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Releases Update

1. Purpose

This paper provides the Panel with an update on progress for the June 2019 SEC Release and the scope and approach for the November 2019 SEC Release.

2. Update on the June 2019 Release

DCC has continued to work with its Service Providers to develop the June 2019 Release to full Impact Assessment. In so doing, DCC and its Service Providers have been exploring different approaches to System Integration Testing (SIT). These have been refined into three options with varying testing scope, which range from the approach outlined within the current Testing Approach Document (TAD) for the June 2019 Release, through to options minimising regression testing. These options will be presented to the Panel at its July 2018 meeting, along with the estimated costs and timelines provided by DCC's Service Providers.

To aid consideration of which testing approach would best support the delivery of the June 2019 Release, DCC has issued a Request for Information (RFI) to all Users asking about Users' expectations about their meter firmware estate in June 2019. DCC expects this evidence will help decision makers understand the risks and impact of each option. The RFI closes on 9th July and DCC will update on its conclusions as part of its presentation to the Panel.

DCC will additionally present the RFI data and the detailed testing approach options to the Testing Advisory Group (TAG) at its July 2018 meeting, and welcomes the TAG's input to and expert consideration of the options and the overall scope of testing. DCC notes that if there is a clear divergence in industry opinions on the testing approach, a consultation may be required to ascertain the preferred approach of all Parties.

3. Scope and approach for the November 2019 Release

There are three modifications that impact DCC Systems whose timetables may allow for inclusion in the November 2019 SEC Release on 7th November 2019:

- SECMP0005 'Include Tariff and Register Labels in SMETS Devices' – The Working Group Consultation will be issued in early July 2018, with the Modification Report expected to be

delivered to the Panel in August 2018. This modification would be included in the November 2019 Release if an Authority determination to approve is received by 7th November 2018.

- SECMP0015 'GPF timestamp for reading instantaneous Gas values' – We have received the Impact Assessment from DCC and have been validating some of their assumptions. The Working Group will need to meet to provide its views on the modification and consult the industry before it can deliver the Modification Report, which is currently expected to happen in September 2018. This would mean that a decision may not be received by the cut-off date of 7th November 2018, in which case SECMP0015 would lapse to the June 2020 Release.
- SECMP0025 'Electricity Network Party Access to Load Switching Information' – The Modification Report is being presented to the Panel this month. This modification would be included in the November 2019 Release if an Authority determination to approve is received by 7th November 2018.

We will begin engagement with the TAG, the Operations Group and the Technical Architecture and Business Architecture Sub-Committee (TABASC) at their August 2018 meetings, in order to seek their inputs on the relevant parts of the Release Implementation Document (RID). We intend to present the RID to the November 2018 Panel meeting on 9th November 2018 to be baselined by the Panel.

As part of the discussions with the TAG on the November 2019 modifications, DCC will be developing an enduring approach for System Integration Testing (SIT) for SEC Releases, and will be consulting with the industry to obtain views and input from participants on this. It is the intention that this approach be used in the November 2019 Release and for all subsequent SEC Releases.

4. Recommendations

The Panel is requested to:

- **NOTE** the contents of this paper.

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