DCUSA CONSULTATION DOCUMENT	
CHANGE PROPOSAL	DCP 021 - Distribution Standard Licence Condition 4a review (DCP009) affecting Section 2B
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ISSUED TO	DCUSA Contract Managers
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1 BACKGROUND

1.1 DCP 021 was raised by Electricity North West Limited on 09 April 2008 and was considered by the DCUSA Panel at its meeting on 16 April 2008. The Panel determined that the CP was a non-urgent Part One change that should be progressed through the Definition Procedure.

1.2 The DCUSA Panel established a Working Group to consider the Change Proposal. The Working Group met on 07 May 2008 to assess the CP and evaluate it against the DCUSA Objectives. The Working Group was supportive of the principle of the CP and the proposed legal drafting and recommended that the CP should be issued to all Parties for Consultation.

2 DCP 021 - DISTRIBUTION STANDARD LICENCE CONDITION 4A REVIEW (DCP009) AFFECTING SECTION 2B

2.1 DCP 021 has been raised to reflect the revisions to the SLC 4A statement in Section 2B of the DCUSA. The required changes to Section 2A of the Agreement were implemented via DCP 009 but as the introduction of Section 2B (DCP 012) had not been approved when DCP 009 was being progressed DCUSA was unable to make the changes in parallel.

2.2 The proposed legal text is attached as Appendix B. The drafting broadly mirrors that of Section 2A but has been amended to reflect Distributor to Distributor relationships.

2.3 Whilst DCP 021 primarily impacts Distributor Parties, Supplier Parties are asked in particular to consider the proposed amendment to 'Clause 19.1 – Charges' which seeks to differentiate between the services provided under Section 2A and Section 2B of the DCUSA.

3 REVIEW OF DCUSA OBJECTIVES

3.1 The Working Group considers that DCP 21 will better facilitate DCUSA Objectives 3 and 4 by:

- Ensuring that the DCUSA is accurate and fully reflects the Licence changes
- Providing further clarity, consistency and transparency of the services covered by the Relevant Charging Statements; and
- Implementing an enduring solution to facilitate the enhanced regime put into place by the revision to the SLC 4a statement.

4 CONSULTATION

4.1 In accordance with the DCUSA, any CP progressed through the Definition Process may be issued to DCUSA Parties as part of a consultation exercise. The Working Group has recommended that DCP 021 is put forward for consultation.

4.2 Parties are asked to review the proposed CP and provide feedback, paying particular attention to the following:

- Indicate whether you believe that the proposed variation better facilitates the DCUSA Objectives.
- Provide support for your comments and views by suitable reasons, evidence and explanations, where possible.
- Identify any other relevant, suitable alternative solutions for consideration by the Working Group that would better facilitate the DCUSA Objectives.
- Indicate whether you are satisfied with the proposed amendment to Clause 19.1 which seeks to differentiate between the services provided under Section 2A and Section 2B of the DCUSA. (Supplier Parties in particular are asked to consider the proposed amendment).
- Note that comments will inform the working group and Panel's decision about which alternate(s) to put forward for voting.

4.3 Your response, or any part thereof, can be provided in confidence. Please clearly indicate which parts of your response are to be treated confidentially.

4.4 You are asked to provide as much relevant detail in your response as possible to enable the DCUSA Panel to understand your comments and the reasons behind them. A response form has been included in Appendix C for your convenience.

5 NEXT STEPS

5.1 Following the end of the consultation period the working group will consider all responses and present a final report to the DCUSA Panel. The DCUSA Panel will determine which variation(s) will be put forward to the vote.

6 TIMESCALES

6.1 The Working Group has determined that the consultation period should be 10 Working Days. Parties are invited to submit responses to DCUSA@electralink.co.uk no later than 16 June 2008.

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 3017.

7 APPENDICES

- Appendix A – DCP 021
- Appendix B – DCP 021 – DCUSA Drafting
- Appendix C – Consultation Response Form