

DCUSA Change Proposal Form

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PART A - MANDATORY FOR ALL CHANGE PROPOSALS

Document Control	
CP Status	Standard
CP Number	DCP 195
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Attachments	
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Change Proposal Details	
CP Title	Service Level Agreement for Resolving Network Operational Issues
Impacted parties	DNO/IDNO/Suppliers
Impacted Clause(s)	Clause 30 and introduction of new schedule
Part 1 / Part 2 Matter	Part 1
Related Change Proposals	
Change Proposal Intent	
<p>The intent of this proposal is to establish a Service Level Agreement between suppliers and networks owners for the resolution of network issues. The Service Level Agreement will specify timescales for resolution of network issues where the asset condition code is identified as either category A or category B.</p>	
Business Justification and Market Benefits	
<p>This proposal has been raised following meetings between the Energy Networks Association (ENA) and Energy UK and further discussions at the Consumer Engagement and Roll-Out Operational Issues Sub-Group. Detailed work has already been carried out by the ENA Smart Meter Operations Group to categorise the network issues that could be identified whilst attending a customer's property and these have been set up within the Data Transfer Catalogue by creating a new J item Asset Condition Code.</p> <p>When Suppliers are attempting to roll-out smart meters (both foundation and enduring) they will identify network issues that could be dangerous and /or could prevent a meter exchange from taking place.</p> <p>The implementation of DTC CP 3336 in November 2012 standardised the methods for reporting network issues and places an obligation on network owners to notify the supplier via the D0126 once the issue is rectified. Agreed network service level agreements for the resolution of network issues</p>	

will build on DTC CP 3336 in that it will:

- Ensure safety related issues resolved in a timely manner
- Ensure network related issues are resolved in a timely manner thereby improving the reliability and efficiency of the network
- Improve the customer experience as the supplier will be able to provide the customer with an expectation of when the issue will be resolved and when they are likely to return to carry out the meter exchange
- Improve supplier business processes as they will have more certainty of when issues will be resolved and will be able to plan future work more efficiently

Proposed Solution and Draft Legal Text

Amendments to Clause 30 Provision of Information and addition of a new Schedule to detail service levels applicable to each Asset Condition Code value.

Clause 30.5 already includes obligations on parties relating to the reporting of dangerous incidents. It is proposed that this clause is expanding to include the following areas:

- Obligation on Suppliers to ensure their agents report category A faults by phone
- Obligation on Suppliers to ensure their agents report category B and C faults by dataflow D 0135
- Obligations on network owners to rectify within timescales stipulated in the new Schedule
- Obligations on network owners to publish service level performance as stipulated in the new schedule
- Obligations on networks owners to report on instances where the supplier has incorrectly categorised a network fault
- Obligations on suppliers to provide forecasts of meter installations to assist network owners with resource planning

Proposed Implementation Date

Supplier installation forecast reporting and network owner reporting on category A and B service level performance to be implemented 6 months following Authority approval

SLAs on network owners to rectify within agreed timescales to be implemented on 1 April 2015

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
None	<input type="checkbox"/>

If other please specify

This change builds on DTC CP 3336

Consideration of Wider Industry Impacts
This proposal has been raised following discussions at the DECC Consumer Engagement and Roll-Out Operational Issues Group. Network service levels will help to ensure the mandated smart meter roll-out is implemented as efficiently as possible and minimise customer inconvenience.
Environmental Impact
None identified
Confidentiality
Nothing identified

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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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>1. The development, maintenance and operation by the DNO Parties and IDNO Parties of efficient, co-ordinated, and economical Distribution Networks.</p> <p>This proposal will ensure that network issues reported to the network companies are rectified within agreed timescales therefore contributing to the efficiency of the network.</p>

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.

This proposal will help suppliers in managing customer expectations with regard to fault resolution. This will assist those suppliers who are carrying out meter exchanges to support specific customer propositions and therefore help to improve competition in the electricity supply market.

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

Licence Condition 21 "The Distribution Code" places obligations on licensees to ensure licensees operate their network in an efficient, co-ordinated and economical manner. The proposed changes will assist network owners in ensuring these obligations are met.

PART C – MANDATORY FOR CHARGING METHODOLOGIES PROPOSALS

DCUSA CDCM Objectives

Please tick the relevant boxes.

CDCM 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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- 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

CDCM Objectives:

General Objectives:

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

This CP has been raised following the Authority rejection of DCP 153. The reason given for rejection of

DCP 153 was as follows:

The threshold for accuracy of supplier forecasting was set at 115%. If suppliers actual meter installs exceeded this threshold then network owners would be released from their obligation to meet the SLA. The Authority believed that this threshold was set too high and it would be inefficient for networks owners to have to have staff and equipment in place to meet an SLA based on this level of forecast accuracy.

The Authority also highlighted in their decision letter that many networks owners did not think they would be able to meet the proposed implementation date of DCP 153. It urged industry to give consideration to the implementation date in any potential future change that may be brought forward to address this issue.

To address these points the proposer has met with both network owners and suppliers via the Energy Networks Association and Energy UK to discuss a proposed way forward. To address the first point above it has been proposed that the obligation to meet the SLA for category A and B issues should be linked to a cap of 2% of forecast meter installations. The 2% figure has been proposed as this is the estimate of category A and B issues that has been included in the RIIO ED1 price control funding mechanism and therefore networks owners will be receiving funding to ensure staff and equipment is in place to rectify category A and B issues on up to 2% of all smart meter installations.

With regard to the proposed implementation date the proposer has suggested that the reporting obligation on both suppliers and network owners is implemented 6 months after authority consent and the implementation date for network owners to meet the SLA is set at April 2015 which is in line with the start of the RIIO ED1 price control.

PART D – GUIDANCE NOTES FOR COMPLETING THE FORM

Data Field	Guidance
Attachments	Append any proposed legal text or supporting documentation in order to better support / explain the CP.
Change Proposal Intent	Outline the issue the CP is seeking to address. Please note that the intent of the CP cannot be altered once submitted.
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
CP Status	A CP may be deemed 'urgent' in accordance with Clause 10.4.8 of the DCUSA. The proposer should give supporting reasons.
DCUSA General Objectives	Indicate which of the DCUSA Objectives will be better facilitated by the Change Proposal.
DCUSA CDCM Objectives	Indicate which of the DCUSA CDCM Objectives will be better facilitated by the Change Proposal. Please note that a CDCM change may also facilitate the DCUSA General objectives.

Draft Legal Text	Insert proposed legal drafting (change marked against any existing DCUSA drafting). The Change Proposal Intent will take precedence in the event of any inconsistency.
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 .
Impact of Wider Industry Change	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.
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.
Proposed Implementation Date	The Change can be implemented in February, June, and November of each year.
Proposed Solution	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.
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.
Related Change Proposals	Indicate if the CP is related to or impacts any CP already in the DCUSA or other industry change process.