

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
CP Number	[Assigned by the Panel Secretary]
Date of submission	
Attachments	
Originator Details	
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Change Proposal Details	
CP Title	Amendment to the Status of a CP
Impacted parties	DG / DNO / IDNO / OTSO / SUPPLIER
Impacted Clause(s)	
Part 1 / Part 2 Matter	Part 1
Related Change Proposals	
Change Proposal Intent	
<p>The DCUSA Panel recently conducted a consultation on the DCUSA Change Process. One of the questions consulted upon was whether it should be possible to amend the status of a CP once it has been submitted into the DCUSA Change Process i.e. to or from a Standard or Urgent CP.</p> <p>The majority of respondents were supportive of a proposal to change the status of a CP as long as the proposer and workgroup were in agreement on the new status, and have submitted such a request to the Panel.</p> <p>This change seeks to add a clause to the DCUSA to allow the Panel to approve an amendment to the status of a CP providing both the proposer and the workgroup are supportive of the change.</p>	
Business Justification and Market Benefits	
<p>There have been a number of times where it would have been beneficial to allow an amendment to the status of a CP i.e. the proposer had inadvertently classed the CP as a 'standard' change rather than as an "urgent" change.</p>	

By approving this proposal the DCUSA Change Process will be made more efficient as the alternative to this would be to not update the CP with the correct status. This would have particular impact on those CPs that should have been declared as 'urgent' due to them being date-related to issues that could otherwise have a significant commercial/safety impact on Parties or inadvertently put them in breach of other Relevant Instruments

Proposed Solution and Draft Legal Text

Suggest addition of new sub-clause under Clause 11.

"The Proposer may at any time during the Definition Procedure make a written request to the Panel to amend the status of a Change Proposal. The Panel will assess the request at the next Panel meeting following receipt of the request and will notify the Proposer of its decision as to whether the status may be amended within 5 Working Days after the Panel meeting.

The Panel will approve the request to amend the status only if the following conditions have been satisfied:

1. The Proposer has agreed to the change in the status
2. Any Working Group established by the Panel to carry out the Definition Procedure activities are in agreement that the status should be changed
3. In the opinion of the Panel the changed status still meets the criteria required in the original change

If the Panel agrees to the change in status the Panel will instruct the Secretariat to notify all Parties of the change in status within 5 Working Days after the Panel meeting.

Proposed Implementation Date

The next release following approval.

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

If other please specify

Consideration of Wider Industry Impacts

None.

Environmental Impact

This CP has no environmental impact

Confidentiality

None required.

PART B – MANDATORY FOR NON CHARGING METHODOLOGIES CHANGE PROPOSALS

DCUSA Objectives

General Objectives:

Please tick the relevant boxes.

- 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

This change will better facilitate DCUSA objective 4 as it will enable Working Groups to continue to progress changes where a change to the status is required to meet the relevant time/commercial restraints.

PART C – MANDATORY FOR CHARGING METHODOLOGIES 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.

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Charging Objectives:

General Objectives:

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

No

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 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.
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.