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Dear Colleague

DCUSA DCP037: "Moving Meters" - Clarification of text

The purpose of this letter is to provide clarification around some of the language used in our DCP037 decision letter (17 April 2009) and sets out that Ofgem will reissue the decision letter with the text in question revised.

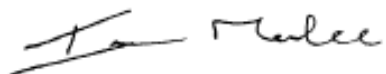
On 17 April 2009 the Authority issued a decision to reject DCUSA modification proposal DCP037. In the decision letter Ofgem stated, in relation to Applicable DCUSA Objective (a), that: *"the meter owner (whether this be the Distributor, Customer or the Supplier) has liabilities under the Electricity Act to ensure the meter is fit for purpose"* (page 3). Following publication of our decision, we were asked by the Proposer to clarify this statement.

We wish to clarify that we should have referred to "responsibilities" not "liabilities" and to "other parties" not "meter owners", in the text. That is, there are a number of responsibilities in the Schedules to the Electricity Act 1989 which set out various responsibilities in relation to meters. These responsibilities may rest with different undertakings. Thus for example, under Schedule 6.1(1) there is a responsibility on the supplier to meet the needs of a disabled person in relation to the position of the meter. A further example is that under Schedule 7.1(2) and (6), unless otherwise agreed between the authorised supplier and the customer, the supply of electricity must be taken through an "appropriate" meter. That is a meter which is a certain pattern or construction which is suitable for purpose (note that these examples are illustrative and not meant to be definitive).

The intent of our statement was to say that we would be concerned where Distributors were given the ability to relocate a meter where other parties had responsibilities related to that meter, and where those parties were not provided with an avenue for objection which DCP037 did not provide.

For the avoidance of any future misunderstandings, we have decided to replace this statement in the letter. We would like to be clear that the removal of this statement does not alter our decision or the reasons behind our decision to reject DCP037.

We would ask that you please bring this letter to the attention of DCUSA signatories and other interested parties.



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