

**DCP 072 – Legal Drafting**

**Environmental Assessment of CPs**

**Amendments to Clause 10.4**

10.4 A Change Proposal must contain the following information:

- 10.4.1 the name of the Proposer;
- 10.4.2 the name and contact details of an employee or representative of the Proposer who will act as a principal point of contact in relation to the proposal;
- 10.4.3 the date on which the proposal is submitted;
- 10.4.4 a description in sufficient detail of the nature of the proposed variation to the Agreement and of its intended purpose and effect;
- 10.4.5 a statement of the reasons why the Proposer believes that this Agreement would, if the proposed variation were made, better facilitate the achievement of the DCUSA Objectives than if that variation were not made;
- 10.4.5A a statement of whether the Proposer believes that there would be a material impact on greenhouse gas emissions as a result of the proposed variation being made;
- 10.4.6 a statement as to which parts of the Agreement the Proposer considers would require to be changed in order to give effect to the proposed variation or as a consequence of that variation;
- 10.4.7 where the proposed variation would entail the incorporation of wholly new provisions into this Agreement, a statement of whether, in the opinion of the Proposer, those provisions are Part 1 Matters;

- 10.4.8 a statement of whether the Proposer considers, in the light of the criteria set out in Clause 10.7, that the Change Proposal should be treated as urgent and, if so, its reasons for so considering; and
- 10.4.9 the date from which the Proposer recommends that the proposed variation should have effect.

**Amendments to Clause 11.14**

11.14 The Panel may establish, in respect of a Change Proposal, a Working Group for the purpose of undertaking the activities (the **Definition Procedure**) of:

- 11.14.1 consulting with the Parties, and (where appropriate) with any interested third parties, on the proposal, which third parties shall include, in respect of proposals to vary one or more of the Charging Methodologies, any person whose interests the Working Group identifies as being materially affected by a Charging Methodology (which consultation shall, where appropriate, be by way of consultation with bodies who represent the interests of such third parties);
- 11.14.2 considering and clarifying the likely effects of the proposed variation to the Agreement, and indicating which Party Categories it considers will be affected by the proposed variation;
- 11.14.3 evaluating, developing and refining the proposed variation to the Agreement (and, in undertaking such evaluation in respect of a Change Proposal to vary one or more of the Charging Methodologies, the Working Group shall have regard to the ability of the Authority to veto any Change Proposal that appears to the Authority to have as its purpose or effect the full or substantial substitution of one Charging Methodology for another);
- 11.14.4 evaluating the likely impact of the proposed date for implementation of the variation, and where it considers appropriate amending this date (and, in undertaking such evaluation in respect of a Change

Proposal to vary one or more of the Charging Methodologies, the Working Group shall have regard to the obligations of DNO Parties under this Agreement, and under their Distribution Licences, regarding the frequency of changes to Use of System Charges, and regarding the notice to be given in advance of such changes); ~~and~~

11.14.5 considering whether, if the proposed variation were made, the Agreement would better facilitate the achievement of the DCUSA Objectives than if that variation were not made; and

11.14.6 considering whether there would be a material impact on greenhouse gas emissions as a result of the proposed variation being made, and (if so) assessing such impact (which assessment shall be conducted in accordance with any guidance on the treatment of carbon costs and evaluation of greenhouse gas emissions issued by the Authority from time to time).

#### **Amendments to Clause 11.20**

11.20 The Change Report shall:

- 11.20.1 be addressed and delivered to the Panel;
- 11.20.2 specify which Party Categories should (in the opinion of the Secretariat or, where the proposal was subject to the Definition Procedure, the Working Group) be eligible to vote on the Change Proposal;
- 11.20.3 set out the proposed variation to the Agreement;
- 11.20.4 specify the likely effects of the proposed variation were they to be implemented;
- 11.20.5 state the proposed date for implementation; and
- 11.20.6 in any case in which the proposal was subject to the Definition Procedure prior to the Report Phase, provide a summary of:

- (A) the views of the Working Group as to whether, if the proposed variation were made, the Agreement would better facilitate the achievement of the DCUSA Objectives than if that variation were not made;
- (B) any responses received to the consultation process conducted by the Working Group under the Definition Procedure and not marked as confidential, together with a statement of the location on the Website at which such responses can be found;  
~~and~~
- (C) why the Working Group considers that the proposed variation better facilitates the achievement of the DCUSA Objectives than any alternative variation put forward in accordance with Clause 11.18 or by a respondent to the consultation: ~~and~~
- (D) whether the Working Group considers that there would be a material impact on greenhouse gas emissions as a result of the proposed variation (or any of the alternative variations referred to in Clause 11.20.6(C)) being made, and (if so) the Working Group's assessment of such impact (in accordance with any guidance on the treatment of carbon costs and evaluation of greenhouse gas emissions issued by the Authority from time to time).