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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 following ElectraLink's representation at the Blue Print Phase Design Team meetings.

### 1. Background

- 1.1 Since November 2015, ElectraLink has been providing resource to a number of Ofgem Switching Programme workstreams, 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. Due to Ofgem finalising the industry Request for Information (RFI) ready for publication in the new year, work over the past month has been relatively light.  
Regulatory Design Team (RDT)
- 2.2 The RDT has started planning work which will be initiated in January 2017. In 2017, the RDT will progress with drafting the business rules for the switching arrangements with the aim of procuring legal support to produce the code drafting, from Easter 2017. This will be incorporated within either a new Dual Fuel Retail Code, or one or more of the existing industry codes.  
Business Process Design Team (BPDT)
- 2.3 The finalisation of the materials to support the Ofgem RFI to industry is being progressed by Ofgem, supported by representatives of code bodies. The switching business process maps, data model and

details around the solution architecture options are near completion and have been revised based on feedback from the design team, user group and the External Design Advisory Group (EDAG).

- 2.4 Ofgem, the Data Communications Company (DCC) and other interested parties are now looking towards the planning required to support the Detailed Level Specification (DLS) phase of the programme and continued development of the business process products.

#### Delivery Strategy Design Team (DSDT)

- 2.5 The majority of the products within this workstream have now been completed in regards to the strategy papers completed to date in support of the RFI.
- 2.6 Ofgem are now starting to define the approach to the DLS phase of delivery. They are also considering feedback from the EDAG group in terms of the Data Improvement Strategy paper presented last month, which raised questions about the proposal for a common premises address across both gas and electricity and how this could be implemented and the value it would provide.

### 3. Recommendation

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- 3.1 The Panel is invited to:

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

### 4. Attachments

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- There are no attachments to this paper.

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