

DP258: Aligning requirements for System Outage notifications

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Current Arrangements

Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery



- DCC are to notify each Party with a BCDR Test schedule at least 60 Working Days before the test start date

The BCDR test schedule notification and Planned Maintenance notification are not aligned

Planned Maintenance



- The DCC Publish the schedule to Parties 20 Working Days ahead of the month in which Planned Maintenance will occur

Cause of outages have the same impact for consumers, but having alignment for BCDR and Planned Maintenance allow a more joined up approach

Increased administrative overheads allocating time to create two notice periods instead of one

Rationale for notice periods

SECMP0029 'Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Testing Amendments'



60 Working Day notice was suggested by the Proposer

Presented to the Working Group back in June 2017 and agreed by members

MP092 'New Planned Maintenance methodology'



Presented to the Working Group back in July 2020 no comments received

Change Sub Committee requested OPSG to review the issue

- A CSC member stated that OPSG are experts in maintenance and that this modification should be presented to them to see if there is value in merging both notification periods into one
- They stated that if OPSG members agree it is beneficial then this modification can be presented to the CSC

■ Questions for the OPSG

Does aligning both notification periods serve any value?

If aligned, what would be a suitable timescale?

Are there any other further considerations to be taken?