

■ DP315 – Dual running of DCC Smart Meter Communication Licence

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Remain in Development Stage

LOW

Overview

- As part of the DCC review, Ofgem has drafted a new successor licence (SMCL2) and appointed a Successor Licensee following an open competitive tender process

Issue



- Due to operational requirements and handover between the old and new SMCL licence holders, there will be a period where both the existing SMCL and the new SMCL will be in use
- Unless the SEC is amended the parallel operation of both the SMCL & SMCL2 has the potential to cause confusion

Impact



- A Review of SEC 'Section A – Definitions and Interpretation' to manage referencing of two Licences with the SEC during the handover period with the aim of providing clarity and to avoid any ambiguity and misinterpretation

Proposed Solution

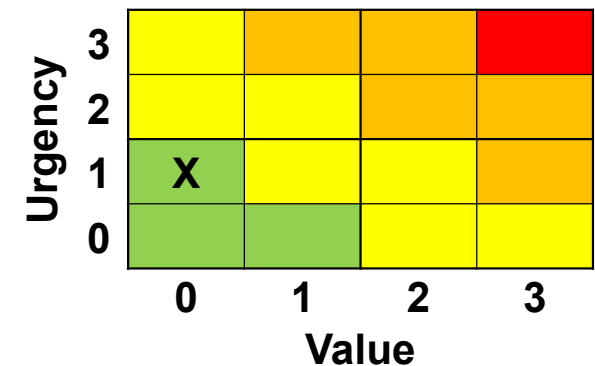


■ Prioritisation

Legal & regulatory compliance	Operational performance	Cost benefit	Consumer impact	Security impacts	Value	Urgency	Priority
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Rationale

- Text only change will aim to avoid ambiguity and any misinterpretation
- Defining which licence is being referred to when referenced in the SEC will provide clarity



■ Timetable

Date	Event/Activity	Notes
March 2026 – May 2026	Solution Development	<i>Legal drafting</i>
May 2026	Progress to report phase	
June 2026	June 2026 SEC Release Implementation	

■ AM459: Recommendations

- **DETERMINE** whether the issue and the impact it is having is clearly defined and understood
- **DETERMINE** whether AM459 should be converted to a Modification Proposal
- **AGREE** the first package of work and the timetable for AM459