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Dear Panel Chair,

**Authority decision to send back Distribution Connection and Use of System Agreement (DCUSA) modification proposal DCP390 'Provisions of Isolations for Safe Working on Customers' Electrical Installations'**

On 21 December 2021, the DCUSA Panel submitted a Change Report (CR) for DCUSA modification proposal DCP390. We have decided that we cannot form an opinion on whether to accept or reject DCP390 based on the CR as submitted to us. This is due to conflicts with another DCUSA change proposal, DCP394 'Allow any REC accredited meter operator to de-energise any metering point', which is currently in the working group phase. We are therefore sending back the DCP390 CR to industry for further work.

Further detail on the conflicts between DCP390 and DCP394 are outlined below.

The DCP390 modification proposal seeks to amend the DCUSA to clarify that Supplier parties are solely responsible for the provision of an isolation service (de-energisation and re-energisation works). It also seeks to implement a 10 working day timeframe for the works as well as obligate Supplier parties to publish a transparent process for isolations.

The DCP394 change proposal seeks to widen the scope of DCUSA to allow any accredited meter operator to carry out de-energisation and re-energisation works at any metering installation(s) when *not* working on behalf of a Supplier party.

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Whilst we understand that the two proposals propose to deal with slightly different issues, both cannot be simultaneously implemented. This is because DCP390 places sole obligation of the provision of isolations on Supplier parties, whereas DCP394 intends to allow accredited meter operators to carry out the service without Supplier party involvement. As such the benefits of a single responsible party, 10 Working Day timeframe, and clear and transparent process imposed on Supplier parties under DCP390 would be undermined should DCP394 be accepted.

## **Direction**

In accordance with Clause 13.11A of the DCUSA, the Authority directs the panel to review and amend DCP390 to take into account DCP394 (should the former and latter be accepted) so that both change proposals can be implemented without conflict. As such, we will not be in a position to determine DCP390 until we receive the DCP394 Change report for decision. Alternatively, DCP390 may be withdrawn, and the changes it proposed aligned and adopted within DCP394.

Yours sincerely,

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**Duly authorised on behalf of the Authority**