
Meeting Name	DCUSA Panel
Meeting Date	20 August 2008
Paper Title	Initial Assessment Report – DCP 033
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 033 – *‘Connection Terms’* is attached as Appendix A. The following table shows a summary of the CP:

Raising Party	EDF Energy
CP Status	Standard
Parties Impacted	Distributors
Part 1 / Part 2 ¹	Part 1
Authority Consent	Required
Proposed Implementation	The next Release following Authority Consent

¹ As defined by the proposer.

3 DCP 033 – CONNECTION TERMS

- 3.1 DCP 033 has been raised by EDF Energy and seeks to amend this existing Connection Terms within Schedule 2B of the DCUSA. In DCP 033 EDF Energy Network sets out that Distributors typically put site-specific bi-lateral connection agreements in place which govern the on-going use of the connection for large customers. The bi-lateral connection agreements used by most Distributors for large customers contain effectively the same “boilerplate” terms and conditions. EDF Energy Networks considers that by incorporating those into the national terms it will give transparency to such customers of the generic connection terms that Distributors wish to enter into with them.
- 3.2 EDF Energy considers that the implementation of DCP 033 will ensure better facilitate Objectives 1², 2³ and 3⁴ of the DCUSA as set out in the Change Proposal.

4 PROGRESSION OF DCP 033

- 4.1 It is recommended that the CP be progressed as a Part 1 matter in accordance with Clause 9.5.5 of the Agreement as it proposes to amend a Part 1 provision.
- 4.2 It is recommended that the CP should be entered into the Definition Phase and that a Working Group be established to assess and develop the CP.
- 4.3 A proposed timetable for the progression of the proposal is outlined below:

Activity	Latest Date
Panel Meeting – IA agreed	20 August 2008
Definition Period & Legal Review	01 September – 12 November
Panel Meeting – Change Proposal agreed	19 November 2008
Party Voting	24 November – 08 December
Change Declaration	09 December 2008
Implementation	The next Release following Authority Consent.

5 RECOMMENDATIONS

The DCUSA Panel is invited to:

- Consider whether to accept the referral of DCP 033;
- Agree that the CP should be treated as a Part 1 matter;
- Agree that the CP should be progressed through the Definition Phase; and
- Agree the progression of the CP in accordance with the timetable set out in Section 4.3.

² The development, maintenance and operation by the DNO Parties and IDNO Parties of efficient, co-ordinated, and economical Distribution Networks

³ 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

⁴ The efficient discharge by the DNO Parties and IDNO Parties of obligations imposed upon them in their Distribution Licences

6 APPENDICES

- Appendix A – DCP 033
- Appendix B – DCP 033 Legal Drafting