
Meeting Name	DCUSA Panel
Meeting Date	18 March 2009
Paper Title	Initial Assessment Report – DCP 043
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 043 – CREATION OF THE DCUSA STANDING ISSUES GROUP (SIG)

- 2.1 DCP 043 has been raised by E.ON UK. The CP has been submitted following discussions at the DCUSA Panel and the DCUSA Issues Group (001) which carried out a review of the DCUSA Change Process. DCP 043 seeks to formalise the creation of a Standing Issues Group within the DCUSA to address issues, develop solutions and make recommendations to Parties regarding the DCUSA document.
- 2.2 The originator considers that the introduction of a DCUSA Standing Issues Group will benefit DCUSA Parties by creating a structured environment for the focused addressing of issues raised by either the DCUSA Panel or DCUSA Parties and as such considers that the establishment of this group will better facilitate Objective 4¹
- 2.3 A previous CP (DCP 023) sought to introduce a similar group but was rejected in the IDNO category. However it is considered that DCP 023 was rejected on a technicality and that that rejecting party does support the creation of a DCUSA Standing Issues Group. The consultation undertaken by the DIG also shows there is over whelming support for the creation of the SIG and the DIG has recommended to the Panel that the group be established.

3 PROGRESSION OF DCP 043

- 3.1 It is recommended that the CP be categorised as a Part 2 matter. Although DCP 043 seeks to amend Section 1C which is a Part 1 matter, Ofgem gave guidance under DCP 023 that the intent is to improve a process and not to modify a governance mechanism and therefore did not require Authority determination. It is recommended that this CP is treated in the same manner..
- 3.2 It is recommended that the CP is progressed directly to the Report Phase as the drafting has already undergone legal review and the creation of the group has been consulted on by the DIG.
- 3.3 A proposed timetable for the progression of the proposal is outlined below:

Activity	Latest Date
Panel Meeting – IA agreed	18 March
Legal Review	23 March – 08 April
Change Report to Panel	15 April
Party Voting	20 April – 04 May
Change Declaration	05 May
Implementation	26 June 2009

¹ The promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of the DCUSA Agreement.

4 RECOMMENDATIONS

The DCUSA Panel is invited to:

- Consider whether to accept the referral of DCP 043;
- Agree that the CP should be treated as a Part 2 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

- Appendix 1 – DCP 043