBACK FROM THE CONSULTATION

8.1 There were no aspects of the CP that required updating after the consultation.

9 PROPOSED LEGAL TEXT

9.1 The proposed legal text has been reviewed by the DCUSA Legal Advisor and acts as Attachment 2 and Attachment 3.

10 DCP 272 – TRAS EXPERT GROUP CONCLUSIONS

10.1 The TEG reviewed each of the responses received to the consultation and concluded that all of the respondents understood the intent of DCP 272.

10.2 The TEG agreed that all respondents were supportive of the principle of the CP.

10.3 The TEG noted that respondents felt that specifically DCUSA General Objective 4 was better facilitated by this change.

11 EVALUATION AGAINST THE DCUSA OBJECTIVES

- 11.1 The TEG considers that DCUSA General Objective 4 is better facilitated by DCP 272. The reasoning against the objectives is set out in the table below:

DCUSA General Objective Four - The promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of this Agreement

DCP272 will better facilitate General Objective as this change will help to ensure the effective operation of TRAS arrangements through providing Suppliers with a clear list of data item and removes the outdated programming information.

12 IMPACT ON GREENHOUSE GAS OMISSIONS

- 12.1 In accordance with DCUSA Clause 11.14.6, the TEG assessed whether there would be a material impact on greenhouse gas emissions if DCP 272 were implemented. The TEG did not identify any material impact on greenhouse gas emissions from the implementation of this CP.

13 CONSUMER IMPACTS

- 13.1 The TEG did not identify any material impact on consumers from the implementation of this CP.

14 IMPLEMENTATION

- 14.1 Subject to Party approval, DCP 272 will be implemented in the next scheduled DCUSA release following approval.

15 PANEL RECOMMENDATION

- 15.1 The DCUSA Panel approved the DCP 272 Change Report on 20 August 2016. The timetable for the progression of the CP is set out below:

Activity	Date
Change Report approved by DCUSA Panel	17 August 2016
Change Report Issued for Voting	19 August 2016

Party Voting Closes	13 September 2016
Change Declaration Issued	15 September 2016
Implementation	03 November 2016

16 ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment 1 - DCP 272 Voting Form
- Attachment 2 – Data Items
- Attachment 3 – Schedule 25 Legal Text
- Attachment 4 – Consultation Responses to DCP 272_SPAA CP 339
- Attachment 5 - DCP 272 Change Proposal Form
- Attachment 6 – DCUSA DCP 272_Consultation Document v2.0