
Meeting Name	DCUSA Panel
Meeting Date	18 June 2008
Paper Title	Initial Assessment Report – DCP 026
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 026 – *Provision of Urgent Metering Services* is attached as Appendix A. The following table shows a summary of the CP:

Raising Party	E.ON UK
CP Status	Standard
Change Synopsis	This change proposal provides for the inclusion of the provision of Urgent Metering Services
Parties Impacted	Distributors, Suppliers & IDNOs
Part 1 / Part 2	Part 1
Authority Consent	Required
Proposed Implementation	June 2009

3 DCP 026- PROVISION OF URGENT METERING SERVICES

- 3.1 DCP 026 has been raised by E.ON UK Limited following the Panel decision, based on the DCP 008 Working Group recommendation, on the progression of DCP 008. The current rules of DCUSA only allow 3 alternatives to be taken forward for voting by industry and this CP sets out the alternative solution (formerly DCP 008C) which was not taken forward by the Panel under DCP008.
- 3.2 The Proposer considers that the DCP 026 sets out the solution which was favoured solution of a number of suppliers and energywatch within the DCP 008 Working Group. The Proposer believes that this solution brings the best overall industry solution in that it obligates Distribution businesses to provide a UMETS service which would work alongside their existing obligations to provide emergency services, but also gives a Supplier the option to opt out of this service if they wish to procure it elsewhere.
- 3.3 E.ON UK considers that DCP 026 will give the most cost effective means of delivering a UMETS service. It considers that running the obligation alongside the existing emergency service provided by Distribution businesses will facilitate competition in supply as it enables smaller suppliers to be able to cover all their potential customers with a UMETS service instead of having to negotiate a 24 hour MOP service for the whole country for which may only be a small number of customers in some areas.

4 PROGRESSION OF DCP 026

- 4.1 The Panel is invited to consider whether the CP should be entered into the Assessment Procedure. In making its decision the Panel is asked to consider Clause 10.13 which sets out options for progressing CPs which relate to similar Change Proposals which have previously been raised.
- 4.2 If accepted by the Panel, it is recommended that the CP be categorised as a Part 1 matter in accordance with Clause 9.4 and Clause 9.5 of the Agreement as it is likely to have a significant impact on the interests of electricity consumers and it is directly related to the safety and security of the Distribution Network.
- 4.3 It is recommended that the CP should be entered directly into the Report Phase as the proposal has already been considered by a Working Group and issued to Parties as part of a consultation process.
- 4.4 A proposed timetable for the progression of the proposal is outlined below:

Activity	Latest Date
Panel Meeting – IA agreed	18 June 2008
Legal Review of proposed drafting	23 June – 07 July 2008
Panel Meeting – Change Proposal agreed	16 July 2008
Party Voting	17 July – 31 July 2008
Change Declaration	01 August 2008
Authority Determination	01 August – 05 September 2008
Implementation	November 2009

5 RECOMMENDATIONS

The DCUSA Panel is invited to:

- Consider whether to accept the referral of DCP 026;
- Agree that the CP should be treated as a Part 1 matter;
- Agree that the CP should be progressed through the Report Phase; and
- Agree the progression of the CP in accordance with the timetable set out in Section 4.4.

6 APPENDICES

- Appendix A – DCP 026
- Appendix B – DCP 026 – Legal Drafting