

## DCUSA Change Proposal Form

This form should be used by DCUSA Parties who wish raise a draft or formal Change Proposal and for DCUSA members and other interested parties to return their comments on DCUSA Change Proposals which have been circulated for consultation.

Originators - please complete Section A of this form and submit to [DCUSA@electralink.co.uk](mailto:DCUSA@electralink.co.uk).

Respondents – please complete Section B of this form and return it to [DCUSA@electralink.co.uk](mailto:DCUSA@electralink.co.uk) your response should include your assessment of the solution and comments on the Change Proposal drafting. If you reject the solution then please supply your reason for rejection and an alternative solution. Even if you reject a solution your responses should state whether the proposed implementation date is acceptable to your organisation. If it is not acceptable, please indicate the reasons why and an alternative date.

SECTION A: To be completed by originator

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\* Assigned by DCUSA Secretariat

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Change Proposal Details	
CP Title	Introduction of contractual arrangements for the provision of use of system between one distributor and another distributor.

DCUSA Parties believed to be impacted	Distributor / Supplier / IDNO (Suppliers are impacted to the extent of consequential changes in Section 1, Section 2a and Section 3 of the DCUSA)
Proposal to Change	Part 1 New Section 2B to DCUSA. In addition consequential changes to other sections of DCUSA. See attached drafting of proposal identifying specific changes
Summary of Change	It is proposed to change DCUSA so that, in addition to covering distributor to supplier contractual arrangements for use of licensed electricity distribution systems, it covers distributor to distributor arrangements where one licensed electricity distributor uses the distribution system of another licensed electricity distributor.
Related CPs	<i>Please indicate if this CP is related to or impacts any other CP already in the DCUSA or other industry Change Process</i> None

#### **Proposed Solution**

To introduce a Section 2B of the DCUSA to cover distributor to distributor contractual relationships where one licensed electricity distributor connects to the distribution system of another licensed electricity distributor

#### **Proposed Implementation Technique**

~~Phased Implementation / Big Bang~~

#### **Proposed Implementation Date**

*Please specify and give a reason if proposed date is outside the release schedule*

~~February / June / November Release~~ ——— ~~Year:~~

Other: Given the size of the change it is proposed that the change be implemented as a specific release (as opposed to one of the planned releases. Given the likely time table to authorise such change it is anticipated that such date will be during March 2008.

#### **DCUSA Objectives**

*Please state which DCUSA Objective(s) will be better facilitated by this CP*

The change proposal better facilitates objectives 1,2 and 3. The change proposal also promotes efficiency in the implementation and administration of use of

system arrangements between distributors.

1. The development, maintenance and operation by the DNO Parties and IDNO Parties of efficient, co-ordinated, and economical Distribution Networks;
2. 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;
3. The efficient discharge by the DNO Parties and IDNO Parties of obligations imposed upon them in their Distribution Licences; and
4. The promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of this Agreement.

### **Business Justification Including Market Benefits**

This change proposal brings the development of Section 2B into the formal change process described under DCUSA. The DCUSA panel established a work group to draft and develop Section 2B of the DCUSA and to develop a model form of bilateral connection agreement. The DCUSA Panel has already consulted with industry parties on a proposed draft of section 2B and bilateral connection agreement. The work group has considered responses to that consultation and the drafting of the Section 2B has been revised.

Currently contractual arrangements for connection and use of system where one licensed electricity distributor connects to the distribution system of another are covered by bilateral agreements. Typically, a separate agreement is required for each site.

This proposal creates a common industry agreement for connection and use of system with separate, relatively "thin", bilateral agreements being put in place to cover site specific characteristics. This model is, in many ways, similar to the arrangements in place under CUSC.

In developing the DCUSA in 2006 it was recognised that development of Section 2B should be considered post go-live of the DCUSA (schedule 12, paragraph 1 of the DCUSA).

In developing the proposed Section 2B work group members have compromised in a number of areas, recognising that specific issues may be better addressed through specific change proposals once section 2B is implemented. However one area that parties have not been able to reach agreement on is with respect to who pays for modification works that are required on a User's "downstream" distribution system as a direct consequence of work that an "upstream" distributor undertakes on his distribution system which are not carried out in order to fulfil a meet a request by a User for an augmented connection.

Therefore, this Proposal puts forward two options for Clause 52.9. Both of these options are shown in the attached documents

The introduction of Section 2B will:

- Increase transparency of the arrangements between Distributors
- Facilitate the administration of connection and use of system terms

between distributors.

- Offers an efficient and economic process for managing the contractual relationships between distributors for use of system.
- Establish a robust change process for managing changes to the agreements.

BERR are currently considering arrangements for offshore transmission. The proposed Section 2B may provide the basis for arrangements that could accommodate offshore transmission where it connects to distribution. However, whether the proposed Section 2B is fit for such purpose or requires further work is outside the scope of this change proposal

<b>Authority Consent</b>
Required