



DCUSA CONSULTATION

DCP 272 - TRAS Amendment of Schedule 25 Appendix 2

Executive Summary

DCP 272 seeks to replace the spreadsheet contained within Schedule 25 Appendix 2 with a data items table. It also intends to introduce a reference to the most current version of the Service Provider's Programming Manual within section 8 of Schedule 25.

This consultation is seeking views from Suppliers regarding the proposal to include these provisions in the DCUSA. Parties are invited to provide their responses by **04 July 2016**.

1 PURPOSE

- 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 This document is a consultation issued to DNOs, IDNOs, Suppliers, any other interested Parties and the Authority in accordance with Clause 11.14 of the DCUSA seeking industry views on DCP 272 'TRAS – Amendment of Schedule 25 Appendix 2'. Parties are invited to consider the questions set out below and submit comments using the form attached as Attachment 1 to energy-TRAS@electralink.co.uk by **04 July 2016**.

2 BACKGROUND OF DCP 272

- 2.1 Now that TRAS is in live operation, the TEG has begun a wholesale assessment of the TRAS programming manual to ensure that it is up to date. The changes proposed under DCP 272 are just stage 1 of a series of programming manual changes.
- 2.2 DCUSA Schedule 25 set out the provisions relating to TRAS. Specifically, Appendix 2 includes details of the data to be provided by Suppliers to the TRAS Service Provider on a monthly basis.
- 2.3 During discussions at the TRAS Working Group (now the TRAS Expert Group) members agreed the information contained within Schedule 25 Appendix 2 was out of date and not in line with the current Programming Manual version (v3) which the Service Provider is providing to service users. DCUSA could therefore be misleading to existing parties and new entrants because it is out of date and contains a significant amount of information which is not necessarily required in the DCUSA itself.
- 2.4 The decision of the working group was that an amendment was required to DCUSA (and SPAA) to update the information to ensure it remains robust. The amount of information to be included in the TRAS Schedules has also been reduced to minimise the level of duplication between the TRAS Schedules and the programming manual. Therefore, it is

proposed that Schedule 25 should only refer to the layout as part of Appendix 2, with the detailed descriptions included in the programming manual. This means that a SPAA and DCUSA CP would be required should the layout need amending in future which maintains visibility and transparency for Suppliers and enables parties to flag any system changes necessary where future amendments to the data requirements are proposed.

- 2.5 To ensure that Suppliers continually utilise the most recent version of the Programming Manual it is also suggested to make a slight amendment to paragraph 8 of the Schedule to direct parties to the Service Provider's programming manual for the correct version.

3 WORKING GROUP ASSESSMENT

3.1 As the TEG has already been established to oversee the operation of the TRAS it was deemed more efficient to use this TRAS Expert Group to assess the DCP 272 rather than creating a new working group. SPAA and DCUSA TRAS CPs are considered during the open session of the TEG meeting and all SPAA and DCUSA Parties are eligible to attend. DCUSA Parties were provided with information regarding DCP272 and they were invited to the Expert Group meetings.

3.2

3.3 The TEG assessed DCP 272 and have proposed to replace the current excel documents in Appendix 2 of the TRAS Schedules with a table which contains detailed file information with the following information for the Consumption and Outcome files – the information contained is based on v3 of the Programming Manual issued by the Service Provider in December 2015 (see Attachment 2):

- Data block
- Field name
- Mandatory/Preferred
- Electricity J Codes
- Gas RGMA Codes
- Type
- Length

3.4 The TEG consider that this change is a documentation only change and is not seeking to amend the data items or the file formats currently used by Suppliers. This change seeks to provide relevant code level information which allows existing Suppliers and new entrants to clearly understand the data provision for the TRAS in both the Consumption and Outcome files (Residential / Commercial).

3.5 DCP 272 was formally raised at the May 2016 DCUSA Panel and is listed as Attachment 3 in the consultation.

4 ASSESSMENT AGAINST THE DCUSA OBJECTIVES

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- 4.1 The Working Group considers that the following DCUSA Objectives are better facilitated by DCP272:

General Objective Four - The promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of this Agreement

- 4.2 This CP will better facilitate General Objective 4 as this change will help to ensure the effective operation of TRAS arrangements through providing Suppliers with a clear list of data item and removes the outdated programming information.

5 DCP 272 – LEGAL DRAFTING

- 5.1 The legal text was produced by the TEG and is provided as attachments 2 and 4.
- 5.2 The main elements of the legal text are:
- an amendment to Schedule 25 section 8 to place a requirement on Suppliers to obtain a copy of the TRAS Service Provider’s detailed programming manual; and
 - an update to appendix 2, the Consumption File and Outcome File with a table which contains detailed file information for the Consumption and Outcome files

6 DCP 272 – IMPLEMENTATION

- 6.1 After further consideration by the TEG, the proposed implementation date for DCP 271 is the November release (to be aligned with the SPAA Delivery Date).
- 6.2 This change does not require Authority consent as the proposed changes are not material and do not affect any of the clauses that require Authority consent.

7 DCP 272 – CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

- 7.1 The Working Group is seeking industry views on the following consultation questions:

Question Number	Question

1	Do you understand the intent of the CP?
2	Are you supportive of the principles of the CP?
3	Do you have any comments on the draft legal text?
4	Do you consider that the proposal better facilitates the DCUSA objectives? Please give supporting reasons.
5	Are you supportive of the proposed 04 November 2016 implementation date?
6	Do you have any other comments on the DCP 272?

7.2 Responses should be submitted using Attachment 1 to energy-TRAS@electralink.co.uk no later than **Monday, 04 July 2016**.

7.3 Responses, or any part thereof, can be provided in confidence. Parties are asked to clearly indicate any parts of a response that are to be treated confidentially.

8 NEXT STEPS

8.1 Responses to the consultation will be reviewed by the Working Group. The CP will then be progressed through the change process agreed by the DCUSA Panel as set out below:

No.	Event	Target Date
1	Working Group meeting to review consultation responses, update legal text and agree Change Report	07 July 2016
2	Issue Change Report to DCUSA Panel.	10 August 2016
3	DCUSA Panel approves Change Report	17 August 2016
4	Change Report issued for voting.	19 August 2016
4	DCUSA Voting Closes.	14 September 2016
5	Change Declaration issued to parties and Ofgem	16 September 2016
6	Implementation Date.	04 November 2016

8.2 If you have any questions about this paper or the DCUSA Change Process please contact the TRAS helpdesk by email to Energy-TRAS@electralink.co.uk or telephone 020 7432 2841.

9 ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – Response Form
- Attachment 2 – Data item list
- Attachment 3 – DCP 272 Change Proposal form
- Attachment 4 – Schedule 25 - Legal Text (Draft)