



DCUSA Request for Information

DCP 103 - DUoS CHARGES FOR SUB 100kW
HH SETTLED SITES

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 DCP103 entitled the DUoS Charges for sub 100kW HH settled sites.
- 1.1 The Working Group requests additional information from Parties to further assess the impacts and feasibility of DCP 103. This will build upon the information already gathered in the first RFI issued to DCUSA Parties on 16 August 2011 and will assist with further facilitating the progression of this Change Proposal.
- 1.2 This purpose of this document is to:
- Request the data from DCUSA parties; and
 - Give Parties the opportunity to provide opinions on the scenarios listed below, as well as, the option selected by the Working Group to meet the intent of DCP 103.
- 1.3 Parties are invited to provide their responses using the forms attached as Appendix A to dcusa@electralink.co.uk by 7 October 2011.

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- 2.1 The intent of this proposal is to provide a mechanism whereby distribution businesses are able to charge the same Use of System charges for customers currently on profile classes 1 – 8 whose suppliers choose to transfer to measurement class E as those customers on Profile classes 1 – 8 and settled under measurement class A.
- 2.2 Suppliers are starting to install HH capable metering into sites that are currently settled in the NHH market on profile classes 1-8. To maximise the

benefits of Time of Use tariffs Suppliers need to be able to ensure that changes in customer's consumption patterns are reflected through the electricity settlement arrangements.

- 2.3 The most efficient way to reflect these behaviour changes through settlement is to transfer the customer to the HH elective settlement regime (measurement class E).
- 2.4 Under the current DUoS charging arrangements, Distributors would charge any sites settlement through measurement class E as if they were over 100kW sites. The charges that would be levied would therefore not be appropriate for customers currently on profile classes 1 – 8 who Suppliers then choose to transfer to measurement class E.

3 SUMMARY OF RESPONSES TO FIRST RFI

- 3.1 The first RFI set out the following 5 options for Parties to consider in order to fulfil the intent of DCP 103:
 - Option 0 – Move all 'smart' metered customers to Measurement Class E - elective Half Hourly (HH),
 - Option 1 - Create new tariffs and bill on a site specific basis,
 - Option 2 - Create new tariffs and bill on aggregated site basis but from the HH site specific billing system,
 - Option 3 – Measurement Class E used but processed via NHH Supercustomer, and
 - Option 4 – Create a new Measurement Class and process via NHH Supercustomer.
- 3.2 The Working Group reviewed the responses and feel that Option 4 provides the best enduring solution to this problem. However, that option is not able to be delivered by April 2012 so will not meet the intent of the CP. Therefore, Option 1 was chosen as the best option to fulfil the intent of DCP 103. The details of Option 1 are detailed in Appendix B.

4 REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

4.1 The Working Group has requested data to analyse the option chosen in order to meet the intent of DCP 103, as well as scenarios listed in regard to its implementation.

4.2 Parties are asked to consider and comment on the option which the working group has chosen as the way forward, this is attached as Appendix B.

4.3 Points which should be included within your comments are:

- Do you agree with the Working Group's assessment that Option 1 fulfils the intent of DCP 103? Please provide supporting comments.
- For DNOs:
 - What's the capacity and utilisation within your current systems to support the changes that are proposed?
 - What is possible by 1 April 2012?
 - What is the total capacity of HH settled MPANs that you are able to accommodate?
 - How many HH settled MPANs do you currently accommodate?
 - How many PC5-8 MPANs do you have that are presently settled NHH? Provide supporting commentary as appropriate.
- For Suppliers (Optional):
 - How many Profile Class 5 to 8 customers do you think you would be likely to wish to migrate in 2012/13?
 - How many Profile Class 1 to 4 do you think you would be likely to wish to migrate in 2012/13?
- Are there any FTE constraints that will be involved in implementing these changes?

- It is proposal by the Working Group to place a limit/threshold on the amount of users that switch over during this time. Please provide comments on each of the following:
 - 1) First come first served
 - 2) Allocation by supplier possibly based on market share distributor/national market share
 - 3) Based by supplier on a use it or lose it basis within a defined timeband
 - Please state any other comments you may have on the issues presented within this document.
- 4.4 Responses should be submitted using Appendix C to DCUSA@electralink.co.uk no later than **7 October 2011**.
- 4.5 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 103 DUoS Charges for sub 100kW HH settled sites
- Appendix B – Detail of Option chosen by Working Group
- Appendix C – Response Form