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Dear Michael,

Request to change the implementation date for the November 2019 SEC Release

The SEC Panel is requesting that the implementation date for all the Modification Proposals targeted or approved for inclusion in the November 2019 SEC Release be deferred from the current date of 7 November 2019. The Panel agreed that the revised implementation date should be 24 November 2019. This letter sets out the rationale for the Panel's request and seeks the Authority's approval for these revised implementation dates.

The November 2019 SEC Release, due to be implemented on 7 November 2019, consists of the following approved Modification Proposals:

- [SECMP0018 'Standard Electricity Distributor Configuration Settings'](#)
- [SECMP0023 'Correct Units of Measure for Uncontrolled Gas Flow Rate'](#)
- [SECMP0025 'Electricity Network Party Access to Load Switching Information'](#)
- [SECMP0039 'Communication Hub returns notification mechanism for Other SEC Parties'](#)
- [SECMP0055 'Incorporation of multiple Issue Resolution Proposals into the SEC'](#)
- [SECMP0060 'Amend Requirements to remove 'Pending' devices from SMI'](#)
- [MP071 'Second-Comer Charging'](#)
- [MP073 'Alteration of SMKI Repository information and documentation'](#)
- [MP074 'Clarity on Obtaining SMKI Device Certificates'](#)

[MP076 'Pursuing Non-Payment in Events of Default'](#), currently with the Authority for decision, is also targeted for inclusion if approved by the Authority.

The Panel was presented with a request from the DCC to defer the implementation date to 24 November 2019.¹ The additional time requested by the DCC is needed to meet DCC operational requirements. Changes to the delivery timeline for the Initial Operating Capability (IOC) has reduced the amount of time between this and the November 2019 SEC Release to an uncomfortable level. The DCC needs enough time between major releases to allow for outstanding defects to be resolved prior to the next release going live.

¹ Please see Panel paper SECP_72_1309_13 for further details, including the DCC's letter to the Panel.

The delay will also provide the DCC with enough time to resolve defects identified during System Integration Testing (SIT) and additional User Integration Testing (UIT). The DCC noted concerns raised that there is insufficient time allowed for UIT, and this extension will provide the time necessary for Users to complete testing.

The Testing Advisory Group (TAG) has reviewed the DCC's revised testing plans. It advised the Panel that the proposed implementation date of 24 November 2019 would be achievable.

The Panel considered the DCC's request and the TAG's advice and agreed to request a revised implementation date of 24 November 2019. The Panel also considers it pragmatic that a small amount of flexibility be allowed, should the DCC require an additional day or two to complete any actions arising from testing before going live. It therefore requests the flexibility to delay the implementation date to no later than 1 December 2019 without needing to write to the Authority again. The Panel notes that the implementation of this release will not have any direct impact on consumers.

In accordance with SEC Section D10.5 'Subsequent Amendment to Implementation Timetable', the Panel therefore requests the Authority directs that the implementation date for all the above Modification Proposals be revised to 24 November 2019. The Panel also requests that, should there be any delay to the DCC's delivery, the implementation date can be further revised to no later than 1 December 2019 without the need for a further Authority direction.

If this request is approved, SECAS will update the go-live date specified in SEC Schedule 11 'TS Applicability Tables' to reflect the new date. If the decision on MP076 is still outstanding, the targeted implementation date set out in the Modification Report will be revised accordingly, with the cut-off date for inclusion being amended to 8 November 2019.

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.

Yours sincerely,



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SEC Panel Chair

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