REL data request

A thank you to parties for submitting the data items as requested in order to progress on the creation of the Retail Energy Location. Analysis is underway and outputs will be shared with the January Data Working Group meeting.

Information WebEx

The Programme will be hosting two WebEx opportunities for interested parties to join. These will cover:

- An overview of the Readiness Assessment Framework and the process to seeking input ahead of Milestone L1RA005 on 3 December 2019;
- Information relating to the interim survey following the decision to move through the Programme Parties Mobilised Milestone at the Delivery Group on 3 October 2019; and
- An update on the CSS communications options (including adaptor services)

These will be held on the following dates:

- Monday 11th November at 11.30am
- Tuesday 12th November at 12.30pm

If you did not receive an invite and would like to attend one of the above WebEx sessions, please get in touch with SwitchingPMO@ofgem.gov.uk.

DCC Switching Summit

DCC will be hosting the second DCC Switching Summit in Manchester on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th November. Testing Leads are encouraged to attend this as it will be providing a delivery level overview of progress to date, testing plans, and future milestones. In addition, it will showcase testing facilities, including a demonstration of the DCC test lab facilities and Technical Operating Centre. Netcompany will also be on site to answer any questions.

If Testing Leads have not received an invitation, then we encourage to send an email to contact.switching@smartdcc.co.uk to receive more details.

Upcoming Retail Energy Code consultations

We raised at the last Delivery Group meeting that there was a risk of the pre-General Election period restricting our ability to launch the upcoming planned regulatory consultations. We have now clarified that we are able to publish the planned consultations during this period. This means that we are progressing on consultations covering the Retail Code Consolidation Significant Code Review launch, the Retail Energy Code (REC) technical specification approach, and performance assurance/code manager service definitions content for REC v1.1 implementation. We expect publication of these documents around the end of November.

CSS simulator

The Systems Integrator (SI) has developed a CSS test simulator to be used by Switching Programme participants for Pre-Integration Testing (PIT). This became available to Programme licensed parties and existing service providers on the 23rd October.

The SI has set up a central Github repository where the CSS PIT simulator is available to download, along with a User Guide and Configuration Guide. For any questions, or to request a Github account, please direct these to DCCSISS@netcompany.com.

What's coming up in diaries

Ofgem Meetings:

Switching Programme Data Working Group:
Wednesday 11th December – 2.00pm, Ofgem 10SC

Regulatory Design User Group:
Monday 9th December – 10.30am, Gemserv/Webinar
(Note that room capacity is limited. If you would like to attend in person please let SwitchingPMO@ofgem.gov.uk know so that we can monitor attendance)

Switching Programme Design Forum:
Monday 18th November – 1.00pm, WebEx/Ofgem
Monday 2nd December – 1.00pm, WebEx/Ofgem
(Note that room capacity is limited. If you would like to attend in person please let SwitchingPMO@ofgem.gov.uk know so we can monitor attendance).

Switching Programme Testing Working Group:
Thursday 28th November – 2.00pm, Ofgem 10SC/Webinar

Switching Delivery Group:
The December pre-Delivery WebEx will take place Monday 2nd December at 1.00pm
The Delivery Group will meet on Tuesday 10th December at 11.30am.

Switching Implementation Group:
The November pre-Implementation Group WebEx will take place Friday 15th November at 1.30pm.
The Implementation Group will meet on Thursday 21st November at 12.30pm.