
Meeting Name	DCUSA Panel
Meeting Date	04 September 2009
Paper Title	Initial Assessment Report – DCP 050
Purpose of Paper	For Decision
Synopsis	This paper presents a Change Proposal that has been submitted to the DCUSA Secretariat and requests agreement on its progression.

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This paper refers a DCUSA Change Proposal (DCP) to the DCUSA Panel for agreement on its progression.
- 1.2 The Change Proposal (CP) has been assessed by the Secretariat in accordance with Section 10.11 of the DCUSA. The CP has met the requirements set out in the DCUSA and ElectraLink has prepared a recommendation for consideration by the Panel.

2 DCP 050 - PROVISION OF COST INFORMATION - REGULAR MEETING

- 2.1 DCP 050 has been raised by British Gas following discussions at the DCUSA Standing Issues Group and seeks an amendment to Schedule 15 of the DCUSA. DCP 030 'Provision of Cost Information' was raised by British Gas and implemented in February 2009. DCP 030 requires Distributors to publish cost information to all Suppliers via the DCUSA website on a quarterly basis.
- 2.2 Since the implementation of DCP 030, two sets of data have been provided by the DNOs. British Gas has found it beneficial to be able to ask the DNOs supplementary questions relating to the data submitted. One DNO has voluntarily held a teleconference to which all Suppliers were invited to explain the rationale behind the preparation of the tables and invite any questions on the data presented. British Gas considers that such discussion is helpful in the understanding of the tables and in Suppliers' ability to use the data in our forecasting models.
- 2.3 DCP 050 therefore proposes that an additional requirement to added to clause 35A to oblige DNOs to hold a meeting/teleconference within 14 days of submission of the table in Schedule 15. Meetings will be held to provide an opportunity for DNO to provide commentary to assist Suppliers. The meeting will also provide opportunity for Suppliers to ask questions relating to the table, for example underlying assumptions used by the DNO in preparing the data presented within the table and for the DNO to provide a response.
- 2.4 The originator considers that the Change Proposal will better facilitate DCUSA Objective 2¹ on the basis that it will enable Suppliers to improve accuracy of their forecast and assessments and will provide greater certainty of future charges, both within the immediate price control and subsequent price control. The CP will also facilitate competition between suppliers as it will enable them to compete more effectively due to the additional clarity this proposal will provide.

3 PROGRESSION OF DCP 050

- 3.1 DCP 050 has been submitted as a standard Change Proposal.
- 3.2 The proposal impacts Part 1 matters in accordance with Clause 9.5.2 of the Agreement and will it require Authority Consent.

¹ 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.

3.3 It is recommended that the CP be progressed via the Definition Phase to allow a Working Group to consider the proposal and the CP to undergo legal review.

3.4 A proposed timetable for the progression of the proposal is outlined below:

Activity	Latest Date
Panel Meeting – IA agreed	16 September 2009
Panel Meeting - Change Report Agreed	21 October 2009
Party Voting	26 October 2009
Change Declaration	9 November 2009
Authority Determination	09 November – 14 December
Implementation	25 February 2010

4 RECOMMENDATIONS

The DCUSA Panel is invited to:

- Consider whether to accept the referral of DCP 050;
- Agree that the CP should be treated as a Part 1 matter;
- Agree the progression of the CP in accordance with the timetable set out in Section 3.4.

5 APPENDICES

- A – DCP 050 Change Proposal