

## Switching Programme Summary – Issue 10, August 2019

### Data request for REL creation

All DNOs, energy suppliers, and Gas Transporters (as parties to the Retail Energy Code) will have recently received a letter from DCC formally requesting data items in order to progress the creation of the Retail Energy Location (REL).

This is a reminder to those parties to please send through your questions or concerns with complying with this request as soon as possible to DCC at [contact.switching@smartdcc.co.uk](mailto:contact.switching@smartdcc.co.uk), and no later than 16<sup>th</sup> September. The deadline for the submission of the data items is Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October.

You can find the formal request on the Switching Programme web-portal [here](#).

You find also more information about what the REL is on our website [here](#).

### Switching Programme SRO

You may have heard the recent news about our Programme's Senior Responsible Officer (SRO) announcing his upcoming departure from Ofgem. Rob will be finishing up with Ofgem at the end of September.

Rachel Clark has been appointed as the temporary SRO for the Switching, Smart and Half-Hourly Settlement Programmes.

This minimises any risk of a new SRO looking to change the direction of the Programme.

### DCC stakeholder survey results

Wave 3 of the DCC stakeholder engagement survey was completed in July. The results of the survey and DCC's response have been published [here](#).

## **Near Term Milestone Plan & Delivery Group decision**

On 13<sup>th</sup> August the Delivery Group approved the Near Term Milestone Plan to achieve the milestones L104, L105, and L106 (Programme Plan Re-baseline, External Physical Interfaces Baseline, and Programme Parties Mobilised respectively).

The Near Term Plan was amended to take on board feedback from the Delivery Group, where it was noted that there had been insufficient time for industry consultation. The new delivery date for milestones L104, L105 and L106 is now set for 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019. The extension of this deadline ensures that there is now time to elicit and address all comments.

The updates below are on how the necessary activities are tracking towards achieving the 3<sup>rd</sup> October delivery date.

### **Programme Plan Re-baseline**

All constituencies meetings were completed last week, and the key themes that were raised in the meetings are set out in the Implementation Pack circulated 10 September.

### **Code of Connection progress**

Comments on the Code of Connection have been received and the draft-final version has been created as of 28<sup>th</sup> August. This was agreed without comment at the Design Forum today and is therefore on track for final approval at Design Authority on 20<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Physical Interface Design Progress**

Comments on the CSS and existing service provider interface specifications have been received and addressed. The final versions of these interfaces were agreed at the Design Forum this week with only a few small changes required to the CSS IS. The interface specifications are therefore on track for final approval and baselining at Design Authority on 20<sup>th</sup> September.

### **CSSIA progress**

A product description was drafted by the SI/DCC and provided to Ofgem on 23<sup>rd</sup> August, ahead of a review meeting which went ahead on 28<sup>th</sup> August.

The consultation period has now closed as of 6<sup>th</sup> September. The SI are now reviewing comments and updating the CSSIA, and are due to present updates

at a workshop session on the 16th September. This workshop will cover how feedback has been addressed and what is coming in the final version, and will be split in to three sessions on Design, Data, and Testing.

You may have received details of the CSSIA workshop already, however if you haven't and would like to be involved, please email us at [SwitchingPMO@ofgem.gov.uk](mailto:SwitchingPMO@ofgem.gov.uk).

## **Programme Party Mobilisation – reminder**

This is a reminder to relevant parties to complete final self-assessment submission for the Programme Parties Mobilised Milestone (L1.06) by close of business on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019. If you are unsure whether this applies to your organisation, please check with us at [SwitchingPMO@ofgem.gov.uk](mailto:SwitchingPMO@ofgem.gov.uk).

To relevant parties, please log in to the Switching Programme web-portal and review, and if necessary update, the information you provided for the interim assessment. We will be reporting the updated positions provided as at 23<sup>rd</sup> September, to the Delivery Group on 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

## What's coming up in diaries

### Ofgem Meetings:

#### **Switching Programme Data Working Group:**

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September – 10.30am at Ofgem, 10 South Colonnade

#### **Regulatory Design User Group:**

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September – 9.30am by WebEx

*This will be the first meeting of RDUG since April. Can you please email [SwitchingPMO@ofgem.gov.uk](mailto:SwitchingPMO@ofgem.gov.uk) if you have not received this invite and would like to join.*

#### **Switching Programme Design Forum:**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October – 1.00pm by WebEx or at 10 South Colonnade

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October – 1.00pm by WebEx or at 10 South Colonnade

#### **Switching Programme Testing Working Group:**

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October - 3:30pm by WebEx or 10 South Colonnade

#### **Switching Delivery Group:**

The next Pre-Delivery Group WebEx will take place on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 2.00pm

The next Delivery Group meeting will take place on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

#### **Switching Implementation Group:**

The next Implementation Group meeting will take place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September