
Meeting Name	DCUSA Panel
Meeting Date	Ex-Committee by Email: 22 - 31 December 2009
Paper Title	Initial Assessment Report: DCP 059 – Implementation of CDCM
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 059 – IMPLEMENTATION OF CDCM

- 2.1 DCP 059 has been raised by EDF Energy Networks. The CP seeks to introduce the Common Distribution Charging Methodologies (CDCM) text into a new Schedule (16) of the DCUSA. The governance processes for the CDCM will be implemented in the DCUSA on 01 January 2010 in accordance with DCP 046B.
- 2.2 The CDCM text has been developed by the Charging Methodologies Group (CMG) and approved by Ofgem. The text developed by CMG has been amended by the Proposer of DCP 059 to align it with the DCUSA. DCP 059 will incorporate this revised text, attached as Appendix B, into Schedule 16 of the Agreement. All amendments to the CMG developed text are shown as tracked changes. In the main the amendments seek to reflect the DCUSA defined terms and correct minor typographical errors.
- 2.3 The Proposer considers that the Change Proposal will better facilitate DCUSA Objective 3¹ as it will facilitate the implementation of the CDCM within the DCUSA which is a License requirement on Distributors. DCP 059 represents the second step in a two step process to complete that work, following the approval of DCP 046 – CDCM Governance.

3 PROGRESSION OF DCP 059

- 3.1 This change is deemed to be an Urgent Change Proposal as it impacts an imminent date related event. It is recommended that the CP be progressed via the Definition Phase so that the proposed DCUSA drafting can be considered by Parties (via the CMG) and Ofgem.
- 3.2 Schedule 16 will be designated a Part 1 matter in accordance with Clause 9.5.5 of the DCUSA from 01 January 2010². It is therefore recommended that DCP 059 be progressed as a Part 1 matter and the CP will require Authority consent.
- 3.3 A proposed timetable for the progression of the proposal is outlined below:

Activity	Latest Date
Panel Ex-Committee – IA agreed	31 December 2009
Panel Meeting - Change Report Agreed	20 January 2010
Party Voting	25 January – 08 February 2010
Change Declaration	10 February 2010
Authority Determination	17 March 2010

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

² Implementation of DCP 046B

Implementation

01 April 2010

4 RECOMMENDATIONS

The DCUSA Panel is invited to:

- Consider whether to accept the referral of DCP 059;
- 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 Definition Phase; and
- Agree the progression of the CP in accordance with the timetable set out in Section 3.3.

5 APPENDICES

- A – DCP 059 Change Proposal
- B – DCP 059 Proposed DCUSA Text