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Meeting NameDCUSA PanelMeeting Date21 October 2009Paper TitleInitial Assessment Report – DCP 051.Purpose of PaperFor DecisionSynopsisThis 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 Change Proposal (CP) has been assessed by the Secretariat in accordance with Section 10.11 of the DCUSA. The CP has met the requirements set out in the DCUSA and ElectraLink has prepared a recommendation for consideration by the Panel.

2 DCP 051 - CONFIRMATION OF DELIVERY OF USE OF SYSTEM INVOICING

- 2.1 DCP 051 has been raised by E.ON UK and seeks to ensure that the Company obtains proof of delivery for any Use of System invoicing from the User so as to negate the chance for missing invoices or, consequently, late payments. This evidence must then be produced if a dispute arises around late payment of the corresponding Use of system invoice.
- 2.2 The change aims to allow the User to reconcile invoices received outside of an electronic process with pre-transmitted confirmation from the Company. It also ensures that the User has received any invoicing, benefitting all parties concerned by avoiding triggered events such as late payments, disputes and suspended registrations due to omission of invoices or failure of delivery.
- 2.3 The originator considers that the Change Proposal will better facilitate DCUSA Objective 2¹ and 3².

3 PROGRESSION OF DCP 051

- 3.1 DCP 051 has been submitted as a standard Change Proposal.
- 3.2 The CP does not impact any Part 1 matters and is therefore considered as a Part 2 proposal and does not require Authority Consent.
- 3.3 It is proposed that this CP be progressed via the definition phase and that a Working Group should established to assess the CP. The proposer has

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¹ 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;

 $^{^{2}}$ The efficient discharge by the DNO Parties and IDNO Parties of obligations imposed upon them in their Distribution Licences

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recommended that the CP should be implemented in the February 2010 Release in advance of the Common Distribution Charging Methodology changes.

3.4 A proposed timetable for the progression of the proposal is outlined below:

Activity	Latest Date
Panel Meeting – IA agreed	21 October 2009
Working Group	21 October - 09 December
Panel Meeting - Change Report Agreed	16 December 2009
Party Voting	21 Dec – 18 January 2010
Change Declaration	19 January 2010
Authority Consent	09 Jan – 23 February
Implementation	25 February 2010

4 RECOMMENDATIONS

The DCUSA Panel is invited to:

- Consider whether to accept the referral of DCP 051;
- Agree that the CP should be treated as a Part 2 matter;
- Agree the progression of the CP in accordance with the timetable set out in Section 3.4.

5 APPENDICES

• A – DCP 051 Change Proposal