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Date: 29 March 2019

Dear Peter,

**RE: Request to Change the Implementation Date for SECMP0018**

Thank you for your letter dated 19 March 2019 concerning the SEC Panel request to change the implementation date of SECMP0018 'Standard Electricity Distributor Configuration Settings'.<sup>1</sup> The revision requested is for the implementation date to be moved from its current planned date of 27 June 2019 to 7 November 2019 and form part of the November 2019 SEC Release.

The primary driver cited for this request is a concern that has been raised by the Technical Architecture and Business Architecture Sub-Committee (TABASC) of the number of different dates when new versions of Great Britain Companion Specifications (GBCS) were planned to be released in 2019. This was discussed at the March SEC Panel, and an agreement between SECAS and BEIS to move the BEIS-led changes to be implemented alongside the November 2019 SEC Release was also noted. 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 and go-live at the same time.

We agree with the SEC Panel and consider that a single release with all GBCS and SEC modifications in November would provide the industry with efficiencies in implementation for the applicable changes for SEC Parties. The Panel's request to revise the implementation date of this modification is an example of good practice to ensure that these processes are continually reviewed.

In accordance with your request under SEC Section D10.5 'Subsequent Amendment to Implementation Timetable', we direct that the implementation date for SECMP0018 be revised to 7 November 2019 as form part of the November 2019 SEC Release.

If you have any queries or comments in relation to the issues raised in this letter, please contact [michael.walls@ofgem.gov.uk](mailto:michael.walls@ofgem.gov.uk) in the first instance.

Yours sincerely,

Jacqui Russell  
Head of Metering and Market Operations  
Signed on behalf of the Authority and authorised for that purpose

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<sup>1</sup> <https://smartenergycodecompany.co.uk/modifications/standard-electricity-distributor-configuration-settings/>

