

**DCUSA CHANGE DECLARATION**

**DCP 050 – Provision of Cost Information – Regular Meeting**

**VOTING DATE:** 07 December 2009

DCP 050	WEIGHTED VOTING		
	DNO	IDNO	SUPPLIER
CHANGE SOLUTION	Reject	Accept	Accept
IMPLEMENTATION DATE	Reject	Accept	Accept
RECOMMENDATION	<p><b>Change Solution – REJECT</b>                      The number of Groups in each Party Category which voted to accept the solution is not greater than 50% of the total number of Groups in each Party Category which voted.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date – REJECT</b>                      The number of Groups in each Party Category which voted to accept the implementation date is not greater than 50% of the total number of Groups in each Party Category which voted.</p>		
PART ONE / PART TWO	Part One – Authority Determination required		

PARTY	SOLUTION (A / R)	IMPLEMENTATION DATE (A/R)	COMMENTS
<b>DNO PARTIES</b>			
Central Networks (East) Plc	<b>Reject</b>	<b>Accept</b>	<p>The CP does not better facilitate DCUSA objectives 1, 3 and 4.</p> <p>The CP may arguably better facilitate DCUSA objective 2. However, the facilitation of better competition requires the same information to be available to all suppliers. In practice it is likely to be the large established suppliers that will have the resources needed to enable them to benefit from increased information given through DNO phone conferences, etc.</p> <p>Smaller suppliers and new-entrants are likely to be disadvantaged, because they won't have the resources needed to access and use this information</p>
Central Networks (West) Plc	<b>Reject</b>	<b>Accept</b>	<p>The CP does not better facilitate DCUSA objectives 1, 3 and 4.</p> <p>The CP may arguably better facilitate DCUSA objective 2. However, the facilitation of better competition requires the same information to be available to all suppliers. In practice it is likely to be the large established suppliers that will have the resources needed to enable them to benefit from increased information given through DNO phone conferences, etc.</p> <p>Smaller suppliers and new-entrants are likely to be disadvantaged, because they won't have the</p>

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Electricity North West Limited	<b>REJECT</b>	<b>REJECT</b>	
Northern Electric Distribution Ltd	<b>REJECT</b>	<b>REJECT</b>	
Scottish Electric Power Distribution	<b>REJECT</b>	<b>REJECT</b>	<p>SSE Power Distribution is committed to stakeholder engagement and communication. However, we vote to reject this Change Proposal on the following grounds:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The voluntary communication exercises which DNOs have recently committed to render mandatory, narrow agenda, meetings unnecessary.</li> <li>2. The demand for and value of mandatory meetings to cover Clause 35A information has not been adequately demonstrated in the Change Proposal.</li> <li>3. The drafting should clarify that any such meetings need not be exclusive to DCUSA Supplier and IDNO parties.</li> </ol> <p>Since this Change Proposal was raised, the DNO parties have committed to and initiated voluntary programmes of stakeholder communication. These voluntary meetings/teleconferences have, as the Change Report acknowledges, the potential to cover any issues which may arise relating to the provision of Clause 35A cost information to Supplier and IDNO parties.</p> <p>As a recent initiative, our view is that rather than introduce a mandatory requirement under the DCUSA</p>

			<p>at this point, these voluntary arrangements should firstly be given the opportunity to:</p> <p>(a) Demonstrate (or otherwise) that the voluntary programmes can fulfil the purpose behind the Change Proposal;</p> <p>(b) Prove (or otherwise) the demand for discussion of Clause 35A information from DCUSA parties;</p> <p>(c) Prove (or otherwise) the value to DCUSA parties which may be derived from discussion of Clause 35A information.</p> <p>SSE Power Distribution has recently held the inaugural teleconference in its programme of stakeholder engagement and communication. All DCUSA Supplier and IDNO parties were invited to this teleconference.</p> <p>In relation to the drafting itself, we would also comment that, for the avoidance of doubt, it should be clearly confirmed in the drafting that the meetings referred to are not necessarily exclusive to DCUSA Supplier and IDNO parties. Our recent teleconference was open to other stakeholders beyond DCUSA parties only and our intent is for future meetings to be on a similar inclusive basis.</p>
Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution	<b>REJECT</b>	<b>REJECT</b>	<p>SSE Power Distribution is committed to stakeholder engagement and communication However, we vote to reject this Change Proposal on the following grounds:</p> <p>1. The voluntary communication exercises which DNOs have recently committed to render mandatory, narrow agenda, meetings unnecessary.</p>

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SP Distribution Ltd	<b>REJECT</b>	<b>REJECT</b>	We have no further comments in addition to those already provided in the Consultation.
SP Manweb plc	<b>REJECT</b>	<b>REJECT</b>	We have no further comments in addition to those already provided in the Consultation.
Western Power Distribution (South Wales) plc	<b>ACCEPT</b>	<b>ACCEPT</b>	
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Yorkshire Electric Distribution Ltd	<b>REJECT</b>	<b>REJECT</b>	
<b>IDNO PARTIES</b>			
ESP Electricity	<b>ACCEPT</b>	<b>ACCEPT</b>	
Independent Power Networks Limited	<b>ACCEPT</b>	<b>ACCEPT</b>	

<b>SUPPLIER</b>			
British Gas	<b>ACCEPT</b>	<b>ACCEPT</b>	
EDF Energy Customers	<b>ACCEPT</b>	<b>ACCEPT</b>	The introduction of the requirement into DCUSA for DNO's to hold teleconferences/meetings with suppliers following the release of DCP030 cost information supports supplier's abilities to ensure their understanding of the assumptions behind the DNO's cost forecasts and facilitates a dialogue between the supplier and the DNO.
NPower	<b>REJECT</b>	<b>ACCEPT</b>	As stated within our DCP50 Consultation Response we do not believe that this CP is really required, as there is currently nothing preventing those Parties who wish to hold discussions with Distributors following receipt of the DCP30 information from doing so.
Scottish Power Energy Retail	<b>ACCEPT</b>	<b>ACCEPT</b>	
SSE Energy	<b>ACCEPT</b>	<b>ACCEPT</b>	