
Meeting Name	DCUSA Panel
Meeting Date	18 March 2009
Paper Title	Initial Assessment Report – DCP 044
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 044 – MOCOPA

- 2.1 DCP 044 has been raised by EDF Energy Networks Limited to address an issue identified by the DCP 038 Working Group. Clause 27 of the DCUSA requires the User to procure that the Meter Operator appointed for each Metering Point is compliant with the Meter Operation Code of Practice Agreement (MOCOPA). The CP seeks to amend Clause 27 to the User to procure that the appointed Meter Operator is both *party to* and compliant with the MOCOPA.
- 2.2 The originator considers that the Change Proposal will better facilitate DCUSA Objective 3¹. Distributors are obliged by Condition 16 of their Licences to offer terms for any person wishing to connect metering equipment and in practice these are offered to Meter Operators in the form of MOCOPA. However, as that is not always the case there is a risk that the alternative agreements put in place create a duplication of work and may not be robustly maintained potentially resulting in Meter Operators not being informed of changes or other important information. The originator considers that DCP 044 will improved efficiency by removing the duplication and risk associated with managing a suite of alternative agreements. The originator considers that this is much the same as the efficiency gained by bringing UoSAs into DCUSA.

3 PROGRESSION OF DCP 044

- 3.1 It is recommended that the CP be categorised as a Part 1 matter in accordance with Clause 9.5.2 of the Agreement as it impacts Clause 27.1.
- 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 ²	04 May
Party Voting	05 May – 19 May
Change Declaration	20 May
Authority Consent	24 June
Implementation	26 June 2009

¹ The efficient discharge by the DNO Parties and IDNO Parties of obligations imposed upon them in their Distribution Licences

² Ex-committee by Email

4 RECOMMENDATIONS

The DCUSA Panel is invited to:

- Consider whether to accept the referral of DCP 044;
- 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 044