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SEC Panel DCC Engagement Assessments 2025

1. Purpose

The SEC Panel has annual obligations to assess the engagement the DCC has undertaken with its customers for the prior Regulatory Year (RY24-25). This paper sets out the approach to fulfilling the requirements.

The Panel is requested to note the approach.

2. SEC Panel Assessments

The SEC Panel has two annual assessments to undertake.

- Ofgem Operational Performance Regime (OPR);
- DESNZ Baseline Margin Project Performance Adjustment (BMPPA) for 4G Communication Hubs and Network programme (CH&N).

The OPR requires the Panel and the DCC to independently assess and score the level of engagement the DCC has undertaken with its customers for each Regulatory Year. Ofgem reviews the submissions from Panel and the DCC to determine the level of margin the DCC should retain in accordance with the OPR. The OPR forms part of the wider Price Control exercise that Ofgem undertakes each year.

The DESNZ BMPPA scheme is a specific assessment by the Panel of the engagement undertaken for the implementation of the 4G CH&N Programme.

Both assessments cover the Regulatory Year April 2024 to March 2025.

3. Approach & Next Steps

SECAS is undertaking reviews of Sub-Committee and Panel minutes and has sought feedback from Independent Sub Committee Chairs and views from SEC Parties regarding the questions set by Ofgem and DESNZ to inform the SEC Panel assessment.

Initial views suggest that the DCC's engagement is generally good, timely and appropriate with notable exceptions – e.g. 4G Comms Hub coverage, where information gathered indicates that it

would have been helpful for the DCC to have provided more notice and information regarding this matter.

SECAS will work with Oli Meggitt, Senior Strategy Manager at SECCo, to develop the assessments and return to Panel for approval at the July 2025 meeting.

4. Recommendations

The Panel is requested to **NOTE** the proposed approach.

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