




DCUSA Consultation		At what stage is this document in the process?
<h1>DCP 397</h1> <h2>Modification of the Load Managed Area Notice Template</h2> <p>06 October 2021</p> <p>Standard Change</p>		01 – Change Proposal
		02 – Consultation
		03 – Change Report
		04 – Change Declaration
Purpose of Change Proposal: This Change Proposal (CP) seeks to modify the Schedule 8 – Demand Control, Appendix A – Load Managed Area Notice template and associated legal text, by including additional columns of useful information.		
	<p>This document is a Consultation issued to DCUSA Parties and any other interested Parties in accordance with Clause 11.14 of the DCUSA seeking industry views on DCP 397 'Modification of the Load Managed Area Notice Template'.</p> <p>The Working Group recommends that this Change Proposal should proceed to Consultation</p> <p>Parties are invited to consider the questions set in section 10 and submit comments using the form attached as Attachment 1 to dcusa@electralink.co.uk by 01 March 2022.</p> <p>The Working Group will consider the consultation responses and determine the appropriate next steps for the progression of the Change Proposal (CP).</p>	
	Impacted Parties: Suppliers/DNOs/IDNOs	
	Impacted Clauses: Section 5 – clause 5.3, and Appendix A	

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Any questions?

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Timetable

The timetable for the progression of the CP is as follows:

Change Proposal timetable

Activity	Date
Initial Assessment Report Approved by Panel	20 October 2021
Consultation issued to Parties	15 February 2022
Change Report issued to Panel	March/April 2022
Change Report issued for Voting	March/April 2022
Party Voting Ends	April/May 2022
Change Declaration Issued to Parties	April/May 2022
[Change Declaration issued to Authority]	N/A
[Authority Decision]	N/A

1 Summary

What?

- 1.1 The intention of the CP is to modify the Load Managed Area Notice template as defined in Appendix A. The proposal is to add additional columns to the template that will provide useful and helpful information to energy suppliers when replicating Load Switching Regimes in designated Load Managed Areas (LMA). Section 5 – clause 5.3 of the legal text will need to be updated to describe the additional columns of information being proposed.

Why?

- 1.2 Through a number of industry working groups facilitated by EnergyUK, attended by energy suppliers, network operator and BEIS, it was agreed that additional information on the Appendix A template will enable suppliers to better understand the Load Switching Regimes that need to be replicated when replacing a Load Switching Device, such as the switching times for each contactor (space heating, water heating) and which regimes can be combined to simplify the replication.
- 1.3 Without the additional information, replicating Load Switching Regimes will remain complex and heightened the risk of error, especially so where separate space heating and water heating Load Switching Regimes are in place.
- 1.4 Smart Meters are expected to be the replacement for the legacy metering systems used by Radio Teleswitching (RTS), and as such are being replaced. Where a party is replacing a Load Switching Device, it should use reasonable endeavours to replicate the existing Load Switching Regimes. This CP simply provides additional information to aid suppliers when attempting to replicate.

How?

- 1.5 The proposal is to modify Appendix A, which is the Load Managed Area Notice template, to include an additional 16 column headers, and modify the legal text in section 5 – clause 5.3 to describe the additional column headers.
- 1.6 The additional column headers have been shared and discussed with the EnergyUK working groups to ensure they provide the level of detail needed for suppliers to better understand the Load Switching Regimes.
- 1.7 If approved Appendix A will be available for energy suppliers and meter operators when they are on site configuring smart meters, or any other device being used to replicate Load Switching Regimes in a designated LMA.

2 Governance

Justification for Part 2 Matter

- 2.1 DCP 397 has been classed as a Part 2 Matter therefore, Authority consent is not required.
- 2.2 The Working Group believe this CP is a housekeeping change, as it seeks only to modify the Appendix A template and corresponding legal text. This CP does not have any impact to parties or modify provisions of DCUSA.
- 2.3 In addition, the changes being proposed have been discussed at length with Energy UK members in a number of workshops to get to a position where this CP could be progressed.

Requested Next Steps

- 2.4 Following a review of the Consultation responses, the Working Group will work to agree the detail of the solution for DCP 397.

3 Why Change?

Background of DCP 397

- 3.1 For many years legacy metering systems operated through the Radio Teleswitching service, with Load Switching Regimes operated both a dynamic and static load switching regime. If a meter needed to be changed it was typically changed like for like to maintain the same switching patterns, however with the Radio Teleswitching service coming to end of life and with smart meters being used to replace the legacy metering systems, it has become clear that the requirements to replicate the Load Switching Regimes in the Load Managed Area Notice can be and should be improved to ensure the smooth transition away from Radio Teleswitching.
- 3.2 Working with EnergyUK and its members, additional column headers were identified that would improve the information needed for energy suppliers to understand the Load Switching Regimes, reduced the risk of incorrect replications being applied by the meter operator on site and ensure customers switching patterns are replicated, whilst maintaining the DNO LMA requirements.

Question 1 - Do you understand the intent of the CP?

Question 2 – Are you supportive of additional descriptors and the associated guidance notes to aid completion of the template?

4 Code Specific Matters

Reference Documents

- 4.1 Attachment 2: Proposed Load Managed Area notice template – Appendix A modifications
- 4.2 Attachment 3: Proposed Legal Text Modifications

5 Working Group Assessment

DCP 397 Working Group Assessment

- 5.1 The DCUSA Panel established a Working Group to assess DCP 397. Meetings were held in open session and the minutes and papers of each meeting are available on the DCUSA website – www.dcusa.co.uk.

DCP 397 Solution

- 5.2 The Working Group considered whether the DCP may interact with the Access & Forward-Looking Charge Significant Code Review (SCR) or the Market Wide Half Hourly Settlement (MWHHS) SCR. The Working Group sought the advice of Ofgem who confirmed they do not consider the CP to be in scope of the Access & Forward-Looking Charge SCR. Regarding the MWHHS SCR, Ofgem advised they were content for the CP and Working Group to continue, however recommended that their expert continue to report back on the progress of the CP.
- 5.3 The Working Group reviewed the legal text and the amended Load Managed Area notice template. Members suggested that a guidance tab was added to the template to provide clarificatory information for each column. The Proper of the DCP agreed and added a guidance tab to the spreadsheet including an example and description for each column. The Working Group highlighted several instances in the template where 'heat' should be replaced with 'space heating'. The Proposer amended this.
- 5.4 The Working Group agreed for the CP to progress to consultation.

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 facilitates the DCUSA Objectives. There are five General Objectives and six Charging Objectives. The full list of objectives is documented in the CP form provided as **Attachment 4**.
- 6.2 The Working Group considers that the following DCUSA Objectives are better facilitated by DCP 397.

	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	Positive
<input type="checkbox"/>	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	Positive Negative Neutral None
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3. The efficient discharge by the DNO Parties and IDNO Parties of obligations imposed upon them in their Distribution Licences	Positive
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4. The promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of the DCUSA	Positive
<input type="checkbox"/>	5. Compliance with the EU Internal Market Regulation and any relevant legally binding decisions of the European Commission and/or the Agency for the Co-operation of Energy Regulators.	Positive Negative Neutral None

	DCUSA Charging Objectives	Identified impact
<input type="checkbox"/>	1. That compliance by each DNO Party with the Charging Methodologies facilitates the discharge by the DNO Party of the obligations imposed on it under the Act and by its Distribution Licence	Positive Negative Neutral None
<input type="checkbox"/>	2. That compliance by each DNO Party with the Charging Methodologies facilitates competition in the generation and supply of electricity and will not restrict, distort, or prevent competition in the transmission or distribution of electricity or in participation in the operation of an Interconnector (as defined in the Distribution Licences)	Positive Negative Neutral None

<input type="checkbox"/>	3. That compliance by each DNO Party with the Charging Methodologies results in charges which, so far as is reasonably practicable after taking account of implementation costs, reflect the costs incurred, or reasonably expected to be incurred, by the DNO Party in its Distribution Business	Positive Negative Neutral None
<input type="checkbox"/>	4. That, so far as is consistent with Clauses 3.2.1 to 3.2.3, the Charging Methodologies, so far as is reasonably practicable, properly take account of developments in each DNO Party's Distribution Business	Positive Negative Neutral None
<input type="checkbox"/>	5. That compliance by each DNO Party with the Charging Methodologies facilitates compliance with the EU Internal Market Regulation and any relevant legally binding decisions of the European Commission and/or the Agency for the Co-operation of Energy Regulators; and	Positive Negative Neutral None
<input type="checkbox"/>	6. That compliance with the Charging Methodologies promotes efficiency in its own implementation and administration.	Positive Negative Neutral None

Question 3 - Do you consider that the proposal better facilitates the DCUSA objectives? Please give supporting reasons. Do you have any other comments on the DCP?

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 SCR considerations are addressed under section 5.2.

Does this Change Proposal Impact Other Codes?

BSC..... ☐ MRA..... ☐

CUSC..... ☐ SEC..... ☐

Grid Code..... ☐ REC..... ☐

Distribution Code.. ☐ None..... ☐

Consideration of Wider Industry Impacts

7.2 The development of this draft Appendix A – Load Managed Area Notice template was discussed at a number of EnergyUK facilitated workshops with energy suppliers. The draft version was sent to EnergyUK members and feedback incorporated into the version within this CP.

Confidentiality

7.3 No part of this CP is confidential.

Question 4 - 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 397 is 23 June 2022.

Question 5 - Are you supportive of the proposed implementation date of 23 June 2022?

9 Legal Text

9.1 The solution is a modification to Schedule 8: Appendix A – Load Managed Areas Notice template, adding an additional 16 column headers. Please refer to **Attachment 2: Proposed Load Managed Area Notice template**. The attachment shows the existing columns in Green and proposed new columns in Blue.

9.2 The proposed legal text changes related to Section 5, clause 5.3 only. For the proposed legal text, please refer to **Attachment 3: Proposed Legal Text Amendments**.

Question 6 - Do you have any comments on the updated template (draft legal text)?

10 Consultation Questions

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

No.	Questions
1	Do you understand the intent of the CP?
2	Are you supportive of additional descriptors and the associated guidance notes to aid completion of the template?
3	Do you consider that the proposal better facilitates the DCUSA objectives? Please give supporting reasons. Do you have any other comments on DCP 397?

4	Are you aware of any wider industry developments that may impact upon or be impacted by this CP?
5	Are you supportive of the proposed implementation date of 23 June 2022?
6	Do you have any comments on the update template (draft legal text)?

10.2 Responses should be submitted using **Attachment 1** to dcusa@electralink.co.uk no later than, 01 March 2022.

10.3 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.

11 Attachments

- Attachment 1 - DCP 397 Consultation Response Form
- Attachment 2 - Proposed Load Managed Area notice template – Appendix A modifications
- Attachment 3 - Proposed Legal Text Modifications
- Attachment 4 - DCP 397_Modification of the Load Managed Area Notice Template v2.0