











DCUSA Change Declaration	At what stage is this document in the process?
<h1>DCP 296:</h1> <h2>Notification Process for Remedied DCUSA Payment Default(s)</h2> <p><i>Raised on 7 April 2017 as a Standard Change</i></p>	01 – Change Proposal
	02 – Consultation
	03 – Change Report
	04 – Change Declaration
Purpose of Change Proposal <p>DCP 296 seeks to amend the DCUSA drafting to obligate the DCUSA Panel to notify DNOs and IDNOs to cease suspension of registration services where the Party has remedied a DCUSA Payment Default.</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 DCUSA Parties determined that this Change Proposal should be implemented. DCUSA Parties voted to accept the implementation of DCP 296</p>
	<p>Impacted Parties: Distribution Network Operators (DNOs), Independent Distribution Network Operators (IDNOs) and Suppliers</p>
	<p>Impacted Clauses: 54</p>

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<p>The timetable for the progression of the CP is as follows:</p> <p>Change Proposal timetable</p> <table><tr><th>Activity</th><th>Date</th></tr><tr><td>Initial Assessment Report Approved by Panel</td><td>19 April 2017</td></tr><tr><td>Change Report Approved by Panel</td><td>17 May 2017</td></tr><tr><td>Change Report issued for Voting</td><td>19 May 2017</td></tr><tr><td>Party Voting Closes</td><td>12 June 2017</td></tr><tr><td>Change Declaration Issued to Parties</td><td>14 June 2017</td></tr><tr><td>Implementation</td><td>29 June 2017</td></tr></table>			Activity	Date	Initial Assessment Report Approved by Panel	19 April 2017	Change Report Approved by Panel	17 May 2017	Change Report issued for Voting	19 May 2017	Party Voting Closes	12 June 2017	Change Declaration Issued to Parties	14 June 2017	Implementation	29 June 2017
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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 To introduce an obligation on the DCUSA Panel to notify DNOs and IDNOs to cease suspension of registration services where the Party has remedied a DCUSA Payment Default.

Why?

- 1.3 It has been brought to the Panel's attention that there is currently no obligation on the Panel to notify DNOs and IDNOs of when a Supplier Party has remedied a DCUSA Payment Default and therefore to recommence providing registration services to that Supplier Party.

How?

- 1.4 It is intended to amend the DCUSA to add a new clause to obligate the DCUSA Panel to notify DNOs and IDNOs of when an event of DCUSA Payment Default has been remedied.

2 Governance

Justification for Part 2 Matter

- 2.1 DCP 296 has been classed as a Part 2 Matter therefore, Authority consent is not required.
- 2.2 This CP has been designated as a Part 2 Matter as this proposal is a housekeeping change which remedies an issue following the implementation of DCP 256 '*Change to DCUSA to mitigate risks of non-payment of DCUSA invoices*'. This change reflects the need for an obligation on the DCUSA Panel to notify DNOs and IDNOs when a Supplier Party has remedied a DCUSA Payment Default and therefore to recommence providing registration services to that Supplier Party.

Requested Next Steps

- 2.3 DCUSA Parties voted that DCP 296 be accepted.

3 Why Change?

Background of DCP 296

- 3.1 DCP 296 was raised by British Gas as a result of the implementation of DCP 256, which was approved by the Authority on 21 September 2016. The intent of DCP 256 was to improve the

transparency of the DCUSA invoicing process and to improve the effectiveness of the non-payment arrangements. As part of this process, Parties registration services may at the discretion of the DCUSA Panel be suspended. It was brought to the Panel's attention that there is currently no obligation on the Panel to notify DNOs and IDNOs of when a Supplier Party has remedied a DCUSA Payment Default and therefore to recommence providing registration services to that Supplier Party.

- 3.2 DCP 296 seeks to amend the DCUSA drafting to obligate the DCUSA Panel to notify DNOs and IDNOs to cease suspension of registration services where the Party has remedied a DCUSA Payment Default..

4 Code Specific Matters

Modelling Specification Documents

- 4.1 Not applicable.

Reference Documents

- 4.2 Not applicable.

5 Solution

DCP 296 Assessment

- 5.1 The DCUSA Panel recommended that the CP be progressed to the Change Report Phase as it is an amendment which introduces legal text to oblige the DCUSA Panel to notify DNOs and IDNOs of when a Supplier Party has remedied a DCUSA Payment Default and therefore to recommence providing registration services to that Supplier Party.

6 Relevant Objectives

Assessment Against the DCUSA Objectives

- 6.1 For a DCUSA Change Proposal to be approved it must be demonstrated that it better meets the DCUSA Objectives.
- 6.2 The CP form provided as Attachment 3, details which of the DCUSA Objectives the Proposer considers DCP 296 better facilitates.

Impact of the Change Proposal on the Relevant Objectives:

Relevant Objective	Identified impact
Objective Four - the promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of this Agreement and the arrangements under it.	Positive

- 6.3 General Objective Four is better facilitated because the DCUSA Panel will be able to improve the management of 'late payers' with respect to late payment of their share of the budgeted costs.

7 Impacts & Other Considerations

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

- 7.1 Not applicable

Consumer Impacts

- 7.2 No consumer impacts have been identified.

Environmental Impacts

- 7.3 In accordance with DCUSA Clause 11.14.6, the Proposer assessed whether there would be a material impact on greenhouse gas emissions if DCP 296 were implemented. The Proposer did not identify any material impact on greenhouse gas emissions from the implementation of this CP.

8 Implementation

- 8.1 The proposed implementation date for DCP 296 is 29 June 2017 as this is the next scheduled DCUSA release date.

9 Legal Text

- 9.1 The legal text for DCP 296 has been reviewed by the DCUSA legal adviser and is provided as Attachment 1.
- 9.2 The legal text sets out the amendments made to the legal text, specifically the addition of Clause 54.4A which sets out the obligation on the Panel to notify DNOs and IDNOs of when a Supplier Party has remedied a DCUSA Payment Default and therefore to recommence providing registration services to that Supplier Party.
- 9.3 The Proposer is satisfied that the legal text meets the intent of the change.

10 Voting

10.1 DCP 296 was issued to DCUSA Parties for Voting on 23 June 2017.

DCP 296 – Recommendation

Part 2 Matter

Change Solution – Accept

10.2 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

10.3 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%.

DCP 296	WEIGHTED VOTING (%)									
	DNO		IDNO/OTSO		Supplier		DG ¹		Gas Supplier ²	
	A	R	A	R	A	R	A	R	A	R
Change Solution	100%	0%	100%	0%	100%	0%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Implementation Date	100%	0%	100%	0%	100%	0%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

11 Recommendations

DCUSA Parties Recommendation

DCUSA Parties recommend:

- that DCP 296 should be implemented
- that DCP 296 better facilitates the Relevant Objectives

¹ No votes were cast in this category of Parties

² No votes were cast in this category of Parties

Attachments

- Attachment 1 – DCP 296 Legal Text
- Attachment 2 – Consolidated Responses
- Attachment 3 – Change Proposal Form