Smart Energy Code

Draft Legal Text

SECMP0029:

Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Testing Amendments

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Summary

This modification seeks to amend the Data and Communications Company's (DCC) obligations in relation to Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery (BCDR) testing in order to reduce customer impacts and introduce provisions to minimise disruption to Users during BCDR testing.

About this document

This document contains the draft SEC legal text that will deliver the intent of SECMP0029.

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1. Draft Legal Text

This section sets out the draft Legal Text Changes for SECMP0029. These changes have been drafted against the Smart Energy Code (SEC) version 5.13[1].

Section A1.1 as follows:

Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Test	means a test of the operation of the DCC's disaster recovery and business continuity arrangements applicable to the Services.
Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Test Schedule	means a document created by the DCC setting out its schedule for undertaking a Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Test and the likely duration of any such test.

Section H10.11 and H10.12 as follows:

Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Tests

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H10.11 The DCC shall:

(a) from time to time, and at least once each year, carry out a Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Test in order to assess whether the Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Procedure remains suitable for achieving the objectives described at Section H10.9; and

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(b) following any such test, report to the Panel and the Authority on the outcome of the test, and on any proposals made by the DCC in relation to the Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Procedure having regard to that outcome.

[1]Note that if a new version of the SEC is designated before the submission of the Final Modification Report to the Change Board or Authority, the drafting will be checked to make sure there are no consequential impacts. Our current understanding is that the specifications that SECMP0029 is amending are not expected to change as part of any forthcoming designations.

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H10.12 Each Party shall provide the DCC with any such assistance and co-operation as it may reasonably request for the purpose of carrying out a Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Test and confirming the operation of the Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Procedure.

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H10.12A Before notifying the Parties of each Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Test, the DCC shall consult with the Parties and the Technical Architecture and Business Architecture Sub-Committee regarding the Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Test Schedule to ensure that (insofar as is reasonably practicable) the Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Test is undertaken in such a way as to minimise any disruption to the provision of the Services (or any part of them). The DCC shall complete all necessary consultation prior to notifying Parties.

H10.12B The DCC shall notify each Party of its intention to carry out a Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Test and provide each Party with a Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Test Schedule at least 60 Working Days before the date on which such test is due to start. Where the DCC needs to amend the Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Test Schedule following such notification and it is not reasonably practicable to give 60 Working Days' notice, it will provide such notice as far in advance as is reasonably practicable.

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