

DCUSA CONSULTATION DOCUMENT	
<b>CHANGE PROPOSAL</b>	DCP 019 - Moving Meters with Service Alterations
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<b>ISSUED TO</b>	DCUSA Contract Managers
<b>RETURN DEADLINE</b>	09 July 2008

## 1 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 DCP 019 was raised by EDF Energy Networks on 14 March 2008 and was considered by the DCUSA Panel at its meeting on 16 April 2008. The Panel determined that the DCP 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 DCP and evaluate it against the DCUSA Objectives. The Working Group was supportive of the principle of the DCP and recommended that the DCP should be issued to all Parties for Consultation.

## 2 DCP 019 - MOVING METERS WITH SERVICE ALTERATIONS

- 2.1 DCP 019 seeks to introduce new terms under Clause 29 of the DCUSA. The DCP seeks to give permission to Distributors to move meters when making service alterations but as not all Distributors currently move meters when carrying out service alterations the proposed drafting is not intended to create an obligation to do so.
- 2.2 The Proposer considers that the DCP will better facilitate DCUSA Objective 1<sup>1</sup> as it will reduce the number of visits required to complete works. The Proposer also considers that DCUSA Objective 2<sup>2</sup> will be better facilitated by the DCP as competition in supply will be more effective as the customer experience is improved.
- 2.3 DCP 019 has been assessed as a standard (non urgent) Part 1 matter in accordance with Clause 9.4 of the Agreement because of the impact on consumers and because the DCP seeks to introduce the new obligations as a Part 1 matter. The proposed legal text is attached as Appendix B.

## 3 WORKING GROUP CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The Working Group was supportive of the principle of the amendment but RWE Npower proposed that an additional clause be added to the drafting to require the Company to indemnify the User against any loss or damage caused by the Company in carrying out this activity.
- 3.2 The Working Group considered that both the original proposal (DCP 019) and this alternative variation (DCP 019A) should both be issued for consultation to determine which drafting Parties considered to be more appropriate and better facilitate the DCUSA Objectives.
- 3.3 The only difference between DCP 019 and DCP 019A is the additional drafting of Clause 29x.6 in DCP 019A which states:

"The Company shall indemnify and hold the User harmless against all actions, costs, demands, claims, expenses, liability, loss or damage

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<sup>1</sup> The development, maintenance and operation by the DNO Parties and IDNO Parties of efficient, co-ordinated, and economical Distribution Networks.

<sup>2</sup> 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

howsoever arising or incurred by the User as a result of any breach of the undertakings given by the Company in Clause 29x.2."

#### **4 CONSULTATION**

- 4.1 In accordance with the DCUSA, any DCP progressed through the Definition Process may be issued to DCUSA Parties as part of a consultation exercise. The Working Group has recommended that DCP 019 is put forward for consultation.
- 4.2 Parties are asked to review the proposed DCPs and provide feedback, paying particular attention to the following:
- Indicate whether you believe that the proposed variations better facilitate 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 believe that the technical aspects and scope of the work associated with the meter relocation should be captured in MOCOPA.
  - Provide any comments on the difference between the two variations.
  - Note that comments will inform the Working Group and Panel's decision about which variation(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 E 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](mailto:DCUSA@electralink.co.uk) no later than 09 July 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](mailto:DCUSA@electralink.co.uk) or telephone 020 7432 3017.

## **7 APPENDICES**

- Appendix A – DCP 019
- Appendix B – DCP 019 – DCUSA Drafting
- Appendix C – DCP 019A
- Appendix D – DCP 019A – DCUSA Drafting
- Appendix E – Consultation Response Form