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## Smarter 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. SEC consequential changes

Over the last month, as the design of the Central Switching Service (CSS) becomes clearer, work continues with the Data Communications Company (DCC) to identify the detailed changes required to the SEC. From a SEC Party perspective, the main impact will be on Network Parties. The current obligations for Network Parties to ensure Registration Data Providers (RDPs) send registration data to the DCC Data Service Provider (DSP) will be removed. These will be replaced with obligations on the DCC in their role as Centralised Registration Service (CRS) to ensure the CSS send the required registration data to the DSP. Suppliers and other SEC Parties remain unaffected by any SEC consequential changes.

In addition to clarifying obligations on the CRS, changes will also be required to the SEC appendices that detail the new interface between the DSP and CSS systems. The DSP and Landmark (the CSS Provider) are currently discussing the detailed design for these interfaces. It is the expectation that the detailed design will be ready for SECAS to review in June. Once we have seen the design, we can complete work in drafting the necessary redline changes.

To ensure that there are no hidden consequences, the intent is to present the DCC design and the drafted SEC changes to both the Technical Architecture and Business Architecture Sub-Committee (TABASC) and the Security Sub-Committee (SSC) in late June/ early July 2019. Once the proposed changes have been reviewed by the Sub-Committees, they will be presented to the Panel so they can be confirmed ready for inclusion in the upcoming Ofgem Significant Code Review (SCR).

Ofgem plan to issue a consultation on consequential changes later this month. This consultation will include the intended approach, as outlined above, of delivering changes to the SEC as well as changes to other Industry Codes. Work will continue to keep the Panel up to date once the consultation is issued and on developments on the detailed interfaced design.

### 3. Design Meetings

Design Authority Meetings were held on 14 and 24 May 2019 alongside Design Forum Meetings on 13 and 20 May 2019. Key updates on Change Requests are:

#### **CR-E16 Primary Meter Asset Indicator<sup>1</sup>**

The current design means the CSS only issue notifications to a single Meter Asset Provider (MAP) for each Metering Point or Supply Meter Point on a Change of Supply (CoS). It was assumed that the number of Metering Points or Supply Meter Points with multiple associated assets is negligible. However, data drawn from ECOES has shown this is not the case. Previously approved by the DA it was brought back for some technical clarifications to ABACUS which were included and agreed. The CSS will now send a notification of CoS to all MAPs associated to an MPxN.

#### **CR-E39 – Clarification of Registration Lifecycle statuses and removal of DSP confirmed synchronisation<sup>2</sup>**

This Change Request clarifies the Registration Lifecycle statuses within the existing logical design. It also removes the need for the 'confirmed' synch to the DSP since it is not required. New CRs will be raised and discussed at a later stage, this will make previously agreed CRs, CR-E23 and CR-E39 redundant.

### 4. Regulatory Design

The Regulatory Design User Group (RDUG) has now finished and Ofgem is looking at new opportunities for stakeholders to get engaged during the Design, Build and Test phase (DBT).

In the past month, the Regulatory Design Team (RDT) has been focused on finalising the remaining REC V2 Schedules and considering comments received from the last RDUG review cycle and Change Proposals (CPs) approved by the Switching Programme. RDT has also been advising Ofgem in the past month on the specific questions to be explored for the different Retail Energy Code (REC) content areas in the next Ofgem consultation. It is currently anticipated that this consultation will be published in early June 2019.

### 5. Working Support to Ofgem

By far the largest effort this month by SEC SMEs has been on the continuing analysis of the consequential impacts of the Programme and meeting attendance or review of material provided at or for these meetings.

In line with the effort as set out above, a total of **16** days has been expended on the project by the SECAS SMEs.

### 6. Recommendations

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

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<sup>1</sup>Ofgem, [CR-E16, Primary Meter Asset Electricity](#), 18 January 2019

<sup>2</sup>Ofgem, [CR-E39 – Clarification of Registration Lifecycle statuses and removal of DSP confirmed synchronisation](#), 18 May 2019