





DCUSA Change Proposal (DCP)		At what stage is this document in the process?
<h1>DCP 436</h1> <h2>Date change for the provision of Rota Load Block Alpha Identifiers and potential provision of additional data</h2> <p><b>Date Raised:</b> 12/02/2024</p> <p><b>Proposer Name:</b> Paul Nicholson</p> <p><b>Company Name:</b> Northern Powergrid</p> <p><b>Party Category:</b> DNO</p>		<div>01 – Change Proposal</div> <div>02 – Consultation</div> <div>03 – Change Report</div> <div>04 – Change Declaration</div>
<p><b>Purpose of Change Proposal:</b></p> <p>The proposal is to change the dates related to the provision of Rota Load Block Alpha Identifiers to later dates and optimise the way the data is provided (e.g., providing subsets based on changes to block letters, new connections, etc.). Later dates would ensure that the most up to date Rota Load Block Alpha Identifiers are provided to Customers via Suppliers during the winter when the use of Rota Load Disconnections are most likely to be needed. Without changing the dates, (I)DNOs would need to issue Rota Load Block Alpha Identifiers to Suppliers twice per year to achieve this accuracy during winter, which is disruptive to (I)DNOs and Suppliers. The provision of the additional subset of data may also support Suppliers in updating their systems in a more efficient manner.</p>		
	<p><b>Governance:</b></p> <p>The Proposer recommends that this Change Proposal should be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Treated as a Part 2 Matter</li> <li>Treated as a Standard Change</li> <li>Progressed to the Working Group phase</li> </ul> <p>The Panel will consider the proposer's recommendation and determine the appropriate route.</p>	
	<p><b>Impacted Parties:</b></p> <p>Suppliers/DNOs/IDNOs</p>	
	<p><b>Impacted Areas:</b></p> <p>SCHEDULE 8 – Paragraphs 13.1; 13.2; 13.3</p>	

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<b>The Secretariat recommends the following timetable:</b>		
Initial Assessment Report	21 February 2024	
Consultation Issued to Industry Participants	March 2024	
Change Report Approved by Panel	15 May 2024	
Change Report issued for Voting	17 May 2024	
Party Voting Closes	10 June 2024	
Change Declaration Issued to Parties	13 June 2024	

## 1 Summary

### What?

- 1.1 The proposal is to change the dates related to the provision of Rota Load Block Alpha Identifiers to later dates. The dates requiring changes are referenced in Schedule 8 – Paragraph 13.1, 13.2, 13.3. The later dates will be approximately 3-months later than the currently specified dates.

### Why?

- 1.2 Later dates would ensure that the most up to date Rota Load Block Alpha Identifiers are provided to Customers via Suppliers during the winter when the use of Rota Load Disconnections are most likely to be needed. Without changing the dates, (I)DNOs would need to issue Rota Load Block Alpha Identifiers to Suppliers twice per year to achieve this accuracy during winter, which is disruptive to (I)DNOs and Suppliers. The later date also aligns with the (I)DNO requirement to review and provide updates to the Protected Sites List to the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero by 1<sup>st</sup> October every two years. The Protected Sites List can require alterations to be made to the Rota Load Alpha Identifiers, again driving changes to be made up to October.

### How?

- 1.3 It is proposed to change the date in Schedule 8 – Paragraph 13.1 from 30 June to 30 September, and Schedule 8 – Paragraph 13.2 from 31 July to 31 October and the second working day of August to the second working day of November. The final DCUSA CP may also propose to change the dates reference in 13.3 if deemed necessary and agreed with other Impacted Parties. A Working Group is proposed for Impacted Parties to agree the exact date changes.

## 2 Governance

### Justification for Part 1 and Part 2 Matter

### Requested Next Steps

- 2.1 This Change Proposal should:
- Be treated as a Part 2 Matter;
  - Be treated as a Standard Change; and
  - Proceed to the Working Group phase.
- 2.2 The Change Proposal is only to the dates as specified in Schedule 8 – Paragraph 13 and not fundamentally to the obligations on any Impacted Parties. The outcome is more accurate information for Customers via Suppliers during the winter period when the information is most likely to be needed. This Change Proposal needs to be published before 30 June 2024 or a Derogation to Schedule 8 – Paragraph 13.2 will be needed in 2024 to change the dates for this year. It is proposed that this change forms part of the standard June 2024 DCUSA update.

### 3 Why Change?

- 3.1 Later dates would ensure that the most up to date Rota Load Block Alpha Identifiers are provided to Customers via Suppliers during the winter when the use of Rota Load Disconnections are most likely to be needed. Without changing the dates, (I)DNOs would need to issue Rota Load Block Alpha Identifiers to Suppliers twice per year to achieve this accuracy during winter, which is disruptive to (I)DNOs and Suppliers.
- 3.2 The later date also aligns with the (I)DNO requirement to review and provide updates to the Protected Sites List to the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero by 1<sup>st</sup> October every two years. The Protected Sites List can require alterations to be made to the Rota Load Alpha Identifiers, again driving changes to be made up to October.

## Part B: Code Specific Details

### 4 Solution and Legal Text

#### Legal Text

- 4.1 13.1 By ~~30 June~~ **30 September** each year, the Company shall provide to the Nominated Central Source the Alpha Identifier for each Postcode within which Customers have connections to the Company's Distribution System
- 4.2 13.2 The Company shall ensure that the Nominated Central Source collates the information referred to in Paragraph 13.1 with the comparable information of other DNO/IDNO Parties. The collated information shall be provided free of charge, and shall be contained in a file in .csv format and shall show each relevant Postcode in one column with the applicable Alpha Identifier and Distributor ID in separate columns. The Company shall ensure that, by ~~31 July~~ **31 October** of the relevant year, the Nominated Central Source shall provide the collated information to the Secretariat using the method agreed between the Nominated Central Source and the Secretariat. By the second Working Day of ~~August~~ **November** each year, the Secretariat shall publish, free of charge, the collated information on the Website, in a .csv file format, and upon such publication, the Secretariat shall issue a notification to each User (where it is a Supplier Party) and the DNO/IDNO Parties that such publication has occurred.
- 4.3 13.3 During the 12-month period commencing on ~~1 October~~ **1 December** of each year, the User shall (where it is a Supplier Party) take reasonable steps to notify each Alpha Identifier provided to it in accordance with Paragraph 13.2 to the User's Customers that have Customer Installations located within the relevant Postcode area. The User shall only be obliged to take such steps to the extent it is reasonably practicable to do so, and shall be taken to have complied with its obligation in respect of a particular Customer Installation where the Bills (or statements of account) sent to the Customer in respect of that Customer Installation, during such 12-month period, display (where reasonably practicable, in a square box on the front page, and in the uppermost third, of such Bills) the Alpha Identifier made available to the User on the Website during the ~~August~~ **November** preceding that ~~October~~ **December**.

## Text Commentary

- 4.4 The Solution is to change the dates to provide more accurate Rota Load Block Alpha Identifier information to Customers via Suppliers during the winter months (when the use of Rota Load Disconnections are most likely). The legal text changes achieve this with the change to the dates only referenced in Schedule 8 – Paragraph 13. Noting that the new proposed dates are all subject to agreement with the Working Group.

## 5 Code Specific Matters

### Reference Documents

- 5.1 None applicable.

## 6 Relevant Objectives

*Please Note:*

	DCUSA General Objectives Please tick the relevant boxes. ( <a href="#">See Guidance Note 9</a> )	Identified impact
<input type="checkbox"/>	1. The development, maintenance and operation by the DNO Parties and IDNO Parties of efficient, co-ordinated, and economical Distribution Networks	None
<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	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 type="checkbox"/>	4. The promotion of efficiency in the implementation and administration of the DCUSA	None
<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.	None

- 6.1 It is believed that by providing the data at a later date, this means the Rota Load Block Alpha Identifiers provided to consumers will be more up-to-date when they receive their bills (or when the identifiers are communicated to them).

## 7 Impacts & Other Considerations

- 7.1 There are no cross-code, consumer or environmental impacts associated with this Change Proposal.

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

7.2 This Change Proposal does not impact a Significant Code Review or other significant industry change project.

## Does this Change Proposal Impact Other Codes?

BSC.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	MRA.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
CUSC.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	SEC.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grid Code.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	REC.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Distribution Code..	<input type="checkbox"/>	None.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## Consideration of Wider Industry Impacts

7.3 There are no wider industry impacts. This Change Proposal has also been discussed and circulated for awareness and support at Energy Network Association industry forums including Electricity Task Group (ETG) and Emergency Planning Managers Forum (EPMF), which include representatives from all Impacted Parties as well as the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero and Energy UK.

## Confidentiality

[\[See Guidance Note 8\]](#)

7.4 This Change Proposal is not confidential.

## 8 Implementation

### Proposed Implementation Date

8.1 The Proposed Implementation date needs to be for the June 2024 DCUSA standard implementation update or earlier. By meeting this date, an additional Derogation to Schedule 8 – Paragraph 13.2 in 2024 would not be required.

## 9 Recommendations

*The Code Administrator will provide a summary of any recommendations/determinations provided by the Panel in considering the initial Change Proposal. This will form part of a Final Change Report.*