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Dear Michael,

### **Request to change the implementation date for the November 2020 SEC Release**

The SEC Panel is requesting that the implementation date for all the Modification Proposals targeted or approved for inclusion in the November 2020 SEC Release be delayed from the current date of 5 November 2020. The Panel agreed that the revised implementation date should be 29 November 2020. This letter sets out the rationale for the Panel's request and seeks the Authority's approval for these revised implementation dates.

The November 2020 SEC Release, due to be implemented on 5 November 2020, consists of the following approved Modification Proposals:

- [SECMP0062 'Northbound Application Traffic Management - Alert Storm Protection'](#) part 2
- [MP080 'Managing DUIS uplifts'](#)
- [MP081 'Alignment of DUIS and CHISM to reflect current DCC Processing'](#)
- [MP093 'Implementing IRP511 and CRP535 to support GBCS v3.2 devices'](#)
- [MP098 'Incorporation of multiple Issue Resolution Proposals into the SEC - Batch 3'](#)
- [MP101 'Large Gas Meter Displays'](#)
- [MP110 'Aligning SEC Appendix D with DCC Processes'](#)
- [MP112 'Setting the Privacy Assessment Assurance Status'](#)
- [MP115 'Changes to the NCSC Good Practice Guides'](#)
- [MP120 'Correcting DUIS Matrix for SRV7.7 Eligible Users'](#)

The following modifications are also targeted for inclusion, if approved by their cut-off dates:

- [MP088 'Power to raise modifications'](#)
- [MP102A 'Power Outage Alerts triggered by an OTA firmware upgrade'](#)
- [MP103 'DCC SOC2 Assessments'](#)
- [MP118 'Communications Hub Finance Charges'](#)
- [MP124 'Consequential changes to DUIS for SMETS1 Alerts'](#)

- [MP127 'SMKI RAPP Security Screening clarification'](#)

MP088 is currently with the Authority for determination. The remaining modifications are being progressed under Self-Governance.

The Panel was presented with a request from the DCC to defer the implementation date to 29 November 2020<sup>1</sup>. In its request, the DCC highlighted two reasons for this. It highlighted the timing for the governance approvals for the DCC System impacting modifications in scope taking longer than anticipated. It also noted that extending the date will ensure an appropriate User testing window can be provided, as requested by Users.

There are also a series of BEIS-led changes being implemented by the DCC in parallel with this SEC Release. Combining the testing and go-live timelines for the BEIS-led changes and the SEC Release allows for the most efficient implementation of both sets of changes and for a single uplift of the SEC Technical Specification documents. The BEIS-led changes are being targeted for designation on 29 November 2020.

At BEIS's direction, the DCC has produced a combined Testing Approach Document (TAD) for the release containing the detailed testing approach for both the SEC modifications and the BEIS-led changes. The Testing Advisory Group (TAG) has reviewed and approved the DCC's testing plans based on this revised implementation date.

The Panel considered the DCC's request and agreed to request a revised implementation date of 29 November 2020. The Panel also considers it pragmatic that a small amount of flexibility be allowed, should additional time be needed to complete any actions arising from testing before going live or should there be a delay with the final approval for the parallel BEIS-led changes. It therefore requests the flexibility to delay the implementation date by up to one week to no later than 6 December 2020 without needing to write to the Authority again. The Panel notes that the implementation of this release will not require any obligatory changes to Users' systems or processes upon go-live and will not 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 29 November 2020. The Panel also requests that, should there be any delay to the DCC's delivery or with the BEIS approvals process, the implementation date can be further revised to no later than 6 December 2020 without the need for a further Authority direction.

If the decision on MP088 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 15 November 2020.

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,



Peter Davies, SEC Panel Chair

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<sup>1</sup> Please see Panel paper SECP\_81\_1906\_16 for further details.