

DCUSA Change Proposal Form

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PART A - MANDATORY FOR ALL CHANGE PROPOSALS

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Change Proposal Details	
CP Title	'Unmetered Supplies' – revision to Schedule 22 of the DCUSA (the Common Connection Charging Methodology)
Impacted parties	DNO's
Impacted Clause(s)	Paragraph 1.50 of Schedule 22
Part 1 / Part 2 Matter	Part 1
Related Change Proposals	None
Change Proposal Intent	
To update the existing text to reflect current unmetered market practices as a consequence of the on-going extension of contestable activities within the area of Competition in Connections (CIC).	
Business Justification and Market Benefits	
<p>The COG Connections Sub-Group is tasked with co-ordinating the on-going maintenance of the Common Connection Charging Methodology (CCCM). The 'Unmetered Supplies' section of the CCCM is in need of revision to reflect current practices. This has arisen as a consequence of the evolution of the extent of contestable activities that an Independent Connection Provider (ICP) may undertake under CIC.</p> <p>The following changes have been identified;</p> <p>Scope of contestability</p> <p>Through various discussion and review by the Electricity Connections Steering Group it was agreed that the scope of contestability for live jointing should not be based on the one metre rule but driven by ICP accreditation. Providing the ICP had the appropriate training and assessed competence it should not be restricted from undertaking jointing works. All the DNOs now allow, as business as</p>	

usual, the ICP to undertake jointing to the existing low voltage mains therefore reference to 'single phase' and 'service' should also be removed.

Triangular Arrangements

It has been suggested that the triangular adoption agreement arrangements can be restrictive and over complicated. Some DNOs now utilise a bilateral agreement between themselves and the ICP which has shown to work effectively in the majority of cases. Removing reference to 'triangular' arrangements will provide flexibility for DNO and customer alike when implementing agreements.

The benefit of implementing these changes will be to ensure the CCCM accurately reflects the market position and provides clarity for all participants in the unmetered connections sector, including DNOs, ICPs, developers and local authorities.

Proposed Solution and Draft Legal Text

It is proposed to amend paragraph 1.50 of Schedule 22 as follows:

Unmetered Supplies

1.50 You may elect to appoint an accredited ICP to carry out the Contestable Work for unmetered connections. The ICP will be allowed to carry out live jointing on low voltage, ~~single phase,~~ underground ~~service~~ cables ~~more than one metre from the distributing main~~. Where you use an ICP ~~a triangular~~ arrangements must first be established:

- You will enter into an agreement with the ICP to carry out and complete the Contestable Work;
- We will enter into an Adoption Agreement with you and/or your appointed agent as appropriate;
- We will enter into an enabling agreement with the ICP to allow the ICP to work on the Distribution System (this may be the same document as the Adoption Agreement).

Proposed Implementation Date

June 2014

Impact on Other Codes

Please tick the relevant boxes and provide any supporting information.

BSC	<input type="checkbox"/>
CUSC	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grid Code	<input type="checkbox"/>
MRA	<input type="checkbox"/>
SEC	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
None	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

If other please specify

Consideration of Wider Industry Impacts
None identified by the Proposer
Environmental Impact
None identified by the Proposer
Confidentiality
None identified by the Proposer

PART B – MANDATORY FOR NON CHARGING METHODOLOGIES CHANGE PROPOSALS

DCUSA Objectives
<p><u>General Objectives:</u></p> <p>Please tick the relevant boxes.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1 The development, maintenance and operation by the DNO Parties and IDNO Parties of efficient, co-ordinated, and economical Distribution Networks</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 3 The efficient discharge by the DNO Parties and IDNO Parties of obligations imposed upon them in their Distribution Licences</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 4 The promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of this Agreement</p> <p><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.</p>
Rationale for better facilitation of the DCUSA Objectives identified above
<p>General Objective 2 will be better facilitated through promotion of competition in the distribution of electricity. Implementing the change proposal will ensure that customers are fully aware of the extent of contestable activity available and the removal of specific triangular arrangement should encourage those customers previously deterred from entering into such arrangements to pursue the competitive route.</p>

PART C – MANDATORY FOR CHARGING METHODOLOGIES CHANGE PROPOSALS

DCUSA Charging Objectives

Please tick the relevant boxes.

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.

General Objectives:

- ☐ 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.

Rationale for better facilitation of the DCUSA Objectives identified above

Charging Objectives 1 & 4 will be better facilitated.

Each DNO has an obligation placed upon it by its Distribution Licence to ensure a charging methodology and statement is always available that sets out the basis on which charges will be made for the provision of connections to the DNOs distribution system.

Implementation will ensure that the methodology reflects current business practices.

General Objective 2 will be better facilitated as implementation of the Change Proposal will broaden

the extent of contestable activities that may be undertaken by ICPs.

Has this issue been discussed at any other industry forums? If so please specify and provide supporting documentation

The issue has been discussed by the COG Connections Sub-Group and referred to the Connection Charging Methodology Forum for comment.

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).</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</p>

		<p>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	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.
7	Environmental Impact	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 .
8	Confidentiality	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
9	DCUSA General Objectives	Indicate which of the DCUSA Objectives will be better facilitated by the Change Proposal.
10	Rationale for DCUSA Objectives	Provide 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.
11	DCUSA Charging Objectives	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.