



DCUSA CHANGE REPORT

DCP 250 - Supplier Roll Out Template

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 This document is issued in accordance with Clause 11.20 of the DCUSA, and details DCP 250 'Supplier Roll Out Template'. 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.
- 1.2 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 **11 December 2015**.

2 BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF DCP 250

- 2.1 DCP 195A¹ was implemented in February 2015 and places obligations on Suppliers to provide a forecast of Smart Meter installations to distribution businesses on a quarterly basis.
- 2.2 In June 2015 DCP 239² was implemented which aligned the DCUSA Smart Meter Installation forecast reporting dates with date that Suppliers submit their forecasts to DECC. This had the effect of eroding the amount of advanced information that is provided to DNOs.
- 2.3 DCP 250 has been raised by UKPN and seeks to amend the template provided for smart meter roll out forecasts to provide 6 months advance forecast data at postcode outcode level that was eroded as part of DCP239 Supplier reporting alignment. To enable this, the advance forecast data is required for the second and third quarters in the report as opposed to the first and second.
- 2.4 The proposer of DCP 250 explains that the rollout forecast report template, when considered with the date the report is produced, provides a reduced level of useful information for DNOs. This is because the forecast is produced in the first quarter being

¹ DCP 195A - Service Level Agreement for Resolving Network Operational Issues

² DCP 239 - Alignment of DCP 195A Smart Meter Installation Forecasts Submission Dates with DECC Reporting

forecast. As such the postcode outcode data no longer meets its purpose, which is to plan resources at a local level for anticipated interventions in the forthcoming periods. By planning resources, DNOs are not talking about procuring more resource, which has a longer lead time, but being able to divert / make available resource by moving other (planned) work or diverting teams from other locations.

- 2.5 The proposer further explains that the options considered to address this issue included moving the date of the forecast's submission against moving the quarters reported against and consideration of the impacts. Whilst Suppliers were generally split between which option was preferred, understanding that the reports are required by other stakeholders too, the option chosen avoids impacting these.
- 2.6 The DCUSA Panel agreed that the CP should be classed as a Part 2 matter as it has been raised to correct an unintended consequence. The DCUSA Panel also agreed that the CP did not require a Working Group and instead should be progressed straight to the Report Phase, in accordance with DCUSA Clause 11.5.

3 DCP 195A REVIEW GROUP DISCUSSIONS

- 3.1 Whilst a Working Group was not formed for DCP 250, it was considered by the DCP 195A Review Group at its meeting on 4 November 2015. The group had no comments on the proposal.

4 ASSESSMENT AGAINST THE DCUSA OBJECTIVES

- 5.1 The Working Group considers that the following DCUSA Objectives are better facilitated by DCP 250.

General Objective One - The development, maintenance and operation by the DNO Parties and IDNO Parties of efficient, co-ordinated, and economical Distribution Network

- 5.2 General Objective One is better facilitated by DCP250 because it enables DNOs and IDNOs to better plan their resources.

General Objective Two - 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

- 5.3 General Objective Two is better facilitated by DCP250 as it will enable DNOs and IDNOs, through having better planned resources, to better respond to intervention needs.

6 PROPOSED LEGAL TEXT

- 6.1 The DCP 250 proposed legal drafting has been reviewed by the DCUSA legal advisors and is provided as Attachment 1.
- 6.2 The legal text amends the Supplier Rollout Reporting template in Part 4 of DCUSA Schedule 24 to provide 6 months advance forecast data at postcode out code level. The legal text does not amend any text but rather the shading in the Supplier Rollout Reporting template is changed. This shading denotes which boxes of the template should be populated.

7 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

- 3.1 In accordance with DCUSA Clause 11.14.6, it was assessed whether there would be a material impact on greenhouse gas emissions if DCP 250 were implemented. The proposer did not identify any material impact on greenhouse gas emissions from the implementation of DCP 250.

8 IMPLEMENTATION

- 8.1 DCP 250 is recommended to be implemented in the February 2015 DCUSA Release, if approved. The CP has been classed as a Part 2 Matter and therefore does not require Authority consent.

9 PANEL RECOMMENDATION

- 9.1 The Panel approved this Change Report at its meeting on 18 November 2015. The Panel considered that out the level of analysis required to enable Parties to understand the impact of the proposed amendment and to vote on DCP 250.

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

Activity	Date
Change Report Agreed by DCUSA Panel	18 November 2015
Change Report issued for voting	20 November 2015
Voting closes	11 December 2015
Change Declaration	15 December 2015
DCP 250 Implemented	25 February 2015

10 NEXT STEPS

10.1 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 **11 December 2015**.

10.2 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 2842.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – DCP 250 Legal Text
- Attachment 2 – Voting Form
- Attachment 3 – DCP 250 CP Form