

Consultation - update

June 2020 SEC Release Testing Approach Document



Date: 26 February 2020
Classification: DCC Public
Respond by: 16:00 on Monday, 9 March 2020

1 Background

On 17 February, DCC published a consultation on the draft Testing Approach Document (TAD) for the June 2020 SEC Release.

The June 2020 TAD defined the approach to testing to be undertaken by both DCC and Testing Participants.

The June 2020 TAD set out:

- the testing objectives for the Release, including the assurance to be achieved;
- the testing strategy that will be followed;
- the consequences of the testing strategy, including costs and risks in business terms; and
- any requirement to undertake User testing, along with how the DCC shall support Users to undertake testing.

2 Amended Scope and Release Date

In the original consultation, we stated that in addition to the two SEC Modification Proposals, SECMP0053 'Amend Target Response Times for Service Requests Critical to Installation and Commissioning Processes' and SECMP0062 'Northbound Application Traffic Management – Alert Storm Protection', we planned to include a DCC Change Request CR1088 'DCC Production Proving' DSP Change. The original proposal was to Go Live on 26 May 2020.

The ongoing DCC planning of the June 2020 SEC Release has highlighted that a **Go Live date of 5 May 2020** provides an improved risk profile to deliver SECMP0053 and SECMP0062. The risk profile is improved for the following reasons:

- SMETS 1 Core 1.1 delivery is using the Environment before the June 2020 delivery and MOC needs the Environment after the June 2020 delivery.
- Any slippage by SMETS 1 could push the June 2020 Change Requests to the right.
- If this happens, June 2020 SEC Release could be cancelled because MOC delivery cannot be put at risk.
- This risk can be mitigated by June 2020 sharing the Environment with SMETS 1 Core 1.1. and going live at the same time on the 5 May 2020.

Therefore, it is proposed that this date replaces the previously published date of 26 May 2020 in the TAD.

To deliver this option **the non-SEC Modification CR1088 will be removed** from the scope due the length of its development cycle and would be accommodated in another Release.

The updated TAD which is published alongside this document reflects the above changes.

This consultation supersedes the previous consultation published on 17 February. However, for those who started reviewing the previous consultation, the only changes are to the governance dates to meet the new Go Live date, the Go Live date, and the removal of CR1088 as described above.

The closing date for this consultation is 16:00 on Monday, 9 March 2020.

3 Questions for respondents

DCC would like stakeholders' views on the following consultation questions:

Q1	Do you support the overall approach and scope of the SEC Release TAD for the June 2020 Release? If not, please provide a rationale for your response.
Q2	Do you have any other comments on the draft SEC Release TAD for the June 2020 Release? Please provide details and any rationale.

4 How to respond

Please provide responses by **16:00 on 9 March 2020** to DCC at david.whitley@smartdcc.co.uk.

Consultation responses may be published on our website www.smartdcc.co.uk. Please state clearly in writing whether you want all or any part, of your consultation to be treated as confidential. It would be helpful if you could explain to us why you regard the information you have provided as confidential. Please note that responses in their entirety (including any text marked confidential) may be made available to the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) and the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority (the Authority). Information provided to BEIS or the Authority, including personal information, may be subject to publication or disclosure in accordance with the access to information legislation (primarily the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Data Protection Act 2018 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004). If BEIS or the Authority receive a request for disclosure of the information we/they will take full account of your explanation (to the extent provided to them), but we/they cannot give an assurance that confidentiality can be maintained in all circumstances. An automatic confidentiality disclaimer generated by your IT system will not, of itself, be regarded by us as a confidentiality request.

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