
Meeting Name	DCUSA Panel
Meeting Date	20 February 2008
Paper Title	Initial Assessment Report – DCP 016
Purpose of Paper	For Decision
Synopsis	This paper presents a Change Proposal that has been submitted to the DCUSA Secretariat this month 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 016 - *More Open Website* is attached as Appendix A. The following table shows a summary of the CP:

Raising Party	EDF Energy Networks
CP Status	Standard (non urgent)
Change Synopsis	The intent of the CP is to make more information available to non-DCUSA Parties. More information about Change Proposals and Panel Meetings would be made available in an effort to be more open and transparent.
Parties Impacted	Distributors, Suppliers, IDNOs, DGs
Part 1 / Part 2	Part 1
Authority Consent	Not Required
Proposed Implementation	November 2008

- 2.2 DCP 016 has been raised following a recommendation by the Panel. The Panel has agreed that it wishes to broaden the areas of the DCUSA website which can be accessed by non DCUSA Parties.
- 2.3 Distribution License condition 9B, which gave effect to DCUSA, states that information about the operation of any of the DCUSA arrangements should be published by the Panel – having regard to s105 of the Utilities Act. s105 states that information which relates to the affairs of any business must not be disclosed without the consent of that business. Legal Advice received by the Panel has stated that that consent would need to be obtained from DCUSA Parties to make the website more open hence the development of DCP 016.
- 2.4 This proposal seeks to help the Panel by identifying which information should be made open and providing the consent of Parties for the publication of such information.
- 2.5 DCP 016 has been assessed as a standard (non urgent) Part One change in accordance with Clause 9.5 of the Agreement as it impacts Section 1B – Governance and 1C – Change Control.
- 2.6 It is recommended that this should be entered into the Assessment Phase and that the CP should be progressed through to the Definition Phase to allow Parties to consider the areas of the site that should be made public, to allow the Panel to determine to fully define the scope of the website amendments and to allow the website service provider to carry out an impact assessment of the proposal. It is recommended that the Panel manages the CP through the Definition Phase.
- 2.7 A proposed timetable is outlined below:

Activity	Date
Panel Meeting – IA Report agreed	20 February 2008
Definition Period and Impact Assessment	21 February – 25 March 2008
Legal Text and Change Report drafted	26 March 2008 – 08 April 2008
Panel Meeting – Change Report agreed	16 April 2008
Party Voting	17 April – 30 April 2008
Change Declaration	01 May 2008
Authority Determination	05 June 2008
Implementation	06 November 2008

3 RECOMMENDATIONS

The DCUSA Panel is invited to:

- Accept the referral of DCP 016;
- Agree that the CP should be entered into the Assessment Procedure;
- Agree that the CP should be treated as a Part 1 matter;
- Agree that the CP should be progressed through the Definition Process in accordance with the timetable set out in Section 2.5;
- Agree that the Panel will manage the progression of the CP; and
- Agree that the Change Report will be presented to the April Panel meeting.

4 APPENDICES

- Appendix A – DCP 016