

Paper

Meeting Name	DCUSA Panel
Meeting Date	18 June 2014
Paper Title	SIG Headline Report
Purpose of Paper	For Information
Synopsis	This report summarises the meeting headlines and key decisions taken at the DCUSA Standing Issues Group on 30 May 2014. Full minutes of that meeting are available at www.dcusa.co.uk .

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report summarises the meeting headlines and key decisions taken at the most recent meeting of the DCUSA Standing Issues Group (SIG) on 30 May 2014.

2 QUESTION SESSION ON DIF 037 'THE CASE FOR PROVIDING A MEANS TO ENSURE SAFE TEMPORARY ISOLATION IN DOMESTIC AND SIMILAR PREMISES'

- 2.1 One member highlighted that working on the terminals had been taken out of scope for DIF 037 which meant that each time the terminals need to be modified a third party would be required to be contacted. This member considered that it may undermine the authorisation scheme proposed. Another member advised that the proposer of DIF 037 was seeking to address the risks and liabilities in this proposal and the technical details would be addressed at a later stage in the process.
- 2.2 One member provided feedback from Angus Rae (AR) of Scottish and Southern Energy (SSE) on their authorisation scheme document which was included as Attachment 4 'SSE Procedure for Removal and Replacement of Cut out Seals' to the DIF 037 Request For Information (RFI). AR highlighted an error in the documents wording at paragraph 3.1 which states "Members of the following trade associations are permitted to remove meter seals for routine work" but should state 'cut out seals' as opposed to 'meter seals'. This is an editorial error which would provide a misrepresentation to RFI respondents where the SSE Authorisation scheme is held up as an example scheme. The DCUSA SIG agreed to contact AR on the issuing of a general communication to clarify SSE's position in regards to meter seals and cut out seals.
- 2.3 The DCUSA SIG seeks permission from the DCUSA Panel to host a face to face meeting on the subject of DIF 037 RFI responses on the 27 June 2014.

3 FEEDBACK FROM THE DCUSA PANEL

- 3.1 The DCUSA SIG noted the feedback that under the Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC), the appointed Meter Operator (MoP) is responsible for the sealing of the meter. If another MoP breaks the seal, the appointed MoP would still be responsible. The

DCUSA SIG considered the suggestion to flag that there will be impacts on other codes in the DIF 039 RFI. The proposer informed the DCUSA SIG that question six requesting feedback from respondents on impacts on other codes had been added to the DIF 039 RFI for this purpose.

- 3.2 Members noted that the DCUSA Panel had provided a direction to the DCP 209 Working Group to consider the meeting papers covering the discussions of DIF 028 'Getting Unregistered Consumers Registered By A Supplier' so that the same work is not repeated twice.

4 DCP 209 'RESOLVING UNREGISTERED CUSTOMERS' WORKING GROUP INVITATION TO DCUSA SIG MEMBERS

- 4.1 The proposer highlighted to DCUSA SIG members that the DCP 209 Working Group invitation was open until the 30 June 2014 should they wish to join. The DCP 209 proposer requested that the first meeting be held as a web-conference to facilitate the review of the DCUSA SIG meeting papers on DIF 028. Members will then agree the agenda items for consideration at the first in person DCP 209 Working Group meeting.

5 DIF 039 'REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF SEALS BY MOCOPA OPERATIVES' REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

- 5.1 DIF 039 was raised by Npower and seeks to clarify whether MOCOPA Operatives are able to energise and de-energise (within the same day) if they are not appointed by the registered Supplier in the capacity of Meter Operator (MOP). The chair invited comments on the DIF 039 RFI document. The DCUSA SIG requested revisions to question four and question nine of the RFI.
- 5.2 Members discussed the scenario where a free roving MoP acted on instruction from the Distributor in an area of flooding to check meters. Some members considered that as the Distributor held the right to disconnect for reasons of safety that the solution may be better situated under MOCOPA with an understanding developed with the DNOs. The MOCOPA chair proposed to raise this discussion at the next MOCOPA meeting and provide feedback to the DCUSA SIG.
- 5.3 Members agreed that the DIF 039 RFI should be sent to the next MOCOPA meeting on the 24 June 2014 for comments before it is distributed to DCUSA Contract Managers, MOCOPA and the AMO.

6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 6.1 Members were advised that the term of the current DCUSA Standing Issues Group Chair is coming to a close. An e-mail will be issued to members to self-nominate for the position of DCUSA SIG Chair. DCUSA SIG members will then vote on the nominated members on the 27 June 2014.
- 6.2 The next DCUSA SIG meeting will be convened at 10:00am on 27 June 2014.

7 RECOMMENDATION

7.1 The Panel is invited to:

- NOTE the report; and
- APPROVE the request for a meeting in person to discuss the DIF 037 RFI responses.