



## DCUSA Request for Information

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**DCP 128** - Bringing the EDCM Price Control Disaggregation  
(Extended Method M) under the DCUSA Open Governance  
Framework

## **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 Change Proposal DCP 128 - Bringing the EDCM Price Control Disaggregation (Extended Method M) under the DCUSA Open Governance Framework.
- 1.3 The Working Group requests additional information from DNO Parties to further assess the impacts and feasibility of DCP 128. This will assist with further facilitating the progression of this Change Proposal.
- 1.4 Parties are invited to provide their responses via email to [dcusa@electralink.co.uk](mailto:dcusa@electralink.co.uk) by **Monday, 29 October 2012.**

## **2 DCP 128 - BRINGING THE EDCM PRICE CONTROL DISAGGREGATION (EXTENDED METHOD M) UNDER THE DCUSA OPEN GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK**

- 2.1 DCP 128 was raised as a result of discussions and work completed by the DCMF Methodologies Issues Group (MIG). Discount factors used to determine tariffs to LDNOs where their networks connect to DNOs at EDCM network tiers are calculated using the Price Control Disaggregation Model Excel workbook (also colloquially described as the Extended Method M).
- 2.2 The intent of this change proposal is, for each LDNO with a distribution services area, to bring the Extended Method M Excel work book under the governance framework of DCUSA.

## **3 REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

- 3.1 The Working Group has previously requested from all DNOs blank versions of the Extended Method M Workbooks which they currently use within their respective companies. The Working Group received all the workbooks and concluded that a common version should be developed and used by all DNOs before it is placed into the open governance of the DCUSA. The Working Group have developed this workbook and

have also performed tests that that this single version of the workbook captures all the information required to produce the same results as the current versions in existence.

- 3.2 In order to validate these results, and to also examine if there are any unforeseen differences within the working version of the Extended Method M, the Working Group has requested that DNOs test the new version of the Extended Method M and confirm that the results produced are the same as those from their existing version.
- 3.3 If there are any differences or errors that are found, the DNOs are asked to highlight those areas in which the errors occur and also explain, if possible, the differences using the Appendix C - Response Form.
- 3.4 The Working Group realises that the information contained within these workbooks can potentially be considered confidential; and does not request for the completed versions to be sent back with your response. The Working Group is only requesting that the testing be conducted and the results shared back via email so that the CP can be progressed.

#### **4 RESPONDING TO THIS RFI**

- 4.1 Responses should be submitted via email to [DCUSA@electralink.co.uk](mailto:DCUSA@electralink.co.uk) no later than **Monday, 29 October 2012**.
- 4.2 Responses, or any part thereof, can be provided in confidence. Parties are asked to clearly indicate which parts of the response are to be treated confidentially.

#### **5 APPENDICES**

- Appendix A – DCP 128 - Bringing the EDCM Price Control Disaggregation (Extended Method M) under the DCUSA Open Governance Framework
- Appendix B – Extended Method M Workbook
- Appendix C – Response Form