
Meeting Name	DCUSA Panel
Meeting Date	18 February 2009
Paper Title	Initial Assessment Report – DCP 040
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 040 – ‘Part 2A Change to clarify number and timing of changes to charges to Suppliers’ is attached as Appendix 1. The following table shows a summary of the CP:

CP Status	Standard
Change Synopsis	To clarify that if reasonable endeavours have been made to only change prices twice, on 1 April and 1 October but circumstances exist where more price changes need to be made or changes effective on other dates need to be made, these are permissible.
Parties Impacted	DNO, IDNO and Supplier
Part 1 / Part 2	Part 1
Authority Consent	Required
Proposed Implementation	June 2009

3 DCP 040 – PART 2A CHANGE TO CLARIFY NUMBER AND TIMING OF CHANGES TO CHARGES TO SUPPLIERS

- 3.1 DCP 040 has been raised by EDF Energy Networks Limited. The CP seeks to clarify the drafting of the penultimate sentence (only) of Clause 19.1 to make it clear that Distributors may, after making reasonable endeavours not to, make more than two price changes per year and/or may make price changes on dates other than 1 April or 1 October. The intent is also to ensure consistency with the relevant wording of Clause 43.1 as changed by DCP 039.
- 3.2 The Proposer considers that the Change Proposal will better facilitate DCUSA Objective 2 and 3 of the DCUSA as set out in Appendix 1.

4 PROGRESSION OF DCP 040

- 4.1 It is recommended that the CP be categorised as a Part 1 matter in accordance with Clause 9.5 of the Agreement as it impacts Clause 19.1 – Charges.
- 4.2 Although the CP seeks to clarify Clause 19.1, the interpretation of the Clause has been a matter of debate amongst Parties and it is therefore recommended that the CP is progressed via the Definition Phase to allow a Working Group to fully consider the proposal.
- 4.3 A proposed timetable for the progression of the proposal is outlined below:

Activity	Latest Date
Panel Meeting – IA agreed	18 February
Working Group Review	23 Feb – 08 April
Change Report to Panel	15 April
Party Voting	20 April – 04 May
Change Declaration	05 May
Authority Determination	05 May – 09 June
Implementation	26 June 2009

5 RECOMMENDATIONS

The DCUSA Panel is invited to:

- Consider whether to accept the referral of DCP 040;
- Agree that the CP should be treated as a Part 1 matter;
- Agree that the CP should be progressed via the Definition Phase; and
- Agree the progression of the CP in accordance with the timetable set out in Section 4.3

6 APPENDICES

- Appendix 1 – DCP 040