



DCUSA CONSULTATION

DCP 176 – Housekeeping Change for Disconnection Definition

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The Distribution Connection and Use of System Agreement (DCUSA) is a multi-party contract between electricity Distributors and electricity Suppliers and large Generators.
- 1.2 Parties to the DCUSA can raise a DCUSA Change Proposal (“DCP”) to amend the Agreement. DCPs should better facilitate the DCUSA General Objectives and/or Charging Objectives of the DCUSA document.
- 1.3 Amendments to DCUSA may only be made with the consent of a majority proportion of Parties to the DCUSA, through a voting process, or (where applicable) the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority.¹
- 1.4 This document is a consultation issued in accordance with Clause 11.14 of the DCUSA and seeks industry views on Change Proposal DCP 176 – Housekeeping Change for Disconnection Definition.
- 1.5 The Consultation has been issued to DCUSA Parties, code administrators associated with the Balancing & Settlement Code and the Master Registration Agreement and Ofgem.
- 1.6 Parties are invited to consider the Change Proposal detailed in this consultation and submit comments using the form attached as Attachment D to dcusa@electralink.co.uk by **22 November 2013**.

2 INTENT OF DCP 176 – HOUSEKEEPING CHANGE FOR DISCONNECTION DEFINITION

- 2.1 DCP 176 has been raised by UKPN and the intent of the CP is to correct the definition of Disconnection so it is the same for section A and section B of the DCUSA (Attachment A). It was highlighted by the Proposer that this issue was introduced by the Green Deal changes.
- 2.2 When DCP 176 was submitted into the DCUSA Change Process, the DCUSA Panel were in agreement that a Working Group should not be convened for this CP since it was initially raised as a housekeeping change and did not require further development or

¹ For more information about GEMA visit the Ofgem website: <http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/TheAuthority>

analysis – apart from the choice of which version of legal text to progress.

- 2.3 The DCUSA Panel issued a consultation to industry parties on 21 August 2013. The consultation received responses from Suppliers and DNOs, and two respondents flagged additional issues that they considered would require additional assessment work. The DCUSA Panel agreed with this assessment and decided to convene a Working Group to further analyse and develop the CP. The first DCP 176 consultation and collated responses are included with this document as Attachment B.

3 DCP 176 – WORKING GROUP CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The Working Group met and reviewed the responses to the previous consultation, and as per the Panel's request, widened the scope of the assessment criteria so that the Working Group would be able to review the definition of 'Disconnect' and how it differs to that of 'De-energise'.
- 3.2 The Working Group has also reviewed the CP against all the DCUSA General Objectives and agrees that the CP will better facilitate the following Objective:
- **DCUSA General Objective 4²** – Better facilitated – The Working Group agrees that DCP 176 will rectify the inconsistency for the definition in respect of Section A and Section B and provide clarity on the use of 'De-energise' instead of 'Disconnect'.

4 PROPOSED LEGAL TEXT

- 4.1 The Working Group reviewed all the related clauses and definitions that could be affected by any change to the definition of 'Disconnect' to ensure consistency. The Working Group then developed and agreed the changes to the impacted definitions, and is seeking Industry opinions on the amendments. The proposed legal drafting is provided as Attachment C.
- 4.2 Following a review of the feedback gained from the consultation, the proposed legal text will be issued to the DCUSA legal representative for a final review before being progressed further.

5 PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE

- 5.1 The proposed implementation date for DCP 176 is the first release following Authority consent.

² The promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of this Agreement

6 CONSULTATION

6.1 Parties are asked to consider the intent and impact of DCP 176 and answer the following consultation questions:

1. Do you feel that DCP 176 better facilitates any of the DCUSA General Objectives?
2. Do you have any comments on the proposed legal drafting of DCP 176?
3. Do you feel that DCP 176 will have any effect on other Industry codes?
4. Are you aware of any wider industry developments that may impact upon or be impacted by this CP? If so, please give details, and comment on whether the benefit of the change may outweigh the potential impact and whether the duration of the change is likely to be limited.
5. Do you agree with the implementation date of DCP 176?
6. Are there any alternative solutions or matters that should be considered by the Working Group?

6.2 The Consultation response form (Attachment D) should be submitted to dcusa@electralink.co.uk no later than **22 November 2013**. Parties are asked to provide as much relevant detail as possible to enable the Working Group to understand the comments and the reasons behind them.

6.3 Responses, or any part thereof, can be provided in confidence. Parties are asked to clearly indicate any parts of a response that are to be treated confidentially.

7 NEXT STEPS

7.1 Following the end of the consultation period the Working Group will review and consider the responses. It will issue a change report setting out the proposed variations to the DCUSA Panel before it is issued to all DCUSA Parties for voting.

7.2 If you have any questions about this paper or the DCUSA Change Process please contact the DCUSA Help Desk by email to dcusa@electralink.co.uk or telephone 020 7432 3014.

8 ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment A – DCP 176 ‘Housekeeping Change for Disconnection Definition’
- Attachment B – DCP 176 Consultation and Collated Responses – August 2013
- Attachment C – DCP 176 Proposed Legal Text
- Attachment D – DCP176 Consultation response Form