

## SPAA and DCUSA Request For Information (RFI)

# Review of SPAA and DCUSA Theft Assessment Calculators

**Purpose of RFI:**

The Theft Issues Group (TIG) is due to carry out an annual review of the SPAA Theft Assessment Calculator in March 2017 and would like feedback on the use of both the DCUSA and the SPAA calculators.

This document is a Request for Information (RFI) issued to SPAA and DCUSA Parties seeking industry views to assist in the review of SPAA and DCUSA Theft Assessment Calculators.



Respondents are invited to consider the questions set out in section 3 and submit comments using the form provided as Attachment 1 to [spaa@electralink.co.uk](mailto:spaa@electralink.co.uk) or [dcusa@electralink.co.uk](mailto:dcusa@electralink.co.uk) by close of business by **07 March 2017**.




The TIG will consider the RFI responses and determine the appropriate next steps for the review of the calculators.



Impacted Parties: Suppliers, Gas Transporters and Electricity Distribution Network Operators.



Impacted Clauses: Theft of Energy Code of Practice - SPAA Schedule 33 and DCUSA Schedule 23.

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Activity	Date	
RFI issued to Parties	21 February 2017	
Closing Date for Responses	07 March 2017	
TIG to review RFI Responses	13 March 2017	

## 1. Background of the Theft Assessment Calculators

- 1.1 The SPAA and DCUSA Theft Assessment Calculators were implemented as part of the Theft of Energy Code of Practice Schedules, to provide a means of assessing unrecorded electricity/gas units arising as a result of instances of Theft of Electricity or Gas. In accordance with SPAA Schedule 33 and DCUSA Schedule 23, Suppliers are required to ensure that the assessment of unrecorded units, following confirmation of Theft of Electricity/Gas, is carried out in a systematic, reasonable, consistent and transparent way.
- 1.2 At its meeting on 14 February 2017, the Theft Issues Group (TIG) held initial discussions on the requirement to review the Theft Assessment Calculators as directed by the SPAA EC and DCUSA Panel when the calculators were implemented. The SPAA calculator was implemented in March 2015 therefore a complete review of the calculator data will take place in March 2017. It is noted that although the DCUSA Calculator was implemented in December 2016, feedback on the tool's functionality and data will provide scope for improvement.
- 1.3 The TIG agreed that an RFI on the review of the Theft Assessment Calculators should be issued to get industry views. It was noted that the responses received from SPAA and DCUSA Parties would help determine the elements of the calculator that need to be reviewed and updated.

## 2 Proposed Scope for Review

2.1 The following elements are to be considered as part of the review:

- Background data refresh
- Consider the relevance of the data within the calculator
- Tool functionality
- Guidance documents refresh
- Supplier feedback on the use of the calculator
- Scottish Nation Energy Efficiency Data Frameworks (NEED) data once it is available – SPAA

2.2 In addition to the items listed above Parties are invited to provide feedback on elements of the calculators that need to be considered as part of the review.

## 3 RFI Questions

3.1 The RFI is seeking industry views on the following questions:

Question Number	Question
1	Please provide details of any information that you would like the TIG to take into account as part of its review of the Electricity Theft Assessment Calculator, with supporting evidence where available.
2	Please provide details of any information that you would like the TIG to take into account as part of its review of the Gas Theft Assessment Calculator, with supporting evidence where available.
3	Do you have any further comments?

3.2 Responses should be submitted using Attachment 1 to [spaa@electralink.co.uk](mailto:spaa@electralink.co.uk) or [dcusa@electralink.co.uk](mailto:dcusa@electralink.co.uk) no later than **07 March 2017**.

3.3 Responses, or any part thereof, can be provided in confidence. Parties are asked to clearly indicate any parts of a response that are to be treated confidentially.

### Next Steps

3.4 Responses to the RFI will reviewed by the TIG.

3.5 If you have any questions about this consultation, please contact Fungai Madzivadondo by email at [theft@electralink.co.uk](mailto:theft@electralink.co.uk).



## Attachments

- Attachment 1 – RFI Response Form

