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## Request to change the implementation date for SECMP0023

At its meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2018, the SEC Panel agreed to request that the implementation date for SEC Modification Proposal [SECMP0023 'Correct Units of Measure for Uncontrolled Gas Flow Rate'](#) be deferred from its current date of 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019. The Panel has now written to the Authority (BEIS) seeking its approval for this deferral. This note sets out the rationale for the Panel's request.

SECMP0023 was approved by the Change Board under Self-Governance on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018 for implementation on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019 as part of the June 2019 SEC Release. As part of its determination, the Change Board noted DCC implementation costs of circa £400,000 up to the Pre-Integration Testing (PIT) stage. However, the costs of the System Integration Testing (SIT), User Integration Testing (UIT) and Implement to Live stages were not available at the time the Change Board made its decision. DCC had noted that the costs of these activities would be assessed in aggregate across all Modification Proposals once the scope of the corresponding SEC Release has been confirmed, as the costs for a SEC Release cannot be estimated without the scope, delivery date and testing approach agreed.

At the June 2018 Panel meeting<sup>1</sup> DCC informed the Panel that the total Service Provider costs for the SIT, UIT and Implement to Live stages of the June 2019 SEC 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 several alternative options for how SIT could be delivered.

At the July 2018 Panel meeting<sup>2</sup> DCC presented the Panel with an update on its testing approach for the SIT stage of the release and provided the indicative costs (from 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.

At the August 2018 Panel meeting<sup>3</sup> DCC presented its intended testing approach. The Panel noted that DCC's final full cost estimate for the release (including the BEIS-led Resolution Proposals) was still high and, in considering the overall scope of the June 2019 SEC Release, did not believe progressing would be cost-effective. It determined that the release should become a SEC Documentation Release and that SECMP0023 should be deferred to a later release where it could be implemented alongside other changes to the DCC Systems to achieve cost-savings.

The Panel noted that there is still uncertainty over the scope of the November 2019 SEC Release, and it is likely no other Modification Proposals that impact on the DCC Systems will be approved in time for inclusion.<sup>4</sup> It has therefore not yet agreed an appropriate revised date on which SECMP0023

<sup>1</sup> Please see Panel paper SECP\_57\_1506\_15 for full details.

<sup>2</sup> Please see Panel paper SECP\_58\_1307\_17 for full details.

<sup>3</sup> Please see Panel paper SECP\_59\_1008\_15 for full details.

<sup>4</sup> Please see Panel paper SECP\_59\_1008\_14 for further details.

should be implemented. The Panel will determine a suitable date in the coming months once greater certainty on the scope of forthcoming SEC Releases is achieved.

In accordance with SEC Section D10.5 'Subsequent Amendment to Implementation Timetable', the Panel has requested the Authority directs that the implementation date for SECMP0023 is deferred to a later date. The Panel will determine an appropriate revised date to request in due course.

If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact us on 020 7090 7755 or email [sec.change@gemserv.com](mailto:sec.change@gemserv.com).