
Meeting Name	DCUSA Panel
Meeting Date	Ex-Committee by Email
Paper Title	Initial Assessment Report: DCP 072 (URGENT)
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 072 (URGENT) – ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF CPs

- 2.1 DCP 072 has been raised by EDF Energy Networks on behalf of the Panel to reflect the Distribution Licence changes as a consequence of Ofgem's Code Governance Review.
- 2.2 The Distribution Licence will be amended with effect from 31 December 2010 to include a new 9(A) as follows (Para 6 shown for context):

6. The procedures contained in the DCUSA for the making of amendments to the DCUSA must have as their objective the achievement of the matters set out in the following provisions of this Part C.....

(9A) They must ensure that the evaluation required under paragraph 9 in respect of the Applicable DCUSA Objective(s) includes, where the impact is likely to be material, an assessment of the impact of the proposed amendment on greenhouse gas emissions, to be conducted in accordance with any such guidance (on the treatment of carbon costs and evaluation of the impact on greenhouse gas emissions) as may be issued by the Authority from time to time.

- 2.3 The procedures within the DCUSA must be amended to reflect this new requirement. For completeness it is recommended that the Working Group Terms of Reference and Change Process Guideline also be updated, subject to the approval of this CP.
- 2.4 It is considered that the Change Proposal will better facilitate DCUSA Objective 3.1.31 as it will ensure that the DCUSA change process reflects the requirements set out in the Distribution Licence.

3 PROGRESSION OF DCP 072

- 3.1 The CP has been categorised as 'urgent' in accordance with Clause 10.7.3 as it is linked to an imminent date related event – the implementation of changes to the Distribution Licence on 31 December 2010.
- 3.2 This CP is deemed to be a Part 1 matter in accordance with Clause 9.5.1 as the change seeks to amend Part 1C, Clause 10 of the Agreement.
- 3.3 It is recommended that the CP goes directly to the Report Phase in accordance with Clause 11.6.2 as the CP is unlikely to be the subject of significant controversy between parties.
- 3.4 It is recommended that an extraordinary release date is agreed to implement the CP in line with Licence changes. The proposed implementation date is 31 December 2010 if an Authority decision is received on or before 10 December 2010; or 15 Working Days following an Authority decision if such decision is received after 10 December 2010.
- 3.5 A proposed timetable for the progression of the proposal is outlined below:

Activity	Latest Date
Initial Assessment Report agreed	23 August – 31 August 2010
Legal Review	01 September – 08 September 2010
Change Report Agreed	15 September 2010
Party Voting	20 September – 04 October 2010
Change Declaration	05 October 2010
Authority Determination	06 October – 10 November 2010
Implementation	31 December 2010 ²

4 RECOMMENDATIONS

The DCUSA Panel is invited to:

- Consider whether to accept the referral of DCP 072;
- Agree that the CP should be treated as an urgent change;
- Agree that the CP should be treated as a Part 1 matter;
- Agree that the CP should be progressed via the Report Phase; and
- Agree the progression of the CP in accordance with the timetable set out in Section 3.4.

¹ The efficient discharge by the DNO Parties and IDNO Parties of obligations imposed upon them in their Distribution Licences

² 31 December 2010 if an Authority decision is received on or before 10 December 2010, or 15 Working Days following an Authority decision if such decision is received after 10 December 2010.

5 APPENDICES

- A – DCP 072 Change Proposal