



Request for Information

**DCP 248 - Providing Protection for Customers
against Being Charged Inappropriate Capacity
Charges During the Implementation of P272**

1 Background

- 1.1 DCP 248 was raised by British Gas and sought to protect customers with CT meters impacted by P272. Following consideration by the Working Group, four options were developed and consulted upon and the working group are in the process of reviewing the responses to the consultation.
- 1.2 As part of this review process it has been identified that it would be helpful for the Working Group to understand the extent of proactive engagement by customers with respect to the need to agree or confirm a Maximum Import Capacity (MIC).
- 1.3 The RFI is in two parts. Part One is a request for information from DNOs/IDNOs and Part two is a request for information from Suppliers.
- 1.4 Where quantitative information is requested, please provide information as at **22 December 2015**. The Working Group is happy to receive approximate or estimated values (please state if approximate or estimated values have been provided).
- 1.5 DNOs and Suppliers are asked to submit their response to this RFI to dcusa@electralink.co.uk by **7 January 2016**.
- 1.6 Please note that Supplier responses will be **classified as confidential**. Data will only be shared with the working group at an aggregated level.

2 Request for Information

- 2.1 This RFI asks DNOs to populate the form attached as Appendix A and Suppliers to populate the form attached as Appendix B.

Form 1 (Appendix A) – Questions for DNOs/IDNOs only

- 2.2 The Working Group would like to gather information on the level of formal communication by DNOs/IDNOs with CT metered customers in relation to P272 and the resultant level of formal response by customers. The Working Group would also like DNOs/IDNOs to offer any commentary they may feel will help to

understand the quantitative data. To provide this information, please use the response form provided as Appendix A to provide answers the following questions:

1. How many PC 5-8 sites do you have that will be need to be charged on a site specific basis (i.e. CT metered) as a result of P272?
2. How many of these customers have you formally written to via either letter or email to inform them of the need to agree a Maximum Import Capacity as a result of P272?
3. How many of these customers have formally responded to your communication and agreed a Maximum Import Capacity with you (whether to accept the MIC value proposed in your letter or to agree a different MIC value)?

Note: Please do not include any customers which you have deemed to have formally accepted a proposed MIC value by virtue of not responding within any deadline included in your communication with the customer – these are captured by question 4 below.

4. How many of these customers have not responded to your communication but have a deemed MIC value proposed in your letter.
5. Please provide any commentary on the information you have provided which you believe will help the Working Group to interpret the data.

Please clearly state if you would like your response to be classified as confidential.

Form Two (Appendix B) – Questions for Suppliers only.

Please note that Supplier responses will be classified as confidential. Data will only be shared with the working group at an aggregated level.

2.3 The Working Group would like to gather information on the level of formal communication by Suppliers with customers in relation to P272 and the need to agree a MIC. The Working Group would also like Suppliers to offer any commentary they may feel will help to understand the quantitative data:

1. How many CT (Current Transformer) metered PC 5-8 customers do you have that will be need to be migrated to HH settlement as a result of P272?
2. How many of these customers have you formally written to via either letter or email to inform them of the need to agree a Maximum Import Capacity with their DNO/IDNO?
3. How many of these customers have you supplied maximum demand data to DNOs for?

4. Please provide any commentary on the information you have provided which you feel may help the Working Group to interpret the data.

3 Next Steps

- 3.1 Responses to this RFI will be reviewed by the DCP 248 Working Group. The group will then determine the next steps for the Change Proposal.
- 3.2 If you have any questions about this RFI or the DCUSA Change Process please contact the DCUSA helpdesk by email to dcusa@electralink.co.uk or telephone 020 7432 2842.

APPENDICES

- Appendix A – Questions for DNOs/IDNOs Response Form
- Appendix B – Questions for Suppliers Response Form