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Action	For Decision

Embedded Capacity Register Change Request Notice

1. Synopsis

1.1 In accordance with Schedule 31, Paragraph 3 of the DCUSA, any person (whether or not a Party) is entitled to apply to the Panel requesting that the Agreed Version of the Embedded Capacity Register (ECR) is altered by notice in writing to the Panel Secretary.

1.2 When an amendment request is received the details are published on the DCUSA website and an email notification, is issued to all DCUSA Contract Managers, inviting Parties to provide any representations or objections with respect to the proposed amendment.

1.3 The Secretariat has received one amendment request as set out in Section 2 below. DCUSA Contract Managers were invited to consider the amendment request and provide any representations or objections on Monday, 29 March, with a deadline for responses of Wednesday, 14 April 2021. Responses received can be found in Attachment 4.

1.4 The Panel shall resolve whether to accept the requested alteration to the Agreed Version. In passing such a resolution, the Panel may impose such conditions as it sees fit, including specifying whether a transition period is to apply and the term of any such transition period.

1.5 The Panel is invited to consider and determine whether or not to approve the amendment request.

2. Overview of ECR Change Request

2.1 Over the last couple of months, an ENA Open Networks sub-group consisting of members from Workstream 2 of the ENA Open Networks project, along with a National Grid ESO representative have been revieing the current version of the ECR. They have proposed some changes to the current version. This sub-group also emailed the previous members of the DCP 350 Working Group with the proposed changes to provide an opportunity for former members to review and provide any comments prior to submitting to the DCUSA Panel.

2.2 It is the view of the sub-group members that the changes, which are detailed below, do not detract from the original intent or purpose of the register and they seek to enhance the layout, usability and usefulness of the information provided.

3. Proposed Changes to ECR

3.1 The main purpose of this proposed amendment to the ECR is to improve the layout, usability and usefulness of the information presented. Largely these changes relate to:

- Refining and clarifying the resource and technology types. The Distribution Code and EREC G99 are being changed to align with these proposals so that there is a harmonised set of resource and technology types collected from users that can be available for reporting.
- Re-defining the current cells relating to resource type and technology type to Energy Source and Energy Conversion Technology Types, so that there is a clear distinction between the source of the energy and the technology used to convert that energy to electricity.
- Aligning some column names/titles with industry norms – for example installed capacity becomes registered capacity.
- Creation of a new Contents page that explains the structure of the ECR more clearly for readers.
- General "housekeeping" type modifications, for example to make the definition more helpful for readers.
- A new Part 2 of the ECR is proposed, so that the exiting Part 1 focusses on generation technologies and DSR services and Part 2 focusses on consumption related DSR services.

3.2 It is felt the changes are too numerous to detail in their entirety in this summary document but for clarity reference should be made to Attachment 1 of this document, which provides details of all the proposed changes.

3.3 The proposed updated version of the ECR can be found in Attachment 2.

3.4 The Current Agreed Version of ECR as published on the DCUSA Website can be found in Attachment 3.

4. Implementation

4.1 ENA have proposed updates to Engineering Recommendations G98 and G99. These documents outline the requirements for the connection of generation to the Distribution Network of licenced DNOs. The main purpose of the change is to update the list of energy sources and energy conversion technologies so that they align with the ECR.

4.2 It is expected that the proposed changes to EREC G98 and G99 will go to the Authority for decision on 11 June. Based on current Authority KPI, this would make the expected decision due on 16 July. The proposed implementation date for the updated EREC G98 and G99 documents is provisionally set at 01 August 2021. It is therefore recommended that the new proposed ECR, which would become 'Embedded Capacity Register Template – Agreed Version 3.0' should provisionally be set for a release date of **01 August 2021**.

4.3 The Panel will be kept updated on the progress of the EREC G98 and G99 modifications.

5. Representations and Objections

5.1 The Secretariat has processed the applications in accordance with Schedule 31, Paragraph 3.3 which sets out that following receipt of a Change Request Notice, we shall give notice to all the Parties at least 10 Working Days before the Panel meeting in question. Within this notice we:

- Set out the identity of the Party that made the request;
- specified the date on which the Panel is due to consider the matter; and
- invited representations or objections with respect to the request before that time.

6. Decision Making Process

6.1 Schedule 31, Paragraph 3.5 of the DCUSA states that the Panel shall resolve whether to accept the requested alteration to the Agreed Version. In passing such a resolution, the Panel may impose such conditions as it sees fit, including specifying whether a transition period is to apply and the term of any such transition period.

6.2 Where the Panel passes a resolution in accordance with Schedule 31, Paragraph 3.5 of the DCUSA, it shall instruct the Secretariat to (a) publish an updated Agreed Version on the Website; and (b) notify DNO/IDNO Parties that an updated version has been published, including a description of how the Agreed Version has been altered, details of any transition period or other applicable conditions, and a link to the location of the Agreed Version on the Website.

7. Recommendations

7.1 The DCUSA Panel is invited to:

- **NOTE** the contents of this paper;
- **NOTE** the representations and objections received; and
- **DETERMINE** whether to accept the requested alteration to the Agreed Version set out in Section 2 and Attachment 1 and 2 and set out any associated terms.

8. Attachments

- Attachment 1: Details of the proposed changes to the Current Agreed Version of the ECR
- Attachment 2: Proposed Updated Version of the ECR
- Attachment 3: Current Agreed Version of ECR as published on the DCUSA Website
- Attachment 4: ECR Change Request Notice – Representations and Objections

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