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Dear Michael,

### **Request to change the implementation date for SECMP0018**

The SEC Panel are requesting that the implementation date for SEC Modification Proposal [SECMP0018 'Standard Electricity Distributor Configuration Settings'](#) be moved from its current date of 27 June 2019. At their meeting on 15 March 2019, the Panel agreed that the revised implementation date should be 7 November 2019, as part of the November 2019 SEC Release. This letter sets out the rationale for the Panel's request and seeks the Authority's approval for this revised implementation date.

SECMP0018 was approved by the Change Board under Self-Governance on 23 January 2019 for implementation on 27 June 2019, as part of the June 2019 SEC Release. In setting this implementation approach at the December 2018 Panel meeting,<sup>1</sup> the Panel had noted that SECMP0018 would require a new version of the GB Companion Specification (GBCS). However, it had been confirmed that there would be no DCC System impacts required and that the DCC had confirmed they could implement this change at any time. The Panel determined that the June 2019 SEC Release would be the earliest viable SEC Release to include this change in.

At the March 2019 Panel meeting<sup>2</sup> the Panel noted a concern that had been raised by the Technical Architecture and Business Architecture Sub-Committee (TABASC) of the number of different dates when new versions of GBCS were planned to be released in 2019. The TABASC had highlighted that:

- SECMP0018 had been approved for implementation in the June 2019 SEC Release with [SECMP0055 'Incorporation of multiple Issue Resolution Proposals into the SEC'](#) (if approved) also being targeted for the same release; both of these modifications introduce changes to GBCS;
- BEIS are currently consulting on changes to GBCS that were being proposed for implementation around September 2019; and
- [SECMP0023 'Correct Units of Measure for Uncontrolled Gas Flow Rate'](#) had been approved for implementation in the November 2019 SEC Release with [SECMP0025 'Electricity Network](#)

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<sup>1</sup> Please see Panel paper SECP\_63\_1412\_10 for further details.

<sup>2</sup> Please see Panel paper SECP\_66\_1503\_13 for further details.

[Party Access to Load Switching Information](#) (if approved) also being targeted for the same release; these would introduce further changes to GBCS.

The Panel noted an agreement between SECAS and BEIS to move the BEIS-led changes to be implemented alongside the November 2019 SEC Release. The Panel determined that it would be pragmatic to also move SECMP0018 and SECMP0055 to the November 2019 SEC Release, so that a single GBCS version could be designated incorporating all the approved changes to go live at the same time.

In accordance with SEC Section D10.5 'Subsequent Amendment to Implementation Timetable', the Panel therefore requests the Authority directs that the implementation date for SECMP0018 be revised to 7 November 2019 as part of the November 2019 SEC Release.

If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact myself or the SECAS team on 020 7090 7755 or [sec.change@gemserv.com](mailto:sec.change@gemserv.com).

Yours sincerely,



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