



DCUSA Change Report

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

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 This document is issued in accordance with Clause 11.20 of the DCUSA and details DCP 239 'Alignment of DCP 195A Smart Meter Installation Forecasts submission dates with DECC reporting'.
- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 Parties are invited to consider the proposed amendments (Attachment 2) and submit their votes using the form attached as Attachment 1 to dcusa@electralink.co.uk no later than **22 May 2015**.

2 BACKGROUND

- 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 Currently, the date that Suppliers are required to submit their Smart Meter Installation Forecast Report does not align with date Suppliers are required to submit their forecasts to DECC. This is inefficient and creates an unnecessary duplication of effort by Suppliers, as the submission dates are approximately six weeks apart.
- 2.3 Furthermore, Suppliers have an obligation to apply appropriate due diligence to ensure that their DCUSA rollout forecasts are consistent with the DECC forecasts in accordance with DCUSA Schedule 24 Part 4 clause 4.3:

"The User shall apply appropriate diligence to ensure that the Smart Meter Installation Forecast is produced in accordance with Good Industry Practice, and is consistent with other smart meter roll-out forecasts provided to the Secretary of State and/or the Authority."
- 2.4 British Gas has raised DCP 239 seeking to amend the date that Suppliers are required to submit their Smart Meter Installation Forecast Report to align with date that Suppliers submit their forecasts to DECC.

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

- 2.5 The CP was raised by the Proposer as a Part 2 matter and the DCUSA Panel agreed with this classification. 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 PROPOSED LEGAL TEXT

- 3.1 The DCP 239 proposed legal drafting has been reviewed by the DCUSA legal advisors and is provided as Attachment 2.
- 3.2 The legal text amends DCUSA Clause 30.5F.2 such that the date that quarterly reports should be sent is changed from “15 Working Days in advance of the start of each Quarter” to “last working day of the first month of each quarter”.
- 3.3 In addition, the date that the first report should be issued is changed from “the Quarter commencing on 1 April 2015” to “the Quarter commencing 1 July 2015”. The reason for this is so that the change takes effect from the first quarter after the CP is implemented.

4 EVALUATION AGAINST THE DCUSA OBJECTIVES

- 4.1 DCP 239 has been assessed against the DCUSA General Objectives:

- Objective 1² – No Impact
- Objective 2³ – Better Facilitated
- Objective 3⁴ – No Impact
- Objective 4⁵ – Better Facilitated
- Objective 5⁶ – No Impact

- 4.2 The Proposer explained that DCUSA General Objectives Two are Four are better facilitated

² The development, maintenance and operation by each of the DNO Parties and IDNO Parties of an efficient, co-ordinated, and economical Distribution System

³ 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

⁴ The efficient discharge by each of the DNO Parties and IDNO Parties of the obligations imposed upon them by their Distribution Licences.

⁵ The promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of this Agreement and the arrangements under it

⁶ Compliance with the Regulation on Cross-Border Exchange in Electricity and any relevant legally binding decisions of the European Commission and/or the Agency for the Co-operation of Energy Regulators.

by the CP as it will be more efficient for Suppliers to be able to produce a single Smart Meter Installation report that will meet the requirements of both DCUSA and DECC.

5 IMPACT ON GREENHOUSE GAS OMISSIONS

- 5.1 It is not believed that there is any material impact on greenhouse gas emissions from the implementation of this Change Proposal.

6 IMPLEMENTATION

- 6.1 DCP 239 will be implemented on 1 June 2015. The CP has been classed as a Part 2 Matter and therefore does not require Authority consent.

7 PANEL RECOMMENDATION

- 7.1 The DCUSA Panel approved the DCP 239 Change Report at its meeting on 20 May 2015. The timetable for the progression of the CP is set out below:

Activity	Date
Change Report approved by DCUSA Panel	8 May 2015
Change Report issued for voting	11 May 2015
Voting closes	22 May 2015
Change Declaration	27 May 2015
Implementation Date	1 June 2015

- 7.2 Parties are invited to vote on DCP 239 using the voting form provided as Attachment 1. All votes should be submitted by **22 May 2015**.

8 ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment 1 – DCP 239 Voting Form
- Attachment 2 – DCP 239 Proposed Legal Text
- Attachment 3 – DCP 239 Change Proposal