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Smarter Markets Project Update

1. Purpose

The Smart Energy Code (SEC), along with other Codes, are providing resource support for Ofgem's Faster Switching Programme. This paper provides the SEC Panel and Parties with a monthly overview of the key activities of the Ofgem Switching Programme which have the potential to impact the SEC. The Panel is requested to note the contents of this paper.

2. Switching Programme update

Interface testing governance

The Switching programme is due to commence Systems Integration Testing (SIT) during April 2020.

Because the integration of the CSS with the DCC total System poses a risk to the existing SEC Services, it is essential that the Panel is provided with a meaningful role in the governance framework which will apply to the aspects of SIT relating to the interface between the two sets of systems.

SECAS originally proposed regulatory arrangements which closely reflect those used under the SMETS1 programme. This would involve Ofgem placing a regulatory requirement on the DCC to obtain agreement from the Panel's Testing Advisory Group (TAG) prior to requesting permission to exit SIT from Ofgem.

This proposal was not supported by Ofgem or the DCC, so SECAS and Ofgem have continued to discuss the potential options. These discussions remain ongoing.

Interface testing approach documentation

DCC has agreed to provide the Testing Advisory Group with a testing approach 'Depth and Breadth' document, like those used to govern SMETS1 testing activities. This is expected to be reviewed and agreed by the TAG at its meeting on 25 March.

3. SEC consequential changes

On 28 January 2020, Ofgem wrote to the SEC Panel requesting a detailed plan of how and when the required consequential legal drafting will be completed. Ofgem also requested details of how the SEC Panel and SECAS would help support the Significant Code Review (SCR) process by providing information on modifications that may impact the Faster Switching Programme.

SECAS provided a response to Ofgem's letter on 17 February based on input provided by the Panel during its February meeting. In summary, the response notes that the required legal text is already drafted and that SECAS will actively engage with Ofgem in highlighting any potential impacts.

SECAS is now expecting a formal request from Ofgem and is ready to provide the draft legal text it requested.

4. Working Support to Ofgem

Most of SECAS' effort this month has focused on developing the regulatory arrangements which will provide the Panel a meaningful governance role in relation to the integration of the CSS with the DCC Total System, along with supporting TAG oversight activities.

In line with the effort as set out above, a total of **1.3 days** has been expended on the project by the SECAS team in February.

5. Recommendations

The Panel is requested to **NOTE** the contents of this paper.

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