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Dear Donna,

Northern Powergrid derogation request from the implementation date to incorporate changes to the half-hourly use of system billing system - Project report 12 - Final

Further to Northern Powergrid's derogation request in relation to the implementation date for incorporating changes to their half-hourly use of system billing system to facilitate DCP144 - 'rounding of consumption in the HH DUoS system, DCP 148 - 'HH revision billing to be carried out via credit and re-bill' DCP 149 - 'Prohibiting HH invoices containing data from two different clock time calendar months' and the DCUSA panel's subsequent request for regular updates, please see below the final project report.

This is the twelfth and final project update provided to The Panel as I am very pleased to say that we are now fully operational with the DURABILL use of system billing application. All key and critical deliverables have now been met and the team have already completed four billing runs which included both energy suppliers and independent network operators who are active in our licence distribution areas.

November progress

On 5th November, the first set of draft half-hourly invoices was created by the live DURABILL production system and following various checks and validation, authorisation was given the day after and the invoices were dispatched to the energy suppliers. This first billing run made us compliant against two of the three change proposals (DCP144 - 'rounding of consumption in the HH DUoS system and DCP 149 - 'Prohibiting HH invoices containing data from two different clock time calendar months'). I can also confirm that so far we have had no formal disputes raised following these invoice runs and all of the half-hourly initial invoices for consumption transported in October were paid on time.

We have since carried out the non-half hourly (Supercustomer) invoice run from the DURABILL system and, although there were no formal DCUSA changes raised in this area, all invoices were dispatched on time and we currently await payment for these on or before 5th December.

Full DCUSA compliance

With regard to the remaining change proposal (DCP 148 - 'HH revision billing to be carried out via credit and re-bill'), as I write this final report we are planning to carry out the first credit and re-bill run against the half-hourly billing system on 9th December. Once this run completes it will mean that Northern Powergrid will be fully compliant against all three DCUSA changes and all within the prescribed timescales of 31st December 2014 as laid out in the derogation. I will of course confirm this to the Panel prior to or at their December meeting.

It only remains for me to thank the Panel for their assistance throughout the course of the project.

Please let me know if you require anything further.

Yours sincerely,

Gary Marshall

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