

DCUSA CHANGE REPORT	
<b>CHANGE PROPOSAL</b>	DCP 042 – De-registration following Disconnection
<b>DATE OF ISSUE</b>	05 May 2009
<b>ISSUED TO</b>	DCUSA Contract Managers
<b>PARTIES ENTITLED TO VOTE</b>	All Parties
<b>RETURN DEADLINE (Voting End Date)</b>	19 May 2009 – <a href="mailto:DCUSA@electralink.co.uk">DCUSA@electralink.co.uk</a>

## 1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 This document is issued in accordance with Clause 11.20 of the DCUSA. The Change Report details DCP 042 – De-registration following Disconnection. The voting process for the proposed variation and the timetable of the progression of the CP through the DCUSA Change Control Process is set out in this document.
- 1.2 Parties are invited to consider the proposed amendment attached as Appendix A and submit votes using the form attached as Appendix B to [dcusa@electralink.co.uk](mailto:dcusa@electralink.co.uk) by 19 May 2009.

## 2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Panel considered DCP 042 at its meeting on 18 March 2009. The Panel recommended that the CP should be entered into the Definition Phase and that a Working Group be established to assess and develop the CP.

## 3 DCP 042 – DE-REGISTRATION FOLLOWING DISCONNECTION

- 3.1 Clause 25 of the DCUSA sets out the Disconnection Procedure. Clause 25.20 requires Distributors to de-register MPANs 5 days after being asked to disconnect the property. In practice work for physical disconnections takes time to plan and implement and is likely to exceed 5 days. If the MPAN is de-registered within 5 days but physical works take longer there is a risk of consumption on site without a valid MPAN. The intent of the CP is to amend Clause 25.20 of the DCUSA to accurately reflect the existing industry practice.
- 3.2 The DCUSA also states that the Distributor will instruct the CRA to de-register the Metering Point / System. However the process under BSCP 515 mandates that the Distributor notifies the Registrant (User) who notifies the CRA. DCP 042 seeks to align the DCUSA drafting with the BSC.
- 3.3 DCP 042 seeks to align the DCUSA with existing industry process rather than introduce new obligations /timescales.

#### **4 DCP 042 – WORKING GROUP CONSIDERATIONS**

- 4.1 The Working Group is supportive of the intent of the CP and agreed that it is pragmatic to update the existing clause to reflect existing industry practices. Members agreed that the DCUSA should be aligned with the BSC requirements to ensure that a robust process is put in place. The Working Group agreed that by aligning the DCUSA with the BSC it was not introducing a new obligation or impacting existing arrangements.
- 4.2 The Working Group considered comments raised by SP Distribution which asked members to consider the related De-energisation points under 25.8 - 25.12 and Re-energisation under 25.13 - 25.14 as well as disconnection. The Working Group considered that Energisation was outside the scope of the CP which is limited to the Disconnection process.
- 4.3 SP Distribution also suggested that use of the term "de-registered" be re-considered. The Working Group reviewed the MRA and noted that de-registered is used in relation to Disconnection as a defined term in (i.e. capitalised) but is not defined in the Agreement. Members agreed to use the term in the DCUSA but not to define in pending discussions under the MRA.
- 4.4 The Working Group considered comments submitted by ELEXON which recommended that the DCUSA process be brought in line with the BSC process if possible. Members agreed that these comments were addressed by the proposed drafting.

#### **5 EVALUATION AGAINST THE DCUSA OBJECTIVES**

- 5.1 The Working Group agreed with the view of the proposer that Objectives 1 and 2 were impacted by the CP.
- 5.2 The Working Group agreed that the Change Proposal will better facilitate DCUSA Objective 1<sup>1</sup> by ensuring that live MPANs remain registered thus giving Distributors knowledge of all connections to their systems and allowing them to maintain and operate the system efficiently.
- 5.3 Some members of the Working Group further agreed that the Change Proposal will better facilitate DCUSA Objective 2<sup>2</sup> by ensuring MPANs are not terminated early thus ensuring that the registered Supplier remains responsible for any consumption associated with it.
- 5.4 Environmental Impact: The Working Group did not consider that there will be any environmental impact as a result of the implementation of the CP.

#### **6 CONSULTATION**

- 6.1 The Working Group unanimously agreed that the Change Proposal did not require consultation. Members noted that the scope and impact of the CP are limited and that there are no alternative proposals to consider

#### **7 PROPOSED AMENDMENT AND LEGAL DRAFTING**

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<sup>1</sup> The development, maintenance and operation by the DNO Parties and IDNO Parties of efficient, co-ordinated, and economical Distribution Networks

<sup>2</sup> 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

- 7.1 The proposed legal drafting of DCP 042 has been reviewed by Wragge and Co and is set out in Appendix A.

## **8 PANEL RECOMMENDATION**

- 8.1 The Panel approved the DCP 042 Change Report on 05 May 2009. In accordance with Clause 12.4 of the DCUSA the Panel has determined that DCP 042 should be issued to all Parties for voting for a period of 10 Working Days.
- 8.2 The timetable for the progression of the Change Proposal is set out below:

<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Party Voting	05 May – 19 May 2009
Change Declaration	20 May 2009
Authority Consent	24 June 2009
Implementation	26 June 2009

### **Appendices:**

- A. DCP 042 - Legal Drafting
- B. DCP 042 - Voting Form