

<b>Meeting Name</b>	DCUSA Panel
<b>Meeting Date</b>	21 April 2010
<b>Paper Title</b>	Initial Assessment Report: DCP 063 – Voting arrangements for IDNOs under Clause 12
<b>Purpose of Paper</b>	For Decision
<b>Synopsis</b>	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 063 – VOTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR IDNOS UNDER CLAUSE 12

- 2.1 This CP has been raised by EDF Energy Networks (EPN) plc. The CP notes an inconsistency in the voting arrangements for IDNOs under Clause 12 of the DCUSA.
- 2.2 Under Clause 12.9 the IDNO / OTSO Parties are allocated an equal weighted vote based on the number of voting groups. For example if there are 4 voting groups who each cast a vote then each gets a 25% weighted vote, if there are 8 voting groups then each gets 12.5% and so on. Given this equal split, the requirement for a basic vote as outlined in Section 12.11 onwards for IDNO parties is superfluous.
- 2.3 DCP 063 therefore proposes that Clause 12.11 (ii) is deleted and that the remaining clauses and cross references are re-numbered accordingly.

## 3 PROGRESSION OF DCP 063

- 3.1 The CP is a Part 1 matter as it seeks to amend Clause 12 of the DCUSA. Clause 12 is part of Section 1C – Change Control which, in accordance with Clause 9.5.1 of the DCUSA, is a Part 1 Matter. The CP will therefore require Authority consent.
- 3.2 DCP 063 seeks to amend an inconsistency in the DCUSA drafting and is unlikely to be the subject of significant controversy between Parties. In accordance with 11.6.2 of the DCUSA, it is therefore proposed that the CP be progressed directly to the Report Phase and no Working Group be established.
- 3.3 A proposed timetable for the progression of the proposal is outlined below:

Activity	Latest Date
IA Agreed	21 April 2010
Change Report Agreed	21 April 2010

Party Voting	22 April - 06 May 2010
Change Declaration	07 May 2010
Authority Determination	07 May – 17 June 2010
Implementation	24 June 2010

#### **4 RECOMMENDATIONS**

The DCUSA Panel is invited to:

- Consider whether to accept the referral of DCP 063;
- Agree that the CP should be treated as standard change;
- Agree that the CP should be treated as a Part 1 matter;
- Agree that the CP should be progressed via the Report Phase; and
- Agree the progression of the CP in accordance with the timetable set out in Section 3.3.

#### **5 APPENDICES**

- A – DCP 063 Change Proposal