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Dear Duncan,

Request to change the implementation date for SECMP0006 and SECMP0008

At its meeting on 9th March 2018, the SEC Panel agreed to request that the implementation date for SEC Modification Proposals [SECMP0006 'Specifying the number of digits for device display'](#) and [SECMP0008 'Provision of a DCC Alert \(formerly Service Request Error Response\) for Quarantined Service Requests'](#) be moved from 28th June 2018 to 30th September 2018. This letter sets out the rationale for the Panel's request and requests the Authority's approval for this change.

SECMP0006 and SECMP0008 were both approved by the Authority on 29th September 2017 for implementation on 28th June 2018, which was the planned Go-Live date for Release 2.0 at that time. It was considered efficient and economic to implement these two modifications alongside that release.

Since these modifications were approved, the Go-Live date for Release 2.0 has been moved to 30th September 2018. However, since SECMP0006 and SECMP0008 are subject to the governance under SEC Section D 'Modifications Process', the two changes were not party to the consultation and decision to move the Release 2.0 Go Live date and their implementation dates remain as 28th June 2018.

The intent of the Final Modification Report was to deliver SECMP0008 alongside Release 2.0; as such the changes to the DCC User Interface Specification (DUIS) for this modification were incorporated into the SEC by BEIS, as part of the Release 2.0 designations, ready to Go Live on 30th September 2018.

At the Panel meeting on 9th March 2018, DCC notified the Panel that it will not be able to implement SECMP0008 on 28th June 2018, nor 30th September 2018, and would recommend a change to the implementation date.

DCC will not be able to test the SECMP0008 system changes until after the System Integration Testing for Release 2.0 is underway. This will require completing the full testing of the SECMP0008 functionality after Release 2.0 has gone Live.

As the changes for DUIS have already been designated and SECMP0008 and SECMP0006 developed, it was considered that the pragmatic approach to implementing SECMP0008 would be to deploy the coding for the change into the Live Environment in parallel with Release 2.0, but not activate it until testing has been completed. Following all testing required by the SEC, SECMP0008 would be activated and fully deployed, which DCC stated it intends to do as part of the first planned maintenance release following Release 2.0.

The Panel agreed to request a revised implementation date of 30th September 2018 for SECMP0008, so that the modification is implemented alongside Release 2.0. DCC will be unable to fully comply with the obligations introduced by SECMP0008 regarding providing the new alerts until testing of this functionality has been completed. However, the Panel considers this approach to be more pragmatic as it will not require the DUIS changes to be withdrawn from the Release 2.0 version and reinstated later, or require a derogation of SEC obligations for DCC to test and offer User testing.

The Panel noted that SECMP0006 has no DCC core system impact, but does amend the Smart Metering Equipment Technical Specifications (SMETS), which is also being amended as part of Release 2.0. It therefore considered that it would be most efficient to also implement SECMP0006 alongside Release 2.0, so that all the changes to the SMETS can be implemented at the same time.

In accordance with SEC Section D10.5 'Subsequent Amendment to Implementation Timetable', the Panel therefore requests the Authority directs a new implementation date for SECMP0006 and SECMP0008 of 30th September 2018.

If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact myself or the SECAS team on 020 7090 7755 or SECAS@gemserv.com.

Yours sincerely,



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