

DCUSA Consultation	At what stage is this document in the process?
<h1 data-bbox="124 376 555 465">DCP 336</h1> <h2 data-bbox="124 510 1054 712">Rota Disconnections and the publication of data by Nominated Central Source</h2> <p data-bbox="124 741 900 775"><i>Raised on the 07 January 2019 as a Standard Change</i></p>	<p data-bbox="1190 371 1353 432">01 – Change Proposal</p> <p data-bbox="1190 495 1417 521">02 – Consultation</p> <p data-bbox="1190 589 1353 649">03 – Change Report</p> <p data-bbox="1190 696 1353 757">04 – Change Declaration</p>
<p data-bbox="121 824 571 857"><b>Purpose of Change Proposal:</b></p> <p data-bbox="121 880 1445 992">The intent of this Change Proposal is to review and if appropriate amend the reference to the publication of a DVD by the Nominated Central Source for the publication of data for the Rota Disconnections.</p>	
 	<p data-bbox="228 1025 1297 1099">The Workgroup recommends that this Change Proposal should: proceed to Consultation</p> <p data-bbox="228 1122 1455 1196">Parties are invited to consider the questions set in section 9 and submit comments using the form attached as Attachment 1 to <a href="mailto:dcusa@electralink.co.uk">dcusa@electralink.co.uk</a> by <b>24 April 2019</b>.</p> <p data-bbox="228 1211 1278 1245">DCP 336 has been designated as a Part 2 Matter and a standard change.</p> <p data-bbox="228 1261 1353 1335">The Working Group will consider the consultation responses and determine the appropriate next steps for the progression of the Change Proposal (CP).</p>
	<p data-bbox="228 1373 919 1406">Impacted Parties: DNOs, IDNOs and Suppliers</p>
	<p data-bbox="228 1491 1302 1568">Impacted Clauses: Schedule 8, Paragraphs 13.1 to 13.4 and Schedule 14, Paragraph 3A</p>

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<b>Timetable</b>		 02074323000
The timetable for the progression of the CP is as follows:		
<b>Change Proposal timetable:</b>		
Activity	Date	
Initial Assessment Report Approved by Panel	09 January 2019	
Consultation issued to Parties	01 April 2019	
Change Report issued to Panel	19 June 2019	
Change Report issued for Voting	21 June 2019	
Party Voting Ends	12 July 2019	
Change Declaration Issued to Parties	16 July 2019	
Implementation	First DCUSA Release following approval	
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## 1 Summary

### What?

- 1.1 Within Schedule 8, Clause 13 of DCUSA it stated that a table of rota disconnection codes by postcode be issued by the distributors in an electronic format. At present that electronic format is defined with that clause as being a DVD. These days DVDs are less frequently used, with many laptops no longer even having a DVD drive.

### Why?

- 1.2 As DVDs are less frequently used, with many laptops no longer even having a DVD drive, it is suggested that an alternate means of providing this data be assessed. The use of a password protected website has been raised as being more appropriate, it is important that the format which is used for the data does not change.

### How?

- 1.3 To review the existing arrangements requiring DNOs to issue a table of rota disconnection codes by postcode to the Nominated Central Source on a DVD and understand if there is a more appropriate method of communicating the data.

## 2 Governance

### Justification for Part 2 Matter

- 2.1 This CP is considered a Part 2 Matter as it is a minor amendment which seeks to keep up with technological change by replacing the use of outdated technology with a more practical solution. It also does not meet any of the criteria for it to be classed as a Part 1 Matter or necessitate the Authority to make a determination.

### Current Next Steps

- 2.2 The Working Group agree that the next steps are to issue this consultation document to Parties for a period of three weeks.

## 3 Why Change?

### Background of DCP 336

- 3.1 Rota Disconnections are detailed by Ofgem as “If a prolonged electricity shortage affects a specific region, or the whole country, electricity rationing may be necessary. The electricity supply emergency code<sup>1</sup> outlines the process for ensuring fair distribution nationally while still protecting those who require special treatment, using a process known as ‘Rota Disconnections’”.
- 3.2 The current arrangements require the DNOs to submit a table of postcodes alongside rota disconnection codes in an electronic format which for all DNOs is published on a DVD once a year by the Energy Networks Association (ENA) and issued to all Suppliers. This requirement is laid out in Schedule 8, Paragraph 13 of the DCUSA. At present it is defined within DCUSA that electronic format is a .csv file and stored on a DVD, however, these days DVDs are less frequently used, with many laptops no longer having a DVD drive.
- 3.3 It is suggested that an alternate means of providing this data be assessed, which no longer makes use of a DVD. The Proposer of the Change Proposal suggested that a possible alternative may include publication on the password-controlled DCUSA website which data for all DNOs able to be downloaded. This approach is detailed further in section 4.2 below.

**Q1: Do you understand the intent of DCP 336?**

**Q2: Are you supportive of the principles of DCP 336?**

## 4 Working Group Assessment

### DCP 336 Working Group Assessment

- 4.1 The DCUSA Panel established a Working Group to assess DCP 336. This Working Group consists of DNOs and Supplier representatives. Meetings were held in open session and the minutes and papers of each meeting are available on the DCUSA website – [www.dcusa.co.uk](http://www.dcusa.co.uk).
- 4.2 The Proposer’s initial solution is to make a small number of amendments to the DCUSA legal text to state that the responsibility of collating the data will be that of the DCUSA Secretariat rather than a Nominated Central Source.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/electricity-supply-emergency-code>

- 4.3 The data is currently provided in a .csv electronic format and the DCUSA Website has been proposed as the platform in which the .csv file would be made available. The DCUSA Website is a portal which Parties are comfortable in accessing, as well as downloading data from, e.g. accessing the Charging Models and DNO Cost Forecasts. The DCUSA Website is also a site which has password protection already in place in certain areas which can also be used for this purpose.
- 4.4 The Working Group discussed the proposed solution for the CP and agreed that they were comfortable as it is currently drafted. Working Group members are seeking Parties views on the proposed solution.

**Q3: Do you agree with the proposed solution for this CP? Please provide your rationale.**

**Q4: The data is currently provided in a .csv file format, are Parties comfortable that this remains the same for the purpose of sharing this data? Please provide your rationale.**

**Q5: Do you believe the Working Group should consider a different solution? If so, please provide your rationale.**

## 5 Legal Text

### DCP 336 Proposed Legal Text

- 5.1 The proposed changes to Schedule 8, paragraphs 13.1 to 13.4 and Schedule 14, paragraph 3A can be found as attachment 2.
- 5.2 The legal text changes include amendments to paragraphs 13.1 to 13.4 of Schedule 8 to show the following:
- The change from “Nominated Central Source” to “Secretariat”;
  - An obligation on the Secretariat to publish the collated data on the DCUSA Website in a .csv file format; and
  - The removal of the “Electronic Format” and “Nominated Central Source” definitions.
- 5.3 The legal text changes also amends paragraph 3A of Schedule 14 to include a further option (e) to detail that the .csv file will be uploaded to the password controlled pages of the DCUSA Website.
- 5.4 The changes to the legal text are shown to indicate what changes would be required if it was agreed by Parties that publishing this data on the DCUSA Website was felt to be the correct solution.

**Q6: Do you have any comments on the proposed legal text for DCP 336? Please provide your rationale.**

## 6 Relevant Objectives

### Assessment Against the DCUSA Objectives

- 6.1 For a DCUSA Change Proposal to be approved it must be demonstrated that it better meets the DCUSA Objectives.
- 6.2 The Proposer of DCP 336 believes that the proposed solution will better facilitate DCUSA General Objectives one, three and four as a result of revising the arrangements for the communication of the rota disconnection data. By having this data made available to Parties through a website download rather than using a DVD, as a result of modern PCs no longer utilising a DVD format, it will ensure that all Parties have sufficient visibility of this data.
- 6.3 The Working Group unanimously agree with the Proposer that DCUSA General Objectives one, three and four would be better facilitated by the implementation of the DCP 336 solution.

DCUSA General Objectives	Identified impact
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 The development, maintenance and operation by the DNO Parties and IDNO Parties of efficient, co-ordinated, and economical Distribution Networks.	<b>Positive</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 The facilitation of effective competition in the generation and supply of electricity and (so far is consistent therewith) the promotion of such competition in the sale, distribution and purchase of electricity.	<b>None</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 The efficient discharge by the DNO Parties and IDNO Parties of obligations imposed upon them in their Distribution Licences.	<b>Positive</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 The promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of the DCUSA.	<b>Positive</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> 5 Compliance with the Regulation on Cross-Border Exchange and Electricity and any relevant legally binding decisions of the European Commission and/or the Agency for the Co-operation of Energy Regulators.	<b>None</b>

**Q7: Which of the DCUSA General Objectives does this CP better facilitate? Please provide supporting comments.**

## 7 Impacts & Other Considerations

### Does this Change Proposal impact a Significant Code Review (SCR) or other significant industry change projects, if so, how?

7.1 This Change Proposal does not have any impacts on any SCR currently in progress.

### Consumer Impact

7.2 This Change Proposal does not have any impact on customers.

### Code Administrator Impacts

7.3 This Change Proposal is expected to impact the DCUSA Code Administrator in the following ways:

- Creation of processes/procedures related to the collation of the Alpha Identifier for each postcode within which Customers have connections to a DNO's Distribution System;
- Carrying out the process as described in paragraph 13.2 of Schedule 8; and
- Possible need to draft reminder and notification emails to ensure Parties provide the relevant information and that they are notified of when it is available following the collation.

### Environmental Impacts

7.4 In accordance with DCUSA Clause 11.14.6, the proposer assessed whether there would be a material impact on greenhouse gas emissions if DCP 336 were implemented. The proposer did not identify any material impact on greenhouse gas emissions from the implementation of this Change Proposal.

### Engagement with the Authority

7.5 Ofgem were invited to join the Working Group but as the CP is a Part 2 Matter they did not provide a representative.

**Q8: Are you aware of any wider industry developments that may impact upon or be impacted by this CP?**

## 8 Implementation

- 8.1 The proposed implementation date for DCP 336 is the first DCUSA Release following Party approval, although consideration will be given to ensure that the website arrangements (or that for any alternative solution) can be put into place prior to the date which is ultimately proposed. Respondents are invited to consider whether they agree with the proposed implementation date.

**Q9: The proposed implementation date for DCP 336 is the first DCUSA Release following Party approval. Do you agree with the proposed implementation date? Please provide your rationale.**

## 9 Consultation Questions

- 9.1 The Working Group is seeking industry views on the following consultation questions:

Number	Questions
1	Do you understand the intent of DCP 336?
2	Are you supportive of the principles of DCP 336?
3	Do you agree with the proposed solution for this CP? Please provide your rationale
4	The data is currently provided in a .csv file format, are Parties comfortable that this remains the same for the purpose of sharing this data? Please provide your rationale.
5	Do you believe the Working Group should consider a different solution? If so, please provide your rationale.
6	Do you have any comments on the proposed legal text for DCP 336? Please provide your rationale.
7	Which of the DCUSA General Objectives does this CP better facilitate? Please provide supporting comments.
8	Are you aware of any wider industry developments that may impact upon or be impacted by this CP?
9	The proposed implementation date for DCP 336 is the first DCUSA Release following Party approval. Do you agree with the proposed implementation date? Please provide your rationale

- 9.2 Responses should be submitted using Attachment 1 to [dcusa@electralink.co.uk](mailto:dcusa@electralink.co.uk) no later than, **24 April 2019**.
- 9.3 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.

## Attachments

- Attachment 1 – DCP 336 Consultation Response Form
- Attachment 2 – DCP 336 Proposed Legal Text
- Attachment 3 – DCP 336 Change Proposal Form