Part A: Generic

DCUSA Change Proposal (DCP)	At what stage is this document in the process?
# DCP 382: ## 2021-22 Electricity Theft Detection Incentive Scheme (ETDIS) Timings **Date**: 09 February 2021 **Proposer Name**: Kevin Woollard **Company Name**: British Gas **Company Category**: Supplier	**01 – Change Proposal** 02 – Consultation 03 – Change Report 04 – Change Declaration

Purpose of Change Proposal:

DCP 382 seeks to amend the Electricity Theft Detection Incentive Scheme (GTDIS) timings for the Scheme Year 2021-22. The start date for the Scheme Year would be retrospectively amended from 01 February 2021 to 01 April 2021, and the Scheme Year duration reduced from 14 to 12 months.

Governance:

The Proposer recommends that this Change Proposal should be:

- Treated as an Urgent Change with an extraordinary release date
- Progressed to the Change Report stage; and
- Considered a Part 1 Matter

The Panel will consider the proposer's recommendation and determine the appropriate route.

Impacted Parties:

DCUSA Supplier Parties

Impacted Clauses:

DCUSA Schedule 30

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Indicative Timeline

The Secretariat recommends the following timetable:

Initial Assessment by Panel	17 February 2021
Change Report Issued to Panel (ex-committee)	19 February 2021
Change Report issued for Voting	24 February 2021
Party Voting Closes	05 March 2021
Change Declaration Issued to Parties	08 March 2021
Authority Consent (provisional date)	15 March 2021
Expected Implementation Date	5 working days following Consent

Any questions?

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1 Summary

What?

1.1 As part of the transition of Theft obligations from the DCUSA to the new Retail Energy Code (REC) a 14 month Theft Detection Incentive Scheme Incentive Scheme was proposed for the 2021-22 period, running from 01 February 2021 to 31 March 2021. This 14 month period was adopted following Authority approval of DCP 368 being granted on 7 July 2020.

1.2 Subsequent to DCP 368 being implemented, the REC Schedule drafting has described a 2021-22 Scheme Year commencing on 01 April 2021, and running for 12 months.

Why?

1.3 The Retail Code Consolidation (RCC) Significant Code Review (SCR) is expected to be implemented on 01 September 2021. As part of go-live, theft provisions that are currently administered through the DCUSA will migrate to the REC between 01 April 2021 and 01 September 2021. Obligations relating to

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the Electricity Theft Incentive Scheme (ETDIS) will transfer from DCUSA Schedule 30 to the REC Theft Reduction Schedule from 01 April 2021.

1.4 Parties may act in good faith adhering to the DCUSA obligations, providing details of Confirmed Thefts identified in February and March 2021, and these Confirmed Thefts may not be deemed eligible for the ETDIS Scheme Year when the Scheme ends and is discharged by RECCo.

1.5 This difference in dates between the DCUSA Schedule and the REC Schedule was presented to the Theft Steering Group (TSG) on 02 February 2021. The TSG reviewed the available options for resolving the mismatch. They noted that the REC will be the party that oversees the settlement of the 2021-22 Scheme, issuing credits and debits based upon the Scheme as set out in the later REC drafting.

1.6 A Change Proposal to amend the DCUSA Schedule will allow parties the opportunity to provide feedback on an amendment to the DCUSA Code drafting that could have material impact. TSG directed the Code Administrator to support the progress of such a Change Proposal.

How?

1.7 DCUSA Schedule 30 will be amended to reflect the change. Here is a summary,

- Paragraph 1.3.b amended to reflect Scheme Year 4 lasting 12 months rather than 14, and commencing on 01 April 2021 instead of 01 February 2021
- Paragraph 3.7B amended the total Confirmed Theft detection Scheme Targets, reducing Residential and I&C targets proportionate to a 12 month Scheme Year
- Paragraph 5.3 amended to reflect the revised incentive pot values
- Replace to the table in the Schedule Appendix to reflect no scheme running in February and March 2021, and the removal of TRAS after 01 April 2021

1.8 Full details of the proposed changes can be found within the attachment to this DCP.

2 Governance

Justification for Authority Consent

2.1 DCP 382 change proposal should be treated as a Part 1 matter and as such requires Authority Consent as it is likely to have a significant impact on the interests of electricity consumers and it concerns the governance or the change control arrangements applying to this Agreement;

2.2 This Change Proposal should:

- Be treated as a Urgent Change with an extraordinary release date 5 working days following Authority Consent; and
- Progressed to the Change Report phase.

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3 Why Change?

Legal Text

3.1 As within Section 1, 'Why?', changes are required to enable Directors of DCUSA Ltd to support an orderly transition of the theft arrangements from DCUSA. The suggested legal text amendments are in Attachment 1 to this change proposal.

4 Code Specific Matters

Reference Documents

4.1 N/A

5 Relevant Objectives

DCUSA General Objectives	Identified impact
☐ 1 The development, maintenance and operation by the DNO Parties and IDNO Parties of efficient, co-ordinated, and economical Distribution Networks	None
☐ 2 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	None
☒3 The efficient discharge by the DNO Parties and IDNO Parties of obligations imposed upon them in their Distribution Licences	Positive
☒ 4 The promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of the DCUSA	Positive
☐ 5 Compliance with the Regulation on Cross-Border Exchange in Electricity and any relevant legally binding decisions of the European Commission and/or the Agency for the Co-operation of Energy Regulators.	None
5.1 This change proposal better facilitates DCUSA General Objective 3) and 4) as it makes provisions for the orderly closedown of processes catered for under DCUSA to be transferred to the RECfollowing RCC.	

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6 Impacts & Other Considerations

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

6.1 This change proposal impacts upon the RCC SCR as it directly links into the amalgamation and implementation of the new REC. This change proposal is required to enable an orderly transition of the theft arrangements within DCUSA Ltd to the REC Schedules.

Does this Change Proposal Impact Other Codes?

6.2 As a theft matter, any constraint seen in relation to similar changes proposed to the DCUSA may have to be considered.

BSC	☐
CUSC	☐
Grid Code	☐
MRA	☐
SEC	☐
Other	☒
None	☐

6.3 SCP512 is the equivalent change for the Gas Theft Detection Incentive Scheme (GTDIS) as set out in SPAA.

Consideration of Wider Industry Impacts

6.4 N/A

Confidentiality

6.5 N/A

7 Implementation

7.1 It is suggested that this change propsal should be implemented by extraordinary release, which would be set for five working days following Authority Consent. It is worth noting that the 'Indicative Timeline' provided on page 2 of this document provides a view of dates applicable to a shortened timeline for Authority decision.

8 Recommendations

8.1 The Panel recommends that the Change Report is presented to the DCUSA Panel ex-committee via email by Friday 19 February.

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