
Meeting Name	DCUSA Panel
Meeting Date	16 February 2011
Paper Title	Initial Assessment Report: DCP 082
Purpose of Paper	For Decision
Synopsis	This paper presents a Change Proposal that has been submitted to the DCUSA Secretariat and requests agreement on its progression.

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This paper refers a DCUSA Change Proposal (DCP) 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 082 – CONSIDERATION OF WIDER INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENTS AND DURATION OF PROPOSED CHANGES WHEN AGREEING PROGRESSION TIMETABLES

- 2.1 DCP 082 has been raised by Npower Limited. The CP seeks to ensure that any Change Proposals developed under the DCUSA are considered in the light of longer-term developments in the industry. The CP will place a requirement on the Panel to consider whether proposed changes to the DCUSA are short-term when taking into account wider industry developments, such as the development of the Smart Metering, Arrangements and will give the Panel the power to defer the implementation of any changes where this is considered appropriate.
- 2.2 During 2011 and 2012, the industry will develop a Smart Energy Code (SEC) that may incorporate elements of the existing codes and agreements. The industry will have to manage the existing baseline and develop the new SEC. This may lead to situations where parties may have to make short term changes under the DCUSA, only to have to change them again to incorporate provisions for the SEC a short while later. To ensure that this transitional period is managed in a stable manner, Npower considers it would be beneficial to require the DCUSA Panel to take account of the likely duration of a proposed change to industry and/or party systems and processes and to defer or extend the implementation timetable accordingly.
- 2.3 The proposer considers that the Change Proposal will better facilitate the General DCUSA Objectives 3.2.2¹ and 3.2.4².

3 PROGRESSION OF DCP 082

- 3.1 This CP is classified as a Part 1 matter in accordance Clause 9.5.1 of the Agreement as it seeks to modify Section 1C – Change Control.
- 3.2 It is recommended that the CP is progressed via the Definition Phase to allow Parties to consult on the proposed changes. It is anticipated that parallel modifications will be raised under other industry codes and it may be possible to co-ordinate the development of these proposals.
- 3.3 A proposed timetable for the progression of the proposal is outlined below.

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¹ 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

² The promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of this Agreement

Definition Phase	~60WD
Change Report Agreed	18 May 2011
Party Voting	19 May – 02 June 2011
Implementation	As soon as reasonably practical following Authority consent

4 RECOMMENDATIONS

The DCUSA Panel is invited to:

- Consider whether to accept the referral of DCP 082;
- Agree that the CP should be treated as a standard change;
- Agree that the CP should be treated as a Part 1 matter;
- Agree that the CP should be progressed via the Definition Phase; and
- Agree the progression of the CP in accordance with the timetable set out in Section 3.3.

5 APPENDICES

- A – DCP 082 Change Proposal
- B – DCP 082 Proposed legal text