




DCUSA Change Proposal (DCP)		At what stage is this document in the process?
<h2>DCP 446:</h2> <h3>Emergency Disconnections</h3> <p>Date Raised: 7 November 2024</p> <p>Proposer Name: Mark Rose</p> <p>Company Name: Eastern Power Networks</p> <p>Party Category: DNO</p>		01 – Change Proposal
		02 – Consultation
		03 – Change Report
		04 – Change Declaration
<p>Purpose of Change Proposal:</p> <p>To enable distributors to charge customers covered by section 2 of the National Terms of Connection for emergency disconnections that have been caused by their act or omission.</p>		
	<p>Governance:</p> <p>The Proposer recommends that this Change Proposal should be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treated as a Part 1 Matter • Treated as a Standard Change • Progressed to the Working Group phase <p>The Panel will consider the proposer's recommendation and determine the appropriate route.</p>	
	<p>Impacted Parties:</p> <p>DNOs/IDNOs</p>	
	<p>Impacted Clauses:</p> <p>Schedule 2B</p>	

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Any questions?

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Indicative Timeline

The Secretariat recommends the following timetable:

Initial Assessment Report	20 November 2024
Consultation Issued to Industry Participants	December 2024 / January 2025
Change Report Approved by Panel	16 April 2025
Change Report issued for Voting	17 April 2025
Party Voting Closes	08 May 2025
Change Declaration Issued to Parties	12 May 2025
Change Declaration Issued to Authority	12 May 2025
Authority Decision	TBC

1. Summary

What?

- 1.1 In order to support network cost allocation more appropriately, provision for emergency disconnection charging should be broadened to act across all strands of the national terms of connection rather than being limited to larger connections only, as described in sections 3 and 4 of the National Terms of Connection (Schedule 2B).

Why?

- 1.2 There is inconsistency between sections 3 and 4 and section 2 of the NTC. Sections 3 (Clause 6.3) and 4 (Clause 6.3) allow the costs of emergency disconnections to be recovered but section 2 does not. In order to avoid socialisation of emergency disconnection costs to all users, wording should be introduced into section 2 which supports DNOs, where appropriate, to recharge reasonable costs to users, or their agents, who drive the need for emergency disconnections.

How?

- 1.3 Consider simplification of wording included in paragraph 6.3 of both section 3 and section 4 for introduction into section 2 of the National Terms of Connection (Schedule 2B)

2. Governance

Justification for Part 1 and Part 2 Matter

- 2.1 It is a Part 1 matter as it impacts customers via the NTC.

Requested Next Steps

- 2.2 This Change Proposal should:
- Be treated as a Part 1 Matter;
 - Be treated as a Standard Change; and
 - Proceed to the Working Group phase.

3. Why Change?

- 3.1 To enable costs to be recovered equally from all customers impacting the need for this activity.

4. Solution and Legal Text

Legal Text

4.1 Add new text to the end of paragraph 7 of section 2 of Schedule 2B as follows:

If we have to disconnect your premises for safety reasons that are caused by you, or your agent's, act or omission, you will pay our reasonable costs and expenses for the disconnection.

4.2 Amend paragraph 6.3 in each of sections 3 and 4 of the NTC as follows;

*Where such safety reasons were the result of the Customer's, **or their agent's**, acts or omissions, the Customer shall pay to the Company forthwith upon demand an amount equal to the reasonable costs and expenses incurred by the Company in undertaking the Disconnection.*

Text Commentary

4.3 The text is designed to mirror the intent of the clauses in Sections 3 and 4 but to use plainer language and to add reference to "agents" throughout.

5. Code Specific Matters

Reference Documents

5.1 N/A.

6. Relevant Objectives

	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	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 The change will support DNOs in the recovery of costs directly from customers needing disconnection as opposed to socialisation of these costs across all users of the distribution system.

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 N/A.

Does this Change Proposal Impact Other Codes?

BSC..... ☐ SEC..... ☐ Grid Code..... ☐
 CUSC... ☐ REC..... ☐ Distribution Code.. ☐
 None..... ☒

Consideration of Wider Industry Impacts

7.2 N/A.

Confidentiality

7.3 N/A.

8. Implementation

Proposed Implementation Date

8.1 Next release after approval.

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.