

DCUSA CONSULTATION DOCUMENT	
CHANGE PROPOSAL	DCP 051 - Confirmation of Delivery of Use of System Invoicing
DATE OF ISSUE	23 November 2009
ISSUED TO	DCUSA Contract Managers
RETURN DEADLINE	07 December 2009

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The Distribution Connection and Use of System Agreement (DCUSA) is a multi-party contract between electricity Distributors and 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 This document is a consultation issued in accordance with Clause 11.14 of the DCUSA and seeks industry views on Change Proposal DCP 051. Parties are invited to consider the questions asked by the Working Group set out in Section 5 below and submit comments using the form attached as **Appendix B** to dcusa@electralink.co.uk by 07 December 2009.

2 DCP 051 - CONFIRMATION OF DELIVERY OF USE OF SYSTEM INVOICING

- 2.1 DCP 051 has been raised by E.ON UK and seeks to mandate that Distributors issue an electronic notification to Suppliers for every non electronic (paper) Use of System invoice that they issue. The intention is to allow Suppliers to reconcile invoices received outside of an electronic process with pre-transmitted confirmation from Distributors. It is considered that this will address issues around late and missing payments, and consequential events such as disputes and suspended registrations due to omission of invoices or failure of delivery.

3 DCP 051 – WORKING GROUP CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The DCP 051 Working Group was established by the DCUSA Panel to assess and develop the proposal and has met on one occasion to date. Minutes and papers for the DCP 051 Working Group meetings are available on the [DCUSA website](#).
- 3.2 The Working Group is supportive of the intent of the proposal and has recommended that the DCUSA be amended to require Distributors to send an electronic notice to Suppliers when a non electric invoice is issued. The Working Group recommended the legal text attached as Appendix A be included within the DCUSA.
- 3.3 The Working Group agreed that as part of the implementation of the CP DCUSA Contract Managers will be asked to provide appropriate contact information for

sending such notices. Following implementation it will be the responsibility of each Supplier to maintain the data.

4 IMPLEMENTATION

4.1 The proposed implementation date for the CP is the February 2010 Release.

5 CONSULTATION

5.1 In accordance with the DCUSA any CP progressed through the Definition Process may be issued as part of a consultation exercise. Parties are asked to consider the following consultation questions attached. Responses should be submitted using Appendix B to dcusa@electralink.co.uk no later than 07 December 2009:

- Do you understand the intent of the CP and are you supportive of its principles?
- Do you consider that the proposal better facilitates the DCUSA objectives? Please provide supporting comments
- Do you have any comments on the proposed legal text?
- Are there any alternative solutions or matters that should be considered by the Working Group?
- Are you supportive of the proposed implementation date of 25 February 2010?
- Please state any other comments or views on the Change Proposal.

- 5.2 Parties are asked to provide as much relevant detail as possible to enable the Working Group to understand the comments and the reasons behind them.
- 5.3 Responses, or any part thereof, can be provided in confidence. Parties are asked to clearly indicate any parts of a response that are to be treated confidentially.

6 NEXT STEPS

- 6.1 Following the end of the consultation period the Working Group will meet to consider the responses. The Working Group will liaise with the DCUSA Legal Advisors to ensure that any proposed changes to the text are robust and in keeping with the current DCUSA drafting.
- 6.2 The DCP 051 Working Group will submit its final report setting out the proposed variations to the DCUSA to the DCUSA Panel on 16 December 2009 before the CP is issued to all Parties for voting.
- 6.3 If you have any questions about this paper or the DCUSA Change Process please contact the DCUSA Help Desk by email to dcusa@electralink.co.uk or telephone 020 7432 3011.

APPENDICES

- Appendix A – Proposed legal text
- Appendix B – Consultation response form