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<b>Meeting Name</b>	DCUSA Panel
<b>Meeting Date</b>	16 April 2008
<b>Paper Title</b>	Initial Assessment Report – DCP 019
<b>Purpose of Paper</b>	For Decision
<b>Synopsis</b>	This paper presents a Change Proposal that has been submitted to the DCUSA Secretariat this month and requests agreement on its progression.

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

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

## 2 SUMMARY OF CHANGE PROPOSAL FOR CONSIDERATION

- 2.1 DCP 019 - *Moving Meters with Service Alterations* is attached as Appendix A. The following table shows a summary of the CP:

Raising Party	EDF Energy Networks
CP Status	Standard (non urgent)
Change Synopsis	This CP gives permission to Distributors to move meters when making service alterations.
Parties Impacted	Distributors, Suppliers & IDNOs
Part 1 / Part 2	Part 1
Authority Consent	Required
Proposed Implementation	November 2008

- 2.2 DCP 019 has been raised by EDF Energy Networks to introduce new obligations under Clause 29 of the DCUSA. The CP seeks to give permission to Distributors to move meters when making service alterations.
- 2.3 The proposer considers that the CP will better facilitate DCUSA Objective 1<sup>1</sup> as it will avoid the need for re-work where jobs have to be aborted due to the unavailability of Meter Operators to move meters. The proposer also considers that DCUSA Objective 2<sup>2</sup> will be better facilitated by the CP as it competition in supply will be more effective as the customer experience is improved.
- 2.4 DCP 019 has been assessed as a standard (non urgent) Part 1 matter in accordance with Clause 9.4 of the Agreement because of the impact on consumers and because the CP seeks to introduce the new obligations as a Part 1 matter.
- 2.5 It is recommended that the CP should be entered into the Assessment Phase and progressed through to the Definition Phase to allow Parties to consider the proposal in more detail.
- 2.6 A proposed timetable for the progression of the proposal is outlined below:

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date</b>
Panel Meeting – IA Report agreed	16 April 2008
Definition Period	21 April – 08 July 2008
Panel Meeting – Change Report agreed	16 July 2008
Party Voting	21 July - 11 August 2008 <sup>3</sup>
Authority Determination Period	12 August – 17 September 2008
Implementation	06 November 2008

### **3 RECOMMENDATIONS**

The DCUSA Panel is invited to:

- Accept the referral of DCP 019;
- Agree that the CP should be entered into the Assessment Procedure;
- Agree that the CP should be treated as a Part 1 matter;
- Agree that the CP should be progressed through the Definition Process in accordance with the timetable set out in Section 2.6; and
- Agree that the Change Report will be presented to the July Panel meeting.

### **4 APPENDICES**

- Appendix A – DCP 019

<sup>1</sup> The development, maintenance and operation by the DNO Parties and IDNO Parties of efficient, co-ordinated, and economical Distribution Networks

<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> A 15 WD voting period is recommended to cover summer holidays