



## **DCUSA REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

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### **DCP 161 – Excess Capacity Charges**

## **1 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The Distribution Connection and Use of System Agreement (DCUSA) is a multi-party contract between electricity Distributors, electricity Suppliers and large Generators. Parties to the DCUSA can raise Change Proposals (CPs) to amend the Agreement with the consent of other Parties and (where applicable) the Authority.
- 1.2 A DCUSA Panel Working Group has been established to assess the impact of DCP 161 – 'Excess Capacity Charges'.
- 1.3 The Working Group requests information from DNOs and Suppliers (where appropriate) to assess the impacts and feasibility of DCP 161.
- 1.4 Parties are invited to:
  - a) provide responses using the template attached as Appendix B; and
  - b) In the case of DNOs, either confirm that the data in Appendix C are correct or provide corrected data.
- 1.1 Responses should be submitted by email to [dcusa@electralink.co.uk](mailto:dcusa@electralink.co.uk) by **3 May 2013**.

## **2 INTENT OF DCP 161 – EXCESS CAPACITY CHARGES**

- 2.1 The intent of DCP 161 is to improve the cost reflectivity of the excess capacity charge calculation within the CDCM and EDCM by removing the customer contributions and adding in any additional costs that should be attributed to this charge. Also, to consider applying the excess capacity charge on either a monthly, seasonal or time of day basis.

## **3 REQUIRED INFORMATION TO ASSESS THE IMPACT OF DCP 161**

- 3.1 To enable the Working Group complete their impact assessment of the potential solutions to address the issues of DCP 161 the Working Group requires information from each of the DNOs and Suppliers where they believe they have relevant data.

- 3.2 The Working Group requires data relating to the number of customers who have exceeded their Maximum Import Capacity (MIC) in each regulatory year since April 2010 and the revenue recovered from excess capacity charges in each year. The data is to be provided for each tariff which has a charge for capacity. The total number of customers, total revenue recovered and the number of invoices issued is also requested for comparison purposes. It is anticipated that DNOs will be able to access this data from their billing systems. The spreadsheet template for completion is provided as Appendix B. DNOs need to populate tables 1 to 5. Where a Supplier believes that they have data which would be useful to the working group, they are invited to complete all relevant tables.
- 3.3 The working group also requires information relating to the impact on CDCM excess capacity charges of removing customer contributions. A member of the working group has compiled this information using data from DNOs' published CDCM models; this is attached to this document as Appendix C. Can all DNOs confirm by email that they are happy that the data for their network areas are accurate and can be used by DCUSA for the consultation and change report if required? Where a DNO does not agree with the data for any of their network areas, they are requested to submit corrected data using appendix C.

#### **4 APPENDICES**

- **Appendix A** – DCP 161 'Excess Capacity Charges'
- **Appendix B** – DNO Template.xls
- **Appendix C** – Excess Capacity Charge Data