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Dear Michael,

Request to change the implementation date for the SECMP0007 Appendix R 'Common Testing Scenarios Document' legal text

The SEC Panel is requesting that the implementation date for the SEC Appendix R 'Common Test Scenarios Document' (CTSD) legal text under [SECMP0007 'Firmware updates to IHDs and PPMIDs'](#) be brought forward to 24 June 2021 (June 2021 SEC Release).

This letter sets out the rationale for the Panel's request and seeks the Authority's approval for this revised implementation date.

SECMP0007 has been approved and the legal text is pending implementation for 4 November 2021 (November 2021 SEC Release). It will impact the following the SEC documents:

- Schedule 8 'Great Britain Companion Specification'
- Schedule 9 'Smart Metering Equipment Technical Specifications'
- Schedule 10 'Communications Hub Technical Specifications'
- Schedule 11 'TS Applicability Tables'
- Appendix E 'DCC User Interface Services Schedule'
- Appendix R 'Common Testing Scenarios Document'
- Appendix AB 'Service Request Processing Document'
- Appendix AD 'DCC User Interface Specification'
- Appendix AF 'Message Mapping Catalogue'

The CTSD governs the mandatory User testing Parties are expected to complete ahead of production. Having the CTSD changes in place ensures Parties know the obligations of them and are able to plan accordingly.

The DCC has highlighted that the changes to the CTSD must be implemented from the start of the User Integration Testing (UIT) window to support testing. This applies where changes are made to existing Service Requests or new Service Requests are created. As SECMP0007 is implementing new Service Request 11.4 'Update PPMID Firmware', the CTSD changes must be effective in advance of the November 2021 SEC Release. On 9 December 2020, the Testing Advisory Group (TAG) agreed with this approach.

The Panel noted that Suppliers will not be able to update Prepayment Meter Interface Device (PPMID) firmware over-the-air (OTA) until the subsequent phase of SECMP0007 is implemented. This will include the associated Communication Services Provider (CSP) system changes and Communications Hub firmware updates. The implementation approach for these changes is yet to be determined but SECAS is working closely with industry to agree the best approach. These CSP system changes and Communications Hub firmware updates do not need be bound by a SEC Release.

However, Service Request 11.4 will be available for Suppliers to use from the November 2021 SEC Release. It will only return a negative response until the CSP system changes and Communications Hub firmware updates are implemented. Nevertheless, Suppliers should still be given the opportunity to test against this new Service Request as a means of testing the format of the request and response before the full functionality is available.

Noting this, the Panel agrees that the SECMP0007 CTSD changes should be brought forward and implemented ahead of the UIT phase for the November 2021 SEC Release. For efficiency, it recommends these changes be implemented on 24 June 2021, as part of the June 2021 SEC Release. This would allow testing of the new Service Request to commence from the start of UIT for the November 2021 SEC Release. A change in implementation date to the CTSD will not have any impact on the SECMP0007 implementation costs.

In accordance with SEC Section D10.5, the Panel therefore requests the Authority directs a revised implementation date for the SEC Appendix R changes for SECMP0007 only of 24 June 2021, with all other SEC changes for SECMP0007 continuing to be implemented on 4 November 2021.

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,



Peter Davies, SEC Panel Chair

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