# **APPENDIX A - RESPONSE FORM**

# To respond to the DCP 133 consultation, please complete the form below and email it to [**DCUSA@electralink.co.uk**](mailto:dcusa@electralink.co.uk) or alternatively use the online response form which is available at: [**https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DCP133**](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DCP133)

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| **Q1. Do you understand the intent of the CP?** **“*The intent of CP is to introduce a common 500MW network model spreadsheet, which will be referred to as the Hypothetical Incremental Distribution Asset Model (HIDAM), under DCUSA governance which would be used across all DNOs*.”** |
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| **Q2. Are you supportive of the principles established by this proposal?** |
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| **Q3. Do you agree that the model should be called the ‘The Hypothetical Incremental Distribution Asset Model’ or would your preference be for it to be called ‘The Common 500MW Network Model’?** |
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| **Q4. Do you agree that both the HIDAM model and the methodology should be incorporated into DCUSA? (An alternative is that the methodology (Annex A in the legal text) is not incorporated into DCUSA but rather kept outside of DCUSA governance).** |
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| **Q5. Should the methodology be incorporated in the DCUSA as an annex to schedule 16 or as a separate schedule?** |
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| **Q6. For the purposes of the HIDAM model it is assumed that if a circuit is feeding generation as well as demand then it was likely that, that circuit was there before the generator, feeding load only, and based on this assumption it is reasonable that the circuit should be included when calculating circuit lengths. Do you agree that this is a reasonable assumption?** |
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| **Q7. Do you have any views on how the methodology could be improved to better accommodate embedded generation. If yes, please provide details.** |
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| **Q8. Where there is a difference in DNO design policy which could result in differences in the values entered into the HIDAM by DNOs for similar assets, should the input value for the asset be fixed by the Working Group? For example, it could be specified what forced cooling rating to enter into the model. This would improve consistency across DNOs and make the input values more predictable; however, the differences in cost incurred due to different DNO design policies would not be reflected in the HIDAM output.** |
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| **Q9. Do you agree that the existing spread of HV/LV transformers relative to transformers added to the network in the last five years should be fixed at 50/50? This would improve consistency across DNOs and make the input values more predictable; however, the input values may be less representative of DNOs forward looking expectations than the otherwise might be the case.** |
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| **Q10. Do you agree that proportions for other inputs (for example, the proportion of overhead cables to underground cables) should not be locked down to the existing percentages by the Working Group and that DNOs should provide a comment against the inputs in the model justifying the adjustment value chosen? If you believe they should be locked down please provide details of what value they should be locked down to.** |
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| **Q11. Do you agree with the approach taken in the methodology to meet the minimum specification for p2/6 compliance and the way of capturing costs to meet average UK performance for customer interruptions per fault?** |
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| **Q12. What are your views on allowing DNOs to add additional costs to meet their own current design standards?** |
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| **Q13. The HIDAM model calculates more accurate power factors than currently used in the CDCM model. Do you believe that these more accurate power factors should be used in the CDCM?** |
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| **Q14. Do you agree that updating the CDCM to include the HIDAM calculated power factors, rather than the assumed 0.95 power factor, is outside within the scope of DCP 133?** |
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| **Q15. Do you believe that the diversity allowances calculated in the HIDAM should be used in the CDCM, as opposed to the current situation where diversity allowances are calculated outside the CDCM and are also a “smoothed” 3 year average (as per implemented DCUSA change proposal DCP087 - ‘Smoothing Load Characteristics and Peaking’).** |
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| **Q16. Do you agree that updating the CDCM to include the HIDAM calculated diversity factors is outside the scope of DCP 133?** |
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| **Q17. The Working Group has not included indirect costs in the HIDAM model do you agree with this position?** |
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| **Q18. Do you agree with the assumptions and methodology as set out in the legal text (Appendix D)? If no, please provide alternative proposals?** |
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| **Q19. Do you agree that the methodology should be incorporated into the DCUSA, as opposed to being maintained outside the DCUSA with only the model itself under DCUSA governance?** |
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| **Q20. Should the methodology be incorporated into DCUSA as an annex to Schedule 16 or should it be added as a new schedule?** |
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| **Q21. Do you have any other comments on the legal text?** |
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| **Q22. Are there any alternative solutions or matters that should be considered?** |
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| **Q23. Are there any unintended consequences of this proposal? If yes, please provide details.** |
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| **Q24. Do you consider that the proposal better facilitates the DCUSA objectives?** |
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| **Q25. Are you supportive of the proposed implementation date of the next DCUSA release following Authority consent?** |
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| **Q26. Please state any other comments or views on the Change Proposal.** |
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Please complete this form and return to [dcusa@electralink.co.uk](mailto:dcusa@electralink.co.uk) no later than Friday, 7 March 2014.

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