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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. SEC consequential changes

The Consequential changes project team are continuing to work with the Data Communications Company (DCC) to finalise the legal text for the consequential changes, this continues to evolve as details of DCC's approach becomes apparent. Updates have been made to the text to reflect an approach on certificate use, as agreed with the Smart Metering Key Infrastructure (SMKI) Policy Management Authority (PMA), and as such, all consequential legal text matters relating to security have now been dealt with.

The text has also been updated to include the use of transitional testing documentation. It is uncertain at this stage whether such transitional arrangements will be required, and the team are undertaking a legal review to see if the current provisions in section D could simplify such legal text. There is also uncertainty over the implementation approach to be carried out by the switching programme (i.e. big bang or phased), which may dictate what the provisions look like. However, the team believe the current text should provide flexibility for any situation that arises and, as such, is suitable to progress into Ofgem's consultation. A meeting has been scheduled with Ofgem for mid-October to seek agreement of the level of transitional information it would expect to see in the SEC.

3. Switching Programme DBT phase (Design, Build, Test)

It has been identified that SEC governance has not previously been considered in the Central Switching Service (CSS) Integrated Plan (the lower level project plan being built around the programme). It is expected that the plan will be expanded to incorporate this, but no drafting has been made available as yet.

The interface specifications between the CSS and all other systems, including the interface between CSS and the Data Service Provider (DSP) have been signed off by the Switching Programme Design

Authority. However, the Switching Programme Delivery Group have the ultimate sign off for these specifications and the Group still need to consider these at this time.

4. Working to Support Ofgem

The majority of the effort this month by SEC SMEs has been on the continuing analysis of the consequential impacts of the programme, and analysis of the Ofgem Switching Programme consultation.

In line with the effort as set out above, a total of **7.7** days has been expended on the project this month by the SECAS SMEs.

5. Recommendations

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

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