

DCUSA CHANGE DECLARATION

DCP 023 –The Creation of a DCUSA Issues Resolution Working Group (DIRWG)

VOTING DATE: 2 October 2008

DCP 023	WEIGHTED VOTING		
	DNO	IDNO	SUPPLIER
CHANGE SOLUTION	Accept	Reject	Accept
IMPLEMENTATION DATE	Accept	Accept	Accept
RECOMMENDATION	<p>Change Solution – REJECT In respect of each Party Category that was eligible to vote, the number of Groups in that Party Category which voted to accept the change solution was not greater than 65% of the total number of Groups in each Party Category which voted. The sum of the Weighted Votes of the Groups in each Party Category which voted to accept the change solution was not greater than 65% in all Categories.</p> <p>Implementation Date – ACCEPT In respect of each Party Category that was eligible to vote, the number of Groups in each Party Category which voted to accept the change solution was greater than 65% of the total number of Groups in that Party Category which voted. The sum of the Weighted Votes of the Groups in each Party Category which voted to accept the change solution was also greater than 65% in all Categories.</p>		
PART ONE / PART TWO	Part Two – Authority Determination Not Required		

PARTY	SOLUTION (A / R)	IMPLEMENTATION DATE (A/R)	COMMENTS
DNO PARTIES			
Central Networks East	Reject	Accept	As stated previously in our consultation response, Central Networks believes that this is an unnecessary duplication of work which is currently carried out by the Panel and as such will ultimately lead to the detriment of the end customer
Central Networks West	Reject	Accept	See above
EDF Energy Networks (EPN) plc	Accept	Accept	-
EDF Energy Networks (LPN) plc	Accept	Accept	-
EDF Energy Networks (SPN) plc	Accept	Accept	-
Electricity North West Limited	Reject	Accept	<p>Proposed Solution</p> <p>Whilst we support the intent of this Change Proposal we believe that by adding this as a Schedule to the DCUSA we add in an extra layer of process administration, resulting in additional Secretariat and party members' time, if any amendment to this Schedule is raised via the change process.</p> <p>The current process for any form of terms of reference is dealt with by the Panel and the Working Group that is set up by the Panel. A Working Group such as this can be facilitated by the</p>

			<p>Panel (as indicated within our consultation response and supported by Wragges in their review of this Change Proposal and documented within the Change Report Para 7.4) thereby avoiding such an additional layer of administration.</p> <p>In our opinion it therefore has a negative impact on <i>“the promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of this agreement”</i> and as such should be rejected.</p> <p>However the Panel should then set up a Working Group called the DCUSA Issues Group under the terms of the existing DCUSA governance.</p>
Northern Electric Distribution Ltd	Accept	Accept	
Southern Electric Power Distribution plc	Accept	Accept	
Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution plc	Accept	Accept	
SP Distribution	Accept	Accept	
SP Manweb	Accept	Accept	
Western Power Distribution (South West) plc	Accept	Accept	
Western Power Distribution (South Wales) plc	Accept	Accept	

Yorkshire Electricity Distribution plc	Accept	Accept	
IDNO PARTIES			
The Electricity Network Company	REJECT	ACCEPT	<p>We support the intent of the proposal to establish an issues group.</p> <p>We think it is important that some issues relating to DCUSA should have a forum where they can be discussed without the need for raising a change proposal. We agree that such debates will, in many cases, lead to better drafting of change proposals.</p> <p>The drafting of the proposal is to give the panel the right, not the obligation, to set up such group. We are of the view that the DCUSA already allows the Panel to establish such a group.</p> <p>In respect of the change proposal we are uncertain as to what the term 'operational issues' means and as a consequence what the scope of the work covered by such term is. We believe that any issues group should be constrained to furthering the objectives of DCUSA. It is important that the group does not become a talking shop discussing the wider issues of the industry.</p> <p>We believe it is inappropriate to cast these terms of reference in the body</p>

			<p>of DCUSA. Doing so makes it much harder for them to change and evolve with experience and the market</p> <p>We believe an alternative, efficient approach is for the panel to maintain and publish an issues log and where appropriate establish specific work groups to address specific issues (or groups of issues) in this way the scarce expertise can be better targeted.</p> <p>We have already seen specific working groups established to look at credit cover and IDNO use of system terms. There is nothing in the DCUSA to prevent the Panel from establishing a working group.</p> <p>If this change proposal is not accepted then we suggest that the Panel establish such working group at the Panel meeting following such decision.</p>
SUPPLIER PARTIES			
EDF Energy Customers	Accept	Accept	The creation of this group will streamline and enhance activities delivered under the DCUSA.
E.ON UK	Accept	Accept	
RWE Npower Group	Accept	Accept	Npower are supportive of DCP23. We would like to bring the following

			<p>typographical errors to your attention:</p> <p>Schedule XX Section 5.3(a) – believe reference to Clause 7.24 should read Clause 7.34</p> <p>Schedule XX Section 2.1(a) – the word “in” located between “it” and “by” requires deletion.</p> <p>Schedule XX Section 8.2 – should read “less than 10 Working Days” rather than “less that 10 Working Days”</p>
ScottishPower Energy Retail	Accept	Accept	
SSE Energy Supply Limited	Accept	Accept	