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Ofgem Switching Programme Update

This paper provides an update to the DCUSA Panel on the status of Ofgem's Switching Programme.

1. Background

- 1.1 Since November 2015, ElectraLink has been providing resource to a number of Ofgem Switching Programme work streams, alongside other Code Administrators and the Data Communications Company (DCC).
- 1.2 Following a request at the July DCUSA Panel meeting, this paper provides the DCUSA Panel with an update of the status of the following Ofgem project Design Teams:
 - Business Process Design;
 - Regulatory Design; and
 - Delivery Strategy Design.

2. Project Update

- 2.1 The following section provides a high-level overview of the Design Teams progress over the past month, as attended by ElectraLink.

Regulatory Design Team (RDT)

- 2.2 The RDT has been considering the transitional regulations that will be required ahead of the implementation of the new switching arrangements and identified three options for delivering the transitional regulatory requirements:
 - Transitional arrangements included within phase 1 of the Retail Energy Code (REC) which includes enduring governance provisions such as a change process and governance body;

- Transitional arrangements included within phase 1 of the REC which includes interim governance provisions such as a streamlined change process and is governed by Ofgem.
- Transitional arrangements included in a standalone transitional document.

2.3 The pros and cons of each approach are currently being considered by the Group.

Business Process Design Team (BPDT)

2.4 The DLS phase began in early April 2017. The design teams have now mobilised, composed of code body representatives, Ofgem and DCC resources.

2.5 Within this work stream, the focus has been on developing the baseline architectural model, within the Abacus case tool. The team is now working on the delivery of detailed design models. Access will be provided to Suppliers and other stakeholders to view the architectural model within Abacus, which shall be refreshed as the model develops at frequent intervals.

Delivery Strategy Design Team (DSDT)

2.6 The switching programme DLS phase has reached the mid-point in the design of the artefacts that will comprise the initial 'Wave 1'.

2.7 Wave 1 will be composed of the production of the end to end Process Model, for gas and electricity switches. The data model to support switching and the business rules which will constrain switching activities.

2.8 Wave 1, with a focus on switching interactions between the Central Switching System (CSS) and Energy Supplier, will also include the synchronisation of registration data to the UKLink and MPRS services.

2.9 Industry participants will be provided with online access to the Abacus CASE tool, at the end of May, which will allow all of the artefacts to be reviewed.

2.10 Wave 2, which will begin in June, will focus on the life cycles of Meter Points. Which will primarily encompass the synchronisation of the related data between Network Operators services and the CSS. Other more complex scenarios will be addressed within later Waves.

3. Recommendation

3.1 The Panel is invited to:

- **NOTE** the contents of the paper.

4. Attachments

- There are no attachments to this paper.

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