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<b>Meeting Name</b>	DCUSA Panel
<b>Meeting Date</b>	21 November 2012
<b>Paper Title</b>	Initial Assessment Report: DCP 156
<b>Purpose of Paper</b>	For Decision
<b>Synopsis</b>	This paper presents a Change Proposal that has been submitted to the DCUSA Secretariat and requests agreement from the Panel on its progression.

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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 This paper refers DCUSA Change Proposal 156 to the DCUSA Panel for agreement on its progression.
- 1.2 The Change Proposal (CP) has been assessed by the Secretariat in accordance with Section 10.11 of the DCUSA. The CP has met the requirements set out in the DCUSA, and ElectraLink has prepared a recommendation for consideration by the Panel.

## 2. DCP 156 – UPDATE TO THE DEROGATION CLAUSE

- 2.1. DCP 156 'Update to Derogation Clause' has been raised by UK Power Networks and seeks to update the derogation Clause to specify the Panel will normally consider derogation applications for new or altered obligations and not after a realization of an ongoing non-compliance.

## 3. PROGRESSION OF DCP 156

- 3.1. The CP has been classified as a Part 2 matter in accordance with Clause 9.6 as it does not impact any clauses that have been classified as Part 1 matters.
- 3.2. The Secretariat recommends that DCP 156 goes to the Report Phase and that a Working Group not be established.
- 3.3. The proposed timetable for the progression of the proposal is outlined below.

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Target Date</b>
Initial Assessment Report	21 November 2012
Change Report Agreed	19 December 2012
Party Voting Ends	11 January 2013

Change Declaration Issued	15 January 2013
Implementation	Next DCUSA Release following Approval

#### **4. Recommendations**

4.1. The DCUSA Panel is asked to:

- Accept the referral of DCP 156;
- Agree that the CP should be treated as a standard change;
- Agree that the CP should be treated as a Part 2 matter;
- Agree that the CP should be progressed to the Report Phase; and
- Agree the progression of the CP in accordance with the timescales set out in section 3.3.

#### **Appendices**

- Appendix A – DCP 156 'Update to derogation clause'