




DCUSA Change Report		At what stage is this document in the process?
<h2>DCP 296</h2> <h3>Notification Process for Remedied DCUSA Payment Default(s)</h3> <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: 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.		
	This document is issued in accordance with Clause 11.20 of the DCUSA, and details DCP 296 - Notification Process for Remedied DCUSA Payment Default(s) Parties are invited to consider the proposed amendment (Attachment 1) and submit their votes using the Voting form (Attachment 2) to dcusa@electralink.co.uk by 12 June 2017 The voting process for the proposed variation and the timetable of the progression of the Change Proposal (CP) through the DCUSA Change Control Process is set out in this document. If you have any questions about this paper or the DCUSA Change Process, please contact the DCUSA by email to dcusa@electralink.co.uk or telephone 020 7432 3011.	
	 Parties Impacted: Distribution Network Operators (DNOs), Independent Distribution Network Operators (IDNOs) and Suppliers	
	 Impacted Clauses: 54	

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Timetable

The timetable for the progression of the CP is as follows:

Change Proposal timetable

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

1 Executive 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 The Panel considered that the Proposer has carried out the level of analysis required to enable Parties to understand the impact of the proposed amendment and to vote on DCP 296.
- 2.4 The DCUSA Panel recommends that this CP:
 - Be issued to Parties for Voting.

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 Solution

DCP 296 Assessment

- 4.1 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.

5 Relevant Objectives

Assessment Against the DCUSA Objectives

- 5.1 For a DCUSA Change Proposal to be approved it must be demonstrated that it better meets the DCUSA Objectives.
- 5.2 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
General Objective Four - The promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of this Agreement	Positive

- 5.3 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.

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 Not applicable

Consumer Impacts

- 6.2 No consumer impacts have been identified.

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 296 were implemented. The Proposer did not identify any material impact on greenhouse gas emissions from the implementation of this CP.

7 Implementation

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

8 Legal Text

- 8.1 The legal text for DCP 296 has been reviewed by the DCUSA legal adviser and is provided as Attachment 1.
- 8.2 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.
- 8.3 The Proposer is satisfied that the legal text meets the intent of the change.

9 Code Specific Matters

Modelling Specification Documents

- 9.1 Not applicable.

Reference Documents

9.2 Not applicable.

10 Recommendations

Panel's Recommendation

10.1 The Panel approved this Change Report on 17 May 2017. The Panel considered that the Proposer has carried out the level of analysis required to enable Parties to understand the impact of the proposed amendment and to vote on DCP 296.

10.2 The Panel have recommended that this report is issued for Voting and DCUSA Parties should consider whether they wish to submit views regarding this Change Proposal.

Attachments

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