

Switching Programme Delivery Group – Day After Report Tuesday 16th July 2019

This is the DAR for the Switching Programme Delivery Group that was held Tuesday 16th July 19. This is a regular monthly forum which walks through the programme current position, the meeting is chaired by Ofgem.

The meeting was very well attended with representation from programme participants. The key presenters of the meeting were:

Ofgem – Rob Salter-Church, Rachel Clark and Nicola Garland

PWC – Lee Dobie and Martin Crozier

Netcompany – Tony Walters and Matt Rowe

Xoserve – Ed Krupa

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Agenda

- Programme Update:
 - Executive Summary
 - Programme Risks and Issues
 - Programme Financials
- Update on External Physical Interface Design
- Update on CSSIA & CSSIP
- Update on Programme Plan Re-baseline
- Assurance Scope and Progress Update

Programme Update

Ofgem walked through the programme status summary which presently is showing as an amber Status. The amber status has been attributed due to the physical interface design and the communications network design. These items are detailed below.

Physical interface Design

A discussion was held on the number of comments raised at design forum following industry consultation against the Physical Interface design document. The need for a true 'end to end' physical design was highlighted. Ofgem advised that nothing fundamental was raised during design forum and the main comments raised were for gaps in design predominantly around security and process.

Communications network

An update was provided for the comms networks with an update being provided advising a paper has been produced with the following network connectivity proposals:

- Web based direct comms to CSS
- Flow of messages via IX
- Third party adaptor service for comms to CSS

Participants raised concerns with the lack of information there is available for an informed decision to be made. DCC provided an update advising they are planning to communicate a timetable of when and what information will be made available. They are also considering if additional milestones can be added to the programme plan.

A request was made to all participants to submit key questions in relation to the communications network to Ofgem switching PMO by the 23rd July.

Core Systems and Services Integration Approach (CSSIA)

A full version of the CSSIA is being released this Friday, 19th July. A discussion was held in relation to comments that have been raised against the various versions of the CSSIA's and if these have been accepted. Netcompany confirmed the full version of the CSSIA will include a list of all previous questions and their responses. It is currently being discussed how this revised document will be taken through industry consultation and governance.

CSS Integrated Plan (CSSIP)

The programme plan re-planning exercise is continuing with internal reviews taking place between Netcompany, Ofgem and PWC. Xoserve's request that our consequential activities are taken into consideration as part of this planning and re-baseline activity has been granted. Xoserve and Netcompany will be working together on this activity over the next couple of weeks.

Security

A security document is planned to be released to Industry shortly, the exact date for release was not confirmed.