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Dear Peter,

**Decision to direct a revised implementation date for the SECMP0015 'GPF timestamp for reading instantaneous Gas Values' and SECMP0056 'IHD/PPMID ZigBee Attributes Available on the HAN'**

Thank you for your letter dated 22 April 2021 concerning the SEC Panel request that we direct a revised implementation date for portions of SECMP0015, and SECMP0056 from their current planned implementation date of 30 June 2022 to the 3 November 2022 SEC Release.

The Panel agreed that the June 2022 SEC Release should include modifications that impact the DCC User Interface Specification (DUIS) to align these with the DUIS uplift for the Enduring Change of Supplier (ECoS) arrangements. Therefore, the Panel requested that the DUIS and Messaging Mapping Catalogue (MMC) document changes included within SECMP0015 and any associated Technical Specification Applicability Tables (TSAT) changes continue to be included in the June 2022 SEC Release, to form part of this single DUIS uplift.

The Panel also agreed that all other DCC System impacting modifications, including those that impact the GB Companion Specification (GBCS), the Smart Metering Equipment Specifications (SMETS) and the Communications Hub Technical Specifications (CHTS), should be implemented in the 3 November 2022 SEC Release to ensure a single uplift to those Technical Specifications.

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The DCC explained that the June 2022 SEC Release will not be able to test the full end-to-end functionality associated with the SECMP0015, as no updated Gas Proxy Function (GPF) Devices will be available to send the new timestamp when reading instantaneous Gas Values. Regression testing will be carried out to ensure that the impacted GBCS Use Cases continue to operate successfully without these changes being supported from the existing portfolio of deployed Devices. The end-to-end functionality associated with the SECMP0015 changes will be functionally tested as part of the November 2022 SEC Release as soon as updated Communications Hub firmware is available to test the full functionality against.

SECMP0015 and SECMP0056 had both been previously targeted for the June 2022 SEC Release to facilitate cost savings with this testing. These cost savings were based upon testing and implementing the associated GBCS and Communications Hub firmware updates together with other modifications that required those updates. These cost savings will still be realised if the requested implementation date changes are approved, as these modifications will still be tested and implemented together with the other relevant GBCS, SMETS and CHTS impacting modifications targeted for the November 2022 SEC Release. The implementation date change will not result in any increase in the quoted costs for these modifications and may potentially realise further cost-savings if the scope of the November 2022 SEC Release is expanded to include more modifications.

We agree with the reasons set out in the request by the SEC Panel and consider that a revised implementation date would provide efficiencies in the implementation approach for the identified portions of SECMP0015, and SECMP0056. The Panel's request to revise the implementation date is an example of proactive governance which ensures that modifications and releases are implemented in the most efficient and cost-effective way for industry. Whilst we welcome this, we urge the DCC and SECAS Working Groups to robustly examine the release strategy and requirements during the development stage of every modification. Every effort should be made to have the confirmed release and implementation details for Parties when they are submitted to the Change Board for voting.

In accordance with your request under SEC Section D10.5 'Subsequent Amendment to Implementation Timetable', we direct that the new implementation timetable for SECMP0056 and the applicable portions of SECMP0015 changes be substituted for the first such timetable and therefore, the implementation date for these changes be revised to 3 November 2022.

Yours sincerely,

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Signed on behalf of the Authority and authorised for that purpose

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