
Meeting Name	DCUSA Panel
Meeting Date	17 December 2008
Paper Title	Initial Assessment Report – DCP 037
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 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 037 – Moving Meters is attached as Appendix 1. The following table shows a summary of the CP:

CP Status	Standard
Change Synopsis	This CP seeks Supplier consent to Distributors moving meters
Parties Impacted	Distributors, Suppliers & IDNOs
Part 1 / Part 2	Part 1
Authority Consent	Required
Proposed Implementation	Next release following Authority Consent

3 DCP 037 – MOVING METERS

- 3.1 DCP 037 has been raised by EDF Energy Networks. The intent of the CP is to permit Distributors to move meters when relocating entry/exit points, to ensure such permission is given by all Suppliers and for Suppliers also obtain such permission from their metering agents. The CP seeks to ensure that the standard of work employed by the distributor is reflective of good industry practise and that notification is provided to the Supplier using existing BSC processes. Furthermore the CP seeks to permit such action, detail the required standard of work and provide for notifications, with no additional liability being placed on any party other than that already provided for and as limited by existing DCUSA clauses.
- 3.2 The Proposer considers that the Change Proposal will better facilitate DCUSA Objective 1¹ by allowing each Distributor to better manage its individual network by undertaking the works as set out in the CP. The Proposer further considers that DCUSA Objective 2² will be better facilitated by improving the customer experience and cost profile.

4 PROGRESSION OF DCP 037

- 4.1 The Panel is asked to note that DCP 037 is contains similar principles to those originally raised by DCP 019 – Moving Meters with Service Alterations. Although DCP 019 was rejected by Parties there was general support for the principles of the CP which are also captured in DCP 037. DCP 019 was rejected by a number of parties over indemnity clauses. The indemnities issues have been removed from DCP 037.
- 4.2 In accordance with Clause 10.13 of the DCUSA the Panel may choose to refuse the referral of a CP if it has substantively the same effect as another CP which was submitted on an earlier date and was rejected less than 2 months before the submission of the new CP. DCP 019 was rejected by Parties in September 2008 and the Authority in October 2008 and therefore Clause 10.13 does not apply in this instance.
- 4.3 It is recommended that the CP be categorised as a Part 1 matter in accordance with Clause 9.4 and Clause 9.5 of the Agreement as it impacts a number of Clauses which are listed as Part 1 matters. It is recommended that the CP should be entered into the Definition Phase and that a Working Group be established to assess and develop the CP.
- 4.4 A proposed timetable for the progression of the proposal is outlined below:

Activity	Latest Date
Panel Meeting – IA agreed	17 December
Working Group Assessment & Legal Review	05 January – 11 March
Panel Meeting – CR agreed	18 March
Party Voting	23 March – 06 April
Change Declaration	07 April
Authority Determination	08 April – 15 May
Implementation	25 June

¹ The development, maintenance and operation by the DNO Parties and IDNO Parties of efficient, coordinated, and economical Distribution Networks.

² 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.

5 RECOMMENDATIONS

The DCUSA Panel is invited to:

- Consider whether to accept the referral of DCP 037;
- Agree that the CP should be treated as a Part 1 matter;
- Agree that the CP should be progressed through the Report Phase; and
- Agree the progression of the CP in accordance with the timetable set out in Section 4.4

6 APPENDICES

- Appendix 1 – DCP 037