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in or impacted by the Switching  
Programme

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Dear Colleague,

### **Designation of the CSS Go-Live Date, as defined in the Retail Energy Code**

Ofgem<sup>1</sup> hereby designates the “CSS Go-Live Date”, as defined in the Retail Energy Code (REC) and as referred to in the Switching Significant Code Review (SCR) modification decisions listed below and the licence modification decision notices listed below, as **00:01 hours on 18 July 2022**. This designation follows on from the Switching Programme June Delivery Group meeting held on 30 June 2022.

### **Background**

We launched the Switching SCR in November 2015 in order to introduce the necessary changes required to the licence and code framework for the Switching Programme.<sup>2</sup> The Switching SCR will bring about significant changes to the REC as part of the Switching Programme, introducing REC version 3.0. This will support the introduction of faster and more reliable switching through a new Centralised Switching Service (CSS).

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<sup>1</sup> References to the “Authority”, “Ofgem”, “we” and “our” are used interchangeably in this document

<sup>2</sup> Link [here](#) to the Switching SCR launch statement on the Ofgem website.

## Licence modifications

On 12 May 2022, we gave notice of our decision to modify a number of licences in order to provide for the requirements of the Switching Programme.<sup>3</sup> These changes impact holders of the following licences:

- Standard conditions of Electricity Supply Licence
- Standard conditions of Gas Supply Licence
- Standard conditions of Electricity Distribution Licence
- Standard conditions of Gas Shipper Licence
- Standard Special Conditions applicable to both National Transmission System and Distribution Network Licensees – Part A (Gas Transporter Licence)

As we noted in the decision letter and notices of modification, the modifications will take effect from the CSS Go-Live Date. As noted above, we have designated the CSS Go-Live Date as 00:01 hours on 18 July 2022. **These licence changes will therefore take effect from 00:01 hours on 18 July 2022.**

## Switching SCR code modifications

On 7 April 2022, we raised REC modification R0041 as an Authority Change Proposal pursuant to the Switching SCR in order to introduce REC version 3.0. We also submitted a series of Authority-led code modification proposals to five separate codes pursuant to the Switching SCR in February and March 2022, in order to introduce the necessary consequential changes to ensure alignment with REC version 3.0. We set out our approach to these SCR modifications in an open letter dated 31 Jan 2022.<sup>4</sup> We subsequently approved all six code modifications in May and June 2022.

Details of the specific code modifications are provided below. We set out in both the modification proposal and decision letter for each modification that the modification should take effect on the CSS Go-Live Date. As noted above, we have designated the CSS Go-Live Date as 00:01 hours on 18 July 2022. **These changes will therefore take effect from 00:01 hours on 18 July 2022:**

- Retail Energy Code (REC) R0041: REC v3.0<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> Link [here](#) to the decision letter and notices of modification

<sup>4</sup> Link [here](#) to our open letter regarding the Authority-led code modification proposals under the Switching SCR

<sup>5</sup> Link [here](#) to the Authority decision to approve REC modification R0041

- Smart Energy Code (SEC) MP200: Faster Switching consequential changes to the SEC<sup>6</sup>
- Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC) P436: Consequential BSC changes for Switching SCR (REC 3.0)<sup>7</sup>
- Uniform Network Code (UNC) 0804: Consequential UNC changes for Switching SCR (REC 3.0)<sup>8</sup>
- Independent Gas Transporters' Uniform Network Code (IGT UNC) IGT161: Consequential IGT UNC changes for Switching SCR<sup>9</sup>
- Distribution Connection and Use of System Agreement (DCUSA) DCP401: Consequential DCUSA changes for Switching SCR (REC 3.0)<sup>10</sup>

### **Our decision**

Ofgem hereby designates the "CSS Go-Live Date", as defined in the REC and as referred to in the Switching SCR modification decisions listed above and the licence modification decision notices listed above, as 00:01 hours on 18 July 2022.



**Nicola Garland**  
**Head of Switching Programme**

Signed on behalf of the Authority and authorised for that purpose

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<sup>6</sup> Link [here](#) to the Authority decision to approve SEC modification MP200

<sup>7</sup> Link [here](#) to the Authority decision to approve BSC modification P436

<sup>8</sup> Link [here](#) to the Authority decision to approve UNC modification UNC 0804

<sup>9</sup> Link [here](#) to the Authority decision to approve IGT UNC modification IGT161

<sup>10</sup> Link [here](#) to the Authority decision to approve DCUSA modification DCP401