Data Communications Company

Release 2.0 Go Live Governance

Paper for Information

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Background

In accordance with DCC's delivery plan for Release 2.0 (R2.0), DCC will be deploying R2.0 into the production environment on 30 September 2018. On 19 July 2018, BEIS, on behalf of the Secretary of State, issued DCC with a formal request for information, pursuant to Condition 29 of the Smart Meter Communication Licence, on the Live Service Criteria assurance for R2.0. The request set out the main criteria against which DCC needs to provide assurance statements regarding both the technical and the operational readiness of DCC, prior to the deployment of the R2.0 code into the production environment.

The SEC Panel has been requested to provide a recommendation based on DCC's R2.0 Live Services Criteria submission to help inform the Secretary of State's decision on whether R2.0 should go live.

Papers have been bought to the May and July 2018 SEC Panel for information, summarising the high level Live Service Criteria required for R2.0 go live. This paper provides sight of an early draft of the R2.0 Live Services Criteria submission.

Live Service Criteria

R2.0 Live Service Criteria (LSC) have been developed with BEIS to enable DCC to provide statements and measurement regarding R2.0 readiness. Appendix A provides an early draft of the R2.0 LSC Submission setting out the structure and providing some of the assurance statements in LSC3 and LSC4 related to testing. This early draft LSC Submission only provides assurance statements where there has been a sufficient level of governance and sign off, for example through DCC's Test Assurance Board. It highlights in red text where we will be providing updates for the final LSC Submission. Further information will be added to LSC3 and LSC4 as testing phases complete and to set out the final position of any defects or workarounds. The early draft does not provide assurance statements for LSC1, LSC2 or LSC5 as the appropriate governance will not be completed for these until the end of August. Appendix B provides some of the reports that provide the evidence behind the assurance statements for LSC3 and LSC4 relating to testing.

Recommendation

The Panel is requested to:

- **NOTE** the early draft of the R2.0 Live Service Criteria Submission. DCC welcomes views from the Panel.

Attachments

Appendix A – R2.0 Live Service Criteria Submission early draft - red

Appendix B - Supporting evidence - red