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June 2019 SEC Release

1. Purpose

At the July 2018 Panel meeting, DCC presented its progress with developing a testing approach for the June 2019 SEC Release. The Panel requested DCC provide a firm plan for consideration at the August 2018 meeting. This paper provides DCC's plan for consideration and invites the Panel to determine the next steps for the June 2019 SEC Release.

2. Discussion so far on the June 2019 SEC Release

The June 2019 SEC Release is due to be implemented on 27th June 2019. The scope of the SEC Release that impacts on DCC Systems is currently one approved Modification Proposal, SECMP0023 'Correct Units of Measure for Uncontrolled Gas Flow Rate', and one targeted SEC Modification Proposal, SECMP0018 'Standard Electricity Distributor Configuration Settings'. In addition, six BEIS-led Resolution Proposals have been designated for implementation on the same day.

At the June 2018 Panel meeting[1] DCC informed the Panel that the total Service Provider costs for the Systems Integration Testing (SIT), User Integration Testing (UIT) and Implement to Live stages of the release were not acceptable. It informed the Panel that it could not stand by the costs received, and that it was in the process of reviewing and challenging these costs with its Service Providers. It also informed the Panel that it intended to explore a number of alternative options for how SIT could be delivered.

At the July 2018 Panel meeting[2] DCC presented the Panel with an update on its testing approach for the Systems Integration Testing (SIT) stage of the release and provided the indicative costs (from Pre-Integration Testing (PIT) to full implementation) for three potential options. The Panel requested DCC, as the programme manager, to provide it with its recommended approach for testing under the June 2019 SEC Release at the August 2018 meeting. The Panel would then determine whether it would be appropriate for the release to proceed and, if it was not to proceed, what the way forward would be.

DCC has prepared its recommended approach, and a summary can be found in Attachment A.[3]

[1] Please see paper SECP_57_1506_15 for full details.

[2] Please see paper SECP_58_1307_17 for full details.

[3] Attachment A has been classified as RED in accordance with the Panel Information Policy and will only be shared with Panel Members.

3. Way forward

In considering DCC's proposed approach for testing, the Panel will need to determine whether to proceed with the June 2019 SEC Release or whether the modifications that impact on DCC Systems should be deferred to a future release.

If the Panel determines that the June 2019 SEC Release should proceed, we will update the Release Implementation Document (RID) with DCC's plan and bring this to the Panel at its September 2018 meeting to be baselined.

If the Panel determines that the DCC Systems impacts from the June 2019 SEC Release should be deferred to a future release, the Panel will need to undertake the following actions:

Request a revised implementation date for SECMP0023

Since SECMP0023 has been approved for implementation on 27th June 2019, the Panel will need to determine a suitable revised date for this modification to be implemented. The Panel will then need to request the Authority approve this revised date in accordance with SEC Section D10.5 (this decision would currently rest with BEIS in accordance with SEC Section X2.3(b)(ii)). At this stage it is not clear what any revised date should be; we invite the Panel to consider this as part of its determination.

If the Panel wished to reconsider the business case for SECMP0023, a new proposal seeking to back out the changes for SECMP0023 would need to be raised. This is because the SEC does not contain provisions for a decision on an approved Modification Proposal to be revised; only for the implementation date to be amended.

Convert the June 2019 SEC Release to a SEC Documentation Release

The Panel should agree that the June 2019 SEC Release will now be closed to any other Modification Proposals that would impact on DCC Systems, including SECMP0018. However, modifications that do not impact on DCC Systems could still be included. This would classify the June 2019 SEC Release as a SEC Documentation Release in accordance with the Panel Release Management Policy.

Liaise with BEIS on the Resolution Proposals

At the July 2018 Panel meeting the Panel sought BEIS's view on the costs up to PIT to implement a set of six Resolution Proposals alongside the June 2018 SEC Release. BEIS has provided a response to the Panel, which can be found in Attachment B.[4] In this response, BEIS has highlighted that it does not support the stated costs. It also noted DCC's intent to explore implementing these via DCC Maintenance Releases.

Currently, these six Resolution Proposals have been designated for implementation on 27th June 2019, with corresponding changes to some SEC Schedules already pre-designated into the SEC ahead of this time. We note that these changes sit outside of the vires of the Panel and BEIS may Direct implementation at any time. We recommend the Panel writes to BEIS recommending it seeks

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an alternative implementation approach for these Resolution Proposals. This may include liaising with DCC to implement the changes via DCC Maintenance Releases.

4. Recommendations

The Panel is requested to:

- **NOTE** DCC's recommended approach for testing for the June 2019 SEC Release;
- **AGREE** that the DCC System changes within scope of the June 2019 SEC Release should be deferred to a later release;
- **AGREE** to request a revised implementation date for SECMP0023 from the Authority;
- **AGREE** that the June 2019 SEC Release should be converted to a SEC Documentation Release; and
- **AGREE** to liaise with BEIS over the way forward for the Resolution Proposals.

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