

DCUSA CONSULTATION DOCUMENT	
CHANGE PROPOSAL	DCP 055 – Provision of Annual Rota Block Data to Suppliers
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1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The Distribution Connection and Use of System Agreement (DCUSA) is a multi-party contract between electricity Distributors and electricity Suppliers and large Generators. Parties to the DCUSA can raise Change Proposals (CPs) to amend the Agreement with the consent of other Parties and (where applicable) the Authority.
- 1.2 This document is a consultation issued in accordance with Clause 11.14 of the DCUSA and seeks industry views on Change Proposal DCP055. Parties are invited to consider the questions asked by the Working Group set out in Section 5 below and submit comments using the form attached as **Appendix A** to dcusa@electralink.co.uk by 07 December 2009.

2 DCP 055 - PROVISION OF ANNUAL ROTA BLOCK DATA TO SUPPLIERS

- 2.1 DCP 055 has been submitted by Scottish Power Energy Retail following discussions at the Standing Issues Group (SIG). In accordance with Schedule 8 of the DCUSA, Distributors are required to produce a rota block identifiers report annually. Upon receipt of the information Suppliers are required to use reasonable endeavours to publish the relevant rota block identifier on customer bills.
- 2.2 Although the requirements are set out in the DCUSA, the mechanism for the collation and distribution of the data, and the format for the data, is not specified. At present the data is collated centrally by the ENA with the aim of a single disk in a standard format being distributed to Suppliers.
- 2.3 In 2009 some Suppliers and Distributors have reported difficulties in submitting and loading the data. DCP 055 therefore proposes amending the DCUSA such that all DNO and IDNOs have an obligation to ensure Suppliers receive rota block data from a single source in a recognised and validated format. Distributors will be required to validate and submit data in compliance with an agreed format to allow a central body to compile a single file to be sent to Suppliers.

3 DCP 055 – WORKING GROUP CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The DCP 055 Working Group was established by the Panel and has met on one occasion to date. Minutes and papers for the DCP 055 Working Group meetings are available on the [DCUSA website](#).
- 3.2 The Working Group is supportive of the intent of the proposal and considers that the drafting should identify the format of the data, the delivery method and the use of a central source.

4 IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 Subject to Party and Ofgem approval, DCP 055 would be implemented in the June 2010 Release.

5 CONSULTATION

5.1 In accordance with the DCUSA any CP progressed through the Definition Process may be issued as part of a consultation exercise. Parties are asked to consider the following consultation questions attached. Responses should be submitted using Appendix A to dcusa@electralink.co.uk no later than 07 December 2009:

- Do you understand the intent of the CP and are you supportive of its principles?
- Does the proposed CP better facilitate the DCUSA Objectives? Please state which objective(s) and give supporting comments.
- Distributors – Have you had any issues with compiling and sending annual rota block data to the ENA? Please give examples of the type and size of issues you have had.
- Suppliers - Have you experienced issues with the rota block data received from the ENA or direct from IDNOs?
- What is your preferred format for receipt of the data?
- Do you believe the central agent for the compilation of the rota block data should be the ENA?
- Should a Code of Practice, which provides guidance on the type of format and means of sending rota block data, be incorporated into the DCUSA or should the format and method of delivery be written into the DCUSA?
- Would you welcome the development of rota block data being available through a website, instead of a CD?
- Who should fund the costs of collation and distribution of information?
- Are there any alternative solutions or matters that should be considered by the Working Group?
- Are you supportive of the proposed implementation date of June 2010?
- Please state any other comments or views on the Change Proposal

5.2 Parties are asked to provide as much relevant detail as possible to enable the Working Group to understand the comments and the reasons behind them.

5.3 Responses, or any part thereof, can be provided in confidence. Parties are asked to clearly indicate any parts of a response that are to be treated confidentially.

6 NEXT STEPS

6.1 Following the end of the consultation period the Working Group will meet to consider the responses and update the drafting accordingly. The Working Group will liaise with the DCUSA Legal Advisors to ensure that the drafting is

legally robust and in keeping with the current DCUSA drafting. The DCP 055 Working Group will submit its final report setting out the proposed variations to the DCUSA Panel on 20 January 2010 before the CP is issued to all Parties for voting.

- 6.2 If you have any questions about this paper or the DCUSA Change Process please contact the DCUSA Help Desk by email to dcusa@electralink.co.uk or telephone 020 7432 3011.

APPENDICES

- Appendix A – Consultation Response Form