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Dear Angelo,

**Decision to designate the DCUSA Secretariat to raise change proposals under the DCUSA**

The Authority has today approved DCUSA Change Proposal DCP417 'Ability for the DCUSA Secretariat to Raise Change Proposals'. This Change Proposal seeks to give the DCUSA Secretariat (ElectraLink) the ability to raise Change Proposals to modify the DCUSA. Our reasoning for approving DCP417 is set out in our decision letter, published alongside this designation letter.

Standard Licence Condition (SLC) 22 of the Electricity Distribution Licence sets out who can raise a modification to the DCUSA. This is then reiterated in DCUSA Section 1C 'Change Control'. This includes DCUSA Parties, the Authority (in specified circumstances), the Independent System Operator and Planner (ISOP), and any such other persons or bodies as may be designated by the Authority.

While DCP417 will amend DCUSA Section 1C to introduce the DCUSA Secretariat to the list of bodies capable of raising DCUSA Change Proposals, the licence will not be updated to reflect this. We consider that the terms of the licence will continue to take precedent, and therefore in order for DCP417 to take effect, the DCUSA Secretariat must first be designated in accordance with Paragraph 22.5(a) of the Electricity Distribution Licence.

As set out in our DCP417 decision letter, we are satisfied that DCP417 will better facilitate the achievement of the Applicable DCUSA Objectives, and have therefore decided to designate the DCUSA Secretariat as a body capable of raising Change Proposals to modify the DCUSA.

## **Our decision**

Pursuant to Paragraph 22.5(a) of the Electricity Distribution Licence, for the reasons set out above, and in our DCP417 decision letter, the Authority hereby designates the DCUSA Secretariat on an enduring basis to raise proposals for the modification of the DCUSA.

This designation shall remain in effect until such time as it may be withdrawn by the Authority.

If you have any questions regarding our decision, please contact [industrycodes@ofgem.gov.uk](mailto:industrycodes@ofgem.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely,

**Gavin Baillie**

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Signed on behalf of the Authority and authorised for that purpose.