



## **DCUSA Change Report**

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### **DCP 233 - Housekeeping Change Following Implementation of DCP189**

## 1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 This document is issued in accordance with Clause 11.20 of the DCUSA and details DCP 233 'Housekeeping change following implementation of DCP189'.
- 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](mailto:dcusa@electralink.co.uk) no later than **11 May 2015**.

## 2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 DCP 233 was raised by Electricity North West with the intent to clarify the legal text in paragraph 17.2 of Schedules 17 and 18, which will be amended following the implementation of DCP 189.
- 2.2 DCP 189 'Un-expired capitalised O&M' was approved by the Authority on 17 November 2014, and is due to be implemented on 1 April 2015. However, it has been identified that the Legal Text for DCP 189 could be clearer and contains some ambiguity. This CP will remove any ambiguity and thereby improve transparency in the EHV Distribution Charging Methodology (EDCM).

## 3 PROPOSED LEGAL TEXT

- 3.1 The DCP 233 proposed legal drafting has been reviewed by the DCUSA legal advisor and is provided as Attachment 2.

## 4 EVALUATION AGAINST THE DCUSA OBJECTIVES

- 4.1 DCP 233 has been assessed against the DCUSA General Objectives:

- Objective 1<sup>1</sup> – No Impact
- Objective 2<sup>2</sup> – No Impact

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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

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

#### 4.2 DCP 233 has been assessed against the DCUSA Charging Objectives:

- Objective 1<sup>6</sup> – Better Facilitated
- Objective 2<sup>7</sup> – No Impact
- Objective 3<sup>8</sup> – No Impact
- Objective 4<sup>9</sup> – No Impact
- Objective 5<sup>10</sup> – No Impact

4.3 The Proposer explains that DCUSA General Objective 4 is better facilitated because DCP 233 will improve efficiency in the application of the charging methodologies by removing ambiguity in the implementation of the legal text.

4.4 The Proposer explains that DCUSA General Objective 3 and Charging Objective 1 are better facilitated because DCP 233 will ensure that the EDCM model is consistent with DCUSA Schedules 17 & 18.

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<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.

<sup>6</sup> 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.

<sup>7</sup> 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).

<sup>8</sup> 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

<sup>9</sup> 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.

<sup>10</sup> 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.

## 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 233 will be implemented in the next DCUSA Release after Party approval.
- 6.2 In accordance with DCUSA Clause 9.4, the DCUSA Panel has classed DCP 233 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 233 Change Report at its meeting on 15 April 2015. The timetable for the progression of the CP is set out below:

Activity	Target Date
Change Report Approved by DCUSA Panel	15 April 2015
Change Report Issued For Voting	17 April 2015
Party Voting Ends	11 May 2015
Change Declaration	12 May 2015
Implementation	Next Release following Approval

- 7.2 Parties are invited to vote on DCP 233 using the voting form provided as Attachment 1.

## 8 ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment 1 – DCP 233 Voting Form
- Attachment 2 – DCP 233 Legal Text
- Attachment 3 – DCP 233 CP Form