
Meeting Name	DCUSA Panel
Meeting Date	18 March 2009
Paper Title	Initial Assessment Report – DCP 042
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 DCP 042 – DE-REGISTRATION FOLLOWING DISCONNECTION

- 2.1 DCP 042 has been raised by EDF Energy Networks Limited. The CP seeks to amend Clause 25.20 to accurately reflect the existing processes and change the timescales in which the process must occur.
- 2.2 Clause 25.20 requires Distributors to de-register MPANs 5 days after being asked to disconnect the property. In practice work for physical disconnections takes time to plan and implement and is likely to exceed 5 days. If the MPAN is de-registered within 5 days but physical works take longer there is a risk of consumption on site without a valid MPAN. The originator therefore considers that the DCUSA drafting should be changed to reflect the likely timescales for such activity.
- 2.3 The DCUSA also states that the Distributor will instruct the CRA to de-register the Metering Point / System. However the process under BSCP 515 mandates that the Distributor notifies the Registrant (User) who notifies the CRA. DCP 042 seeks to align the DCUSA drafting with the BSC.
- 2.4 The originator considers that the Change Proposal will better facilitate DCUSA Objective 1¹ by ensuring that live MPANs remain registered thus giving Distributors knowledge of all connections to their systems and allowing them to maintain and operate the system efficiently.
- 2.5 The originator also considers that the Change Proposal will better facilitate DCUSA Objective 2² by ensuring MPANs are not terminated early thus ensuring that the registered Supplier remains responsible for any consumption associated with it.

¹ The development, maintenance and operation by the DNO Parties and IDNO Parties of efficient, co-ordinated, 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

3 PROGRESSION OF DCP 042

- 3.1 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 25.
- 3.2 It is recommended that the CP is progressed via the Definition Phase to allow a Working Group to consider the proposal and the legal drafting in support of the CP.
- 3.3 A proposed timetable for the progression of the proposal is outlined below:

Activity	Latest Date
Panel Meeting – IA agreed	18 March
Working Group and Legal Review	23 March – 01 May
Change Report to Panel ³	04 May
Party Voting	05 May – 19 May
Change Declaration	20 May
Authority Consent	24 June
Implementation	26 June 2009

4 RECOMMENDATIONS

The DCUSA Panel is invited to:

- Consider whether to accept the referral of DCP 042;
- 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 3.3

5 APPENDICES

- Appendix 1 – DCP 042

³ Ex-committee by Email