

DCUSA Change Proposal Form

This form is issued in accordance with Clause 10.5 of the DCUSA.

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PART A - MANDATORY FOR ALL CHANGE PROPOSALS

Document Control	
CP Status	Standard / Urgent
CP Number	DGP 210
Date of submission	08/05/2014
Attachments	Suggested legal text
Originator Details	
Company Name	Electricity North West
Originator Name	John Lawton
Category	DG / DNO / IDNO / OTSO / SUPPLIER / OTHER
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Change Proposal Details	
CP Title	The Assessment timetable
Impacted parties	All DCUSA parties
Impacted Clause(s)	11.11, 11.12, new 11.13A, new 11.30, renumbered 11.31, renumbered 11.32
Part 1 / Part 2 Matter	Part 1
Provide your rationale why you consider this change is a Part 1 or Part 2 Matter	Clause 9.4.5 - it concerns the governance or the change control arrangements applying to this Agreement;
Related Change Proposals	None
Change Proposal Intent	
To review the assessment timetable and associated extensions given to each change proposal and determine a more suitable approach	
Business Justification and Market Benefits	
As part of the Panel change process review it was identified that the Panel had to give consent to a number of change proposals where the initial assessment timetable had been reached. This was due to a specific time being allocated by the DCUSA irrespective of the nature of the change proposal. This results in an administrative burden on the Code Administrator and that of the Panel. A more flexible approach based on the complexity, significance and urgency of that proposal (as stated in clause 11.10) will reduce such a burden and ensure that more appropriate timetable is applied to each change proposal.	
Proposed Solution and Draft Legal Text	
See attached legal text document	

Proposed Implementation Date

First release after the Authority decision

Impact on Other Codes

Please tick the relevant boxes and provide any supporting information.

- BSC
- CUSC
- Grid Code
- MRA
- SEC
- Other
- None

If other please specify

Consideration of Wider Industry Impacts

None. This is a DCUSA code administration issue.

Environmental Impact

None

Confidentiality

None

PART B – MANDATORY FOR NON CHARGING METHODOLOGIES CHANGE PROPOSALS

DCUSA Objectives

General Objectives:

Please tick the relevant boxes. [See Guidance Note 9]

- 1 The development, maintenance and operation by the DNO Parties and IDNO Parties of efficient, co-ordinated, and economical Distribution Networks
- 2 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
- 3 The efficient discharge by the DNO Parties and IDNO Parties of obligations imposed upon them in their Distribution Licences

- 4 The promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of this Agreement
- 5 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.

Detailed rationale for better facilitation of the DCUSA Objectives identified above

This change proposal better facilitates general objective 4 by making the DCUSA administration more effective, reducing time to prepare and review documentation for Panel meetings and provides more flexibility to the Panel when managing change.

PART C – MANDATORY FOR CHARGING METHODOLOGIES CHANGE PROPOSALS

DCUSA Charging Objectives

Please tick the relevant boxes. [See Guidance Note 11]

Charging Objectives:

- 1 that compliance by each DNO Party with the Charging Methodologies facilitates the discharge by the DNO Party of the obligations imposed on it under the Act and by its Distribution Licence
- 2 that compliance by each DNO Party with the Charging Methodologies facilitates competition in the generation and supply of electricity and will not restrict, distort, or prevent competition in the transmission or distribution of electricity or in participation in the operation of an Interconnector (as defined in the Distribution Licences)
- 3 that compliance by each DNO Party with the Charging Methodologies results in charges which, so far as is reasonably practicable after taking account of implementation costs, reflect the costs incurred, or reasonably expected to be incurred, by the DNO Party in its Distribution Business
- 4 that, so far as is consistent with Clauses 3.2.1 to 3.2.3, the Charging Methodologies, so far as is reasonably practicable, properly take account of developments in each DNO Party's Distribution Business
- 5 that compliance by each DNO Party with the Charging Methodologies facilitates 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.

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<input type="checkbox"/> 4 The promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of this Agreement <input type="checkbox"/> 5 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.
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<p>[See Guidance Note 10]</p> <p><u>Charging Objectives:</u></p> <p><u>General Objectives:</u></p>
Has this issue been discussed at any other industry forums? If so please specify and provide supporting documentation
This is an outcome from the industry review of the DCUSA change process.

PART D – GUIDANCE NOTES FOR COMPLETING THE FORM

Guidelines for Working Group Members and Working Group Terms of Reference are available on the DCUSA Website and provide more information about the progression of the Change Process. www.dcusa.co.uk

Ref	Data Field	Guidance
1	Attachments	Append any proposed legal text or supporting documentation in order to better support / explain the CP.
2	Part 1 / Part 2 Matter	A CP must be categorised as a Part 1 or Part 2 matter in accordance with Clause 10.4.7 of the DCUSA. All Part 1 matters require Authority Consent.
3	Related Change Proposals	Indicate if the CP is related to or impacts any CP already in the DCUSA or other industry change process.
4	Proposed Solution and Draft Legal Text	<p>Outline the proposed solution for addressing the stated intent of the CP. The Change Proposal Intent will take precedence in the event of any inconsistency. A DCUSA Working Group may develop alternative solutions. The plain English description of the proposed solution should include the changes or additions to existing DCUSA Clauses (including Clause numbers).</p> <p>Insert proposed legal drafting (change marked against any existing DCUSA drafting) which enacts the intent of the solution. The legal text will be reviewed by the Working Group (if convened) and is likely to be subject to legal review as part of its progress through the DCUSA change process.</p>

5	Proposed Implementation Date	<p>The Change can be implemented in February, June, and November of each year or as an extraordinary release. For Charging Methodology CPs, select an implementation date which takes in to consideration the deadlines for publishing indicative tariffs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission of Company indicative tariffs is 31 December of each year. • Final tariffs are published on 1 April of each year. <p>Please select an implementation date that provides sufficient time for the change to be incorporated into the appropriate charging model and the DCUSA in order to be reflected within the December indicative tariffs.</p> <p>Contact the DCUSA helpdesk for any further information on the releases dcusa@electralink.co.uk.</p>
6	Consideration of Wider Industry Impacts	<p>Indicate whether this Change Proposal will be impacted by or have an impact upon wider industry developments. If an impact is identified, explain why the benefit of the Change Proposal may outweigh the potential impact and indicate the likely duration of the Change.</p>
7	Environmental Impact	<p>Indicate whether it is likely that there would be a material impact on greenhouse gas emissions as a result of the proposed variation being made. Please see Ofgem Guidance.</p>
8	Confidentiality	<p>Clearly indicate if any parts of this Change Proposal Form are to remain confidential to DCUSA Panel (and any subsequent DCUSA Working Group) and Ofgem.</p>
9	DCUSA General Objectives	<p>Indicate which of the DCUSA Objectives will be better facilitated by the Change Proposal.</p>
10	Detailed Rationale for DCUSA Objectives	<p>Provide detailed supporting reasons and information (including any initial analysis that supports your views) to demonstrate why the CP will better facilitate each of the DCUSA Objectives identified.</p>
11	DCUSA Charging Objectives	<p>Indicate which of the DCUSA Charging Objectives will be better facilitated by the Change Proposal. Please note that a CDCM or EDCM change may also facilitate the DCUSA General objectives.</p>