

DCUSA Change Declaration		At what stage is this document in the process?
<h1 data-bbox="124 353 550 443">DCP 300</h1> <h2 data-bbox="124 488 992 544">Panel members and alternates</h2> <p data-bbox="124 571 486 604">Date raised: 15 May 2017</p> <p data-bbox="124 627 523 660">Status of Change: Standard</p>	01 – Change Proposal	
	02 – Consultation	
	03 – Change Report	
	04 – Change Declaration	
<p>Purpose of Change Proposal:</p> <p>The intent of this proposal is to:</p> <p>To reword the DCUSA sections around panel members and alternates, particularly around election and participation at meetings, to better reflect practicalities and solve issues with the current processes.</p>		
	<p>DCUSA Parties voted on the Change Report and recommend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that the change solution is accepted • that the implementation date is accepted <p>The consolidated party votes are provided as Attachment 1.</p>	
	<p>DCUSA Parties voted to accept the implementation of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCP 300 	
	<p>Impacted Parties: All</p>	
	<p>Impacted Clauses: 6 and 7, plus minor change elsewhere</p>	

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Timeline		
The timetable for the progression of the CP is as follows:		
Change Proposal timetable		
Activity	Date	
Initial Assessment Report Approved by Panel	17 May 2017	
Change Report Approved by Panel	20 September 2017	
Change Report issued for Voting	22 September 2017	
Party Voting Closes	13 October 2017	
Change Declaration Issued to Parties	17 October 2017	
Implementation	First release following approval ¹	

¹ The next DCUSA release is scheduled on the 02 November 2017

1 Summary

What

- 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 The election of Panel members is currently drafted to work in the manner that the winner in an election for a Party Category becomes the Panel member and the second placed becomes the Alternate. In practice people often volunteer to be Alternates (on the basis of the occasional stand in for the Panel member) but cannot commit to being permanent Panel members.
- 1.3 DCUSA provides for a member's alternate to attend a meeting in his place but does have a shortcoming in not recognising the unavailability of both Panel member and the alternate.
- 1.4 It is intended to amend DCUSA to address this shortcoming and to reflect these practicalities

Why

- 1.5 To ensure that DCUSA is reflective of the practicalities of elected members and meeting attendance.

How

- 1.6 By amending DCUSA to allow the mechanism for choosing Panel Members and their Alternates to recognise that some persons may be able to act as Alternates, on an occasional stand in basis, but cannot commit to being permanent Panel Members – effectively the mechanisms for choosing the Panel Member and the Alternate are divorced from each other. And;
- 1.7 By amending DCUSA to reflect that substitutes in meeting attendance could be from the pool of same-Party Alternates, in a hierarchy of choice (member's Alternate, Alternate from same Party Category) so long as existing quoracy requirements are maintained (i.e. there must still be one person elected by DNOs and one person elected by Suppliers).

2 Governance

Justification Part 2 Matter

- 2.1 DCP 300 was submitted as a Part 1 matter as it impacts the governance of the DCUSA. In its initial assessment of this change, the Panel determined that it should be classed as a Part 2 matter instead, as the change does not impact how the DCUSA itself is governed but instead updates the text to better describe current practice.

3 Why Change?

Background of DCP 300

4.1 DCP 300 was proposed to ensure practicality and reflect reality in the panel membership processes and more flexible and practical arrangements for Alternates to cover Member attendance.

4 Solution

DCP 300 Assessment

5.1 The legal text was based on release 8.2 and contains more clauses than those that are changing to give context.

5.2 The definition of Alternate is revised and the definition of Reserve is removed.

5.3 Changes to Clause 6 allow for a new method of selecting Panel Members and Alternates, where a person may put themselves forward for either role independently. It further deals with attendance at meetings by Alternates acting as Panel Members in 6.12.

5.4 Minor consequential changes are also made in Clause 7 and Schedule 10.

5 Relevant Objectives

Evaluation Against the DCUSA Objectives

5.5 For a DCUSA Change Proposal to be approved it must be demonstrated that it better meets the DCUSA Objectives.

5.6 The Proposer believes that this change is better facilitated by DCUSA General Objective 4:

DCUSA General Objectives	Identified impact
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 The promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of the DCUSA	Positive
General Objective 4 By improving the practical selection and availability of Panel members and Alternates to provide a wider pool of Alternates to cover for Member absences.	

6 Impacts & Other Considerations

Does this Change Proposal impact a Significant Code Review (SCR) or other significant industry change projects, if so, how?

6.1 This Change Proposal does not impact a Significant Code Review or other significant industry change project.

Consumer Impacts

6.2 The Proposer did not identify any material impact on consumers from the implementation of this CP.

Environmental Impacts

6.3 In accordance with DCUSA Clause 11.14.6, the Proposer assessed whether there would be a material impact on greenhouse gas emissions if DCP 300 were implemented. The Proposer did not identify any material impact on greenhouse gas emissions from the implementation of this CP.

7 Implementation

7.1 Subject to Party approval, the DCP 300 change will be implemented on the next DCUSA Release following approval.

7.2 DCP 300 is classified as a Part 1 matter and therefore Authority determination is required.

8 Legal Text

8.1 The DCP 300 Legal Text can be found as Attachment 1.

9 Voting

9.1 DCP 300 was issued to DCUSA Parties for Voting on 22 September 2017.

DCP 300 – Recommendation

Part 2 Matter: Authority Determination Not Required

Change Solution – Accept

9.2 For the majority of the Party Categories that were eligible to vote:

- the number of groups in each Party Category which voted to accept the proposal was more than 65% of the total number of Groups in that Party Category which voted; and
- the sum of the Weighted Votes of the Groups in each Party Category which voted to accept the proposal was more than 65%.

Implementation Date – Accept

9.3 For the majority of the Party Categories that were eligible to vote:

- the number of groups in each Party Category which voted to accept the implementation date was more than 65% of the total number of Groups in that Party Category which voted; and
- the sum of the Weighted Votes of the Groups in each Party Category which voted to accept the implementation date was more than 65%.

10 Recommendations

DCUSA Parties Recommendation

DCUSA Parties recommend:

- that DCP 300 should be implemented
- that DCP 300 better facilitates the Relevant Objectives

Attachments

- Attachment 1 – DCP 300 Consolidated Party Votes
- Attachment 2 – DCP 300 Legal Text