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## Smart Markets Project Update

### 1. Purpose

The Smart Energy Code (SEC), along with other Codes, are providing resource support for Ofgem's Faster Switching Programme. This paper provides the SEC Panel and Parties with a monthly overview of the key activities of the Ofgem Switching Programme Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) provided by SEC. The paper also covers other updates from the Programme that may be relevant to Parties. The Panel is requested to note the contents of this paper.

### 2. Switching Programme Data Working Group

An Ofgem Data Working Group (DWG) meeting was held on 19 December 2018. SEC SMEs were in attendance to advise on any data matters that arise and may impact the Panel and its duties. The last meeting focused on the cleansing, population and migration of registration. The next meeting is scheduled for 21 January 2019.

### 3. Consequential SEC Changes

As previously advised, Ofgem has requested that Code Panels and their administrators undertake reviews of each respective Code's content to determine the likely consequential impacts (if any) of the Switching Programme and the introduction of the Retail Energy Code (REC) and the Central Switching Service, by the end of 2018.

SEC SMEs have continued the analysis and legal drafting of the consequential impacts on the SEC, however, these are dependent on the conclusions of the October 2018 consultation, which have not yet been published.

Ofgem has advised that they will keep the SEC SMEs informed of the ongoing discussions and conclusions on the CSS and DCC DSP interface. This will then enable next steps to be taken on the consequential impact analysis and associated legal drafting.

### 4. Retail Energy Code (REC) development

In the last month, the Regulatory Design Team (RDT) has been further developing the draft REC V2 Schedules based on feedback received to the Ofgem October 2018 consultation.

The RDT has also been focusing on further developing the remaining REC V2 and V3 content, incorporating feedback from the October 2018 consultation and further discussions with Ofgem. Ofgem anticipates baselining the REC V2 content in early 2019.

## 5. Regulatory Design User Group (RDUG)

The last RDUG meeting was held on 21 December 2018. Key items for discussion were:

- The establishment of RECCo and proposed budget;
- An update from the Switching Programme and the Joint Industry Plan;
- A presentation of the revised terms of reference for the Regulatory Group;
- An overview of consultation responses;
- A walkthrough of the published REC V2 Schedules; and
- Development of the REC Technical Specification.

It was noted that the Technical Specification will consist of a suite of documents including the following categories:

- Testing Specification
- Service Definition
- Security Operating Framework
- Data Specification
  - Standards Definitions
  - Interface Definitions
  - Communication Reference Document (AKA REC Data catalogue)

A Technical Specification Approach Document will be developed by March 2019, setting out the roles and responsibilities for the development of this documentation and associated timescales.

The remaining RDUG meetings are planned for 14 January 2019, 18 February 2019 and 23 March 2019.

## 6. Working Support to Ofgem

By far the largest effort this month has been on meeting attendance by SEC SMEs.

In line with the effort as set out above, a total of 5.37 days has been expended on the project by the SECAS SMEs.

## 7. Recommendations

The Panel is requested to **NOTE** the contents of this paper.

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