

DCP 478: Resolving Housekeeping Items

Legal Text

HK 132 - Amend Paragraph 6.3 in Schedule 32 'Residual Charging Bands' of the DCUSA as follows:

6.3 The exceptional circumstances described in Paragraph 6.1(b) will be subject [to](#) the following materiality threshold[s, as applicable](#):

HK 133 - Amend the defined term below, as set out under Clause 1 of Section 1A 'Preliminary' as follows:

Meter Operation Code of Practice has the meaning given to the [term](#) [“Consolidated Metering Code of Practice”](#) in the Retail Energy Code.

HK 133 - Amend the subheading above and the contents of Clause 52Z.3 in Section 2H 'Distributor/Supplier To SIP Party Relationships' as follows:

Meter [Operati](#)[on](#) Code of Practice

52Z.3 The Safe Isolation Provider shall only be entitled to exercise rights under this Section 2H while it is an accredited [Meter Operator Agent](#) for the purposes of the Meter Operation Code of Practice under the Retail Energy Code. The Safe Isolation Provider shall comply with the Meter Operation Code of Practice in relation to the works undertaken pursuant to this Section 2H.

HK 134 - Amend “Contents” of Schedule 13 'Bilateral Connection Agreement' as follows:

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HK 135 - Amend Paragraph 7.1 of Schedule 33 'Disconnections' as follows:

7. LOGICAL DISCONNECTIONS – BULK UPDATES

- 7.1 A bulk update will be deemed to be 50 or more requests at any one time per Supplier Party. That Supplier Party will then enter into a bi-lateral agreement with the appropriate ~~Distribution~~ CompanyDNO/IDNO Party. The ~~Distribution~~

~~Company~~DNO/IDNO Party will determine the progress of such a request based on the number of similar requests received at any given time. It is expected that the requesting Supplier Party will have carried out all the relevant checks as per an individual request as outlined in Paragraph 6 above prior to submitting a bulk request.

HK 136 - Amend Paragraph 2.5 in Schedule 1 'Cover' as follows:

2.5 Where the User does not have a Credit Rating from an Approved Credit Referencing Agency that is Ba3 / BB– or above, CAF shall be determined as follows:

- (a) where there is, at the time of such determination, an Independent Credit Assessment that was carried out within the preceding 12 months and the User has not requested that the Company use the User's Payment Record Factor, CAF shall be determined by reference to the Independent Credit Assessment provided pursuant to Paragraph 2.6 or procured pursuant to Paragraph 2.7 (and, in either case, in accordance with the table set out at Paragraph 2.10);
- (b) where the User has requested that the Company use the User's Payment Record Factor or there is not, at the time of such determination, an Independent Credit Assessment that was carried out within the preceding 12 months, CAF shall (unless the Company opts to apply sub-paragraph (c) below) equal the Payment Record Factor (which shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of Paragraphs 2.12 to 2.~~14~~15); or
- (c) where the Company has used the User's Payment Record Factor for a period of 60 months or more (and the User does not, when notified by the Company, opt to provide an Independent Credit Assessment pursuant to Paragraph 2.6 or request the Company to procure an Independent Credit Assessment pursuant to Paragraph 2.7), then the Company may (at its discretion) opt to use an Independent Credit Assessment and notify the User it has done so (in which case Paragraphs 2.8 to 2.10 shall apply).

Harmonised Code Modification Prioritisation Process - Amend the following Clauses in Section 1C of the DCUSA as follows:

10.12 The Panel shall consider the Change Proposal and the accompanying documents referred to in Clause 10.11.2:

10.12.1 in respect of Change Proposals specified as urgent in accordance with Clause 10.4.8, within five Working Days of the proposal's submission;

10.12.2 in respect of all other Change Proposals, within 25 Working Days of the proposal's submission,

and, where necessary, the Panel Secretary shall convene a Panel meeting for such purpose. The Panel shall consider whether to accept or refuse the Change Proposal, and whether or not the Change Proposal should, in light of the criteria set out in Clause 10.7, properly be treated as urgent. Only Change Proposals that the Panel considers should be treated as urgent shall be treated as **Urgent Change Proposals**. For the avoidance of doubt, the Panel shall not determine a Prioritisation Category for Urgent Change Proposals and accordingly no Urgent Change Proposal shall have a Prioritisation Category. For every Change Proposal that is not treated as an Urgent Change Proposal, the Panel shall determine the Prioritisation Category of that Change Proposal by assessing it against the Prioritisation Criteria (as compared with other Change Proposals) and taking into consideration the assessment presented by the Proposer in accordance with [paragraph Clause 10.4.11](#).

11.14 The Panel may establish, in respect of a Change Proposal, a Working Group for the purpose of undertaking the activities (the **Definition Procedure**) of:

11.14.1 consulting with the Parties, and (where appropriate) with any interested third parties, on the proposal, which third parties shall include, in respect of proposals to vary one or more of the Charging Methodologies, any person whose interests the Working Group identifies as being materially affected by a Charging Methodology (which consultation shall, where appropriate, be by way of consultation with bodies who represent the interests of such third parties);

- 11.14.2 considering and clarifying the likely effects of the proposed variation to the Agreement and/or DCUSA Message, and indicating which Party Categories it considers will be affected by the proposed variation;
- 11.14.3 evaluating, developing and refining the proposed variation to the Agreement and/or DCUSA Message (and, in undertaking such evaluation in respect of a Change Proposal to vary one or more of the Charging Methodologies (but not the CCCM), the Working Group shall have regard to the ability of the Authority to veto any Change Proposal that appears to the Authority to have as its purpose or effect the full or substantial substitution of one Charging Methodology for another);
- 11.14.3A determining a plan to meet the timetable established for the Change Proposal under Clause 11.9A or Clauses 11.10 to 11.12 (as applicable), and notifying the Panel in the event that the Working Group requires more time to complete the activities set out in this Clause 11.14 (in which case the Working Group shall recommend an alternative timetable, and provide supporting information to justify the extension);
- 11.14.4 evaluating the likely impact of the proposed date for implementation of the variation, and where it considers appropriate amending this date, subject to the following:
 - (A) an implementation date specified by the Authority in accordance with Clause 11.9A.2 may not be amended;
 - (B) (subject to (A) above) the implementation date should be the date that enables the proposed variation to take effect as soon as practicable after the decision to implement has been reached, taking into account the Prioritisation Criteria, and whether the variation's associated Change Proposal is an Urgent Change Proposal, or, if the variation's associated Change Proposal is not an Urgent Change Proposal, its Prioritisation Category; and;
 - (C) -in undertaking such evaluation in respect of a Change Proposal to vary one or more of the Charging Methodologies, the Working Group shall

have regard to the obligations of DNO Parties under this Agreement, and under their Distribution Licences, regarding the frequency of changes to Use of System Charges, and regarding the notice to be given in advance of such changes;

11.14.5 considering whether, if the proposed variation were made, the Agreement and/or DCUSA Message would better facilitate the achievement of the DCUSA Objectives than if that variation were not made; and

11.14.6 considering whether it is likely that there would be a material impact on greenhouse gas emissions as a result of the proposed variation being made, and (if so) assessing such impact (which assessment shall be conducted in accordance with any guidance on the treatment of carbon costs and evaluation of greenhouse gas emissions issued by the Authority from time to time).

11.26 The Change Register shall contain, in respect of each Change Proposal that is in the Assessment Process:

11.26.1 details of the proposal (including the name of the Proposer, the date of the proposal and a short summary of its intended purpose and effect);

11.26.2 whether the proposal relates to a Part 1 Matter or a Part 2 Matter;

11.26.3 whether the proposal is an Urgent Change Proposal or the Prioritisation Category of the Change Proposal, and details of the assessment undertaken ~~in~~ paragraph under Clause 10.12.2; (a) and, where the Prioritisation Category of a Change Proposal is changed, ~~the~~ confirmation of the change should be reflected within the Change Register alongside the reasons for the change;

11.26.4 the timetable for the completion of each stage of the Assessment Process;

11.26.5 the current level of progress of the proposal within the Assessment Process; and

11.26.6 such other matters relating to the proposal as the Panel may from time to time direct the Secretariat to include in the Change Register.

Review of Prioritisation Category of Change Proposals

11.33 The Panel shall review the Prioritisation Category of Change Proposals on a bi-annual basis and adjust the relevant ~~modification~~-timetable for each Change Proposal accordingly.

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