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SEC Modification timetables

1. Purpose

This paper provides an update on the timetables for Modification Proposals and Draft Proposals we are currently working on. The timelines here cover the next main programme of work for each open modification due for update, and the due date this package of work is expected to be completed by. This paper sets out the work packages for the Change Sub-Committee's (CSC's) approval.

2. Work packages and timelines

Table 1 provides updates on the next programme of work for relevant open modifications. We seek the CSC's approval of these.

Table 2 provides the current prioritisation matrix for all open proposals (new proposals are marked in bold).

Table 3 lists the modifications that are on the waiting list and which modifications will be reactivated next.

Table 4 lists the modifications that are on hold and the criteria for review.

Appendix A provides the current timelines for all open modifications.

3. Points to note

Three modifications were closed at the last Change Board and three modifications have been withdrawn in the last two months. We are recommending reactivation of the three modifications currently on the waiting list ([MP178 'Removing DSP validation against the SMI join status for SR8.8.x'](#), [DP189 'Party Obligations for Communications Hub Orders'](#) and [DP190 'Standard Event and Alert Screens on SMETS2 Meters'](#)) and another which has been taken off hold ([MP085B 'Synchronisation of smart meter voltage measurement periods \(meters currently installed\)'](#)) as requested by the Proposer. At this month's meeting we are presenting five new proposals to CSC with a recommendation about their priority. SEACS is recommending that three be placed on the waiting list.

4. Additional information about prioritisation

The CSC have asked for further information regarding the rationale for the prioritisation and waiting list.

4.1 Initial investigations

Any issues raised are given an initial assessment by the Lead Analyst and Modifications Manager. These investigations involve researching the background to the subject and assessing the scale of the issue and seeking an initial view from the Data Communications Company (DCC) around potential DCC System impacts before the Draft Proposal is raised. We believe this stage is important to ensure only issues that are genuinely affecting the industry are brought to the CSC where possible. This investigation also informs us how to assess the priority of the Proposal and potential candidates for the waiting list.

4.2 Prioritisation

The prioritisation matrix methodology was presented to and endorsed by the Panel in March 2020¹ and reviewed by the CSC on 21 December 2021². In summary, the calculation is based on an assessment of five areas:

- Legal and Regulatory Compliance
- Operational Performance
- Cost Benefits
- Consumer impacts
- Security impacts

each given a weighted impact score of 0-3:

- Major impact/improvement = 3
- Moderate impact/improvement = 2
- Minor impact/improvement = 1
- No impact/improvement = 0

The change is also weighted for urgency on a scale of 0-3.

This methodology calculates a priority (Low, Medium, High or Very High) which allows SECAS to prioritise its work accordingly. It also allows us to ensure the highest priority modifications are scheduled at Sub-Committee meetings in the appropriate order.

4.3 Waiting list

The waiting list methodology was presented to and endorsed by the CSC on 21 December 2021. Where we have more modifications active than we have the capacity to progress, any Draft Proposals

¹ Please see Panel paper SECP_78_1303_14 for full details

² Please see CSC paper CSC_34_2112_04 for full details

that are lower priority or considered lower urgency (please note that this does not refer to 'Urgency' as assessed by Ofgem³) are considered for the waiting list. The rationale for placing Proposals on the waiting list is also informed by SECAS resource. This is an internal SECAS consideration and takes into account the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) available and general workload, including allowing some headroom for dealing with new issues that come in etc.

4.4 Proposals currently on hold

It has been five months since the Proposals on hold were placed on hold. We have reviewed the reactivation criteria and have given an update on any progress and our recommendations for updates to the current criteria in Table 4 below.

5. Recommendations

The Change Sub-Committee is requested to:

- **APPROVE** the packages of work and the progression timetables outlined in this paper.

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Attachments

- **Appendix A:** SEC modification timetables

³ SEC Section D4.5

Modification	Update	Programme of work due date and output
SECMP0010 'Introduction of triage arrangements for Communication Hubs'	This issue has proved difficult to address to bring about a positive change with the benefits outweighing the costs. In March the Security Sub-Committee (SSC), working with the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC), secured a solution to the issue of meter triage (previously investigated under SECMP0013 'Smart meter device diagnostics and triage' which was withdrawn). It has subsequently suggested that a similar method could be used to address the issues raised under this modification. A Use Case has been drafted and it is being reviewed by the SSC (we have not been advised how long this might take). Once this has been formally agreed and we understand what aspects are covered by the Use Case we will set out the next steps for any legal changes needed to the SEC. We will provide a progress update at the July 2022 CSC meeting.	CSC_41_1907 – July CSC meeting Progress update
MP085B 'Synchronisation of smart meter voltage measurement periods (meters currently installed)'	Following the RFI we will be presenting the responses to the Working Group and then progress to Refinement Consultation. We will provide a progress update at the August 2022 CSC meeting.	CSC_42_1608 – August CSC meeting Progress update
MP096 'DNO Power Outage Alerts'	We were intending to present the Modification Report to the CSC in April and again in May but discussions between the DCC and the Distribution Network Companies (DNOs) on the subsidiary document setting out the DCC's methodology are ongoing. We expect these discussions to conclude in May 2022. We expect the Modification Report to be presented at the June 2022 CSC meeting	CSC_40_2106 – June CSC meeting Modification Report
MP113 'Unintended Data Disclosure when using SR8.2'	Deeper investigation into this modification showed that this issue can be resolved without a modification. The Proposer is confirming with other interested parties to ensure they are satisfied with the solution. Once this has been confirmed we expect this to be withdrawn. We will provide a progress update at the June 2022 CSC meeting if necessary.	CSC_40_2106 – June CSC meeting Progress update
MP134B 'Use of SMKI Certificates relating to a SoLR event - Part 2'	Following the Refinement Consultation, it became clear that industry Parties believed that there were still outstanding questions around the Proposed Solution. We have arranged a meeting on 19 May 2022 with the relevant Parties. Following this we will set out the next steps depending on any changes agreed at the meeting.	CSC_40_2106 – June CSC meeting Progress update

Modification	Update	Programme of work due date and output
	We will provide a progress update at the June 2022 CSC meeting	
MP137 'Sharing information on Defects and Issues'	We requested the Preliminary Assessment from the DCC on 25 March 2022. This was accepted on 9 May 2022 (25 Working Days (WD) after the service level agreement (SLA)) as the DCC was unable to confirm that it could extract the information from its internal systems. No return date has yet been given. Once returned we will present the Preliminary Assessment to the Working Group before proceeding to Refinement Consultation. We will provide a progress update at the June 2022 CSC meeting.	CSC_40_2106 – June CSC meeting Progress update
MP155 'Communications Hub Re-Flash'	We requested the Preliminary Assessment from the DCC on 18 March 2022. This is expected to be returned on 13 May (22 days over the SLA). Once it is returned, we will present it to the Working Group before going to Refinement Consultation. We will provide a progress update at the June 2022 CSC meeting.	CSC_40_2106 – June CSC meeting Progress update
MP169 'Managing SEC Obligations and the Consumer's Right to refuse a Smart Meter'	We are continuing to liaise with the Proposer, Citizens Advice and Ofgem to find a solution. We will provide a progress update at the August 2022 CSC meeting.	CSC_42_1608 – August CSC meeting Progress update

Table 1: Modification timetable updates

URGENCY	High	DP204		MP096 MP170 DP197	MP122B MP162 MP188
			MP155 MP172	MP128A MP167	SECMP0046 MP094 MP187 MP200 DP203
		MP160 DP189	MP102B MP109 DP165 MP186	MP095 MP137 MP152 MP168 MP181 MP184 DP198 DP206	MP134B MP169
	Low	MP129 MP166 MP178 MP193 DP202 DP205	SECMP0010 SECMP0028 SECMP0032 SECMP0037 SECMP0038 MP085B MP183 DP190	MP082 MP125 MP176	MP113
		Low	VALUE		High

Table 2: Prioritisation matrix

Pos'n	Modification	Priority weighting	Working Days open	Queue score
1	DP206 'Generation Licence for Export Supply'	100	0	100
2	DP207 'RSA Firmware Updates'	100	0	100
3	DP205 'Updating terminology to align with the NCSC'	0	0	0

Table 3: Modifications currently in the waiting list

Modification	Criteria for taking off hold	Update	Revised criteria
SECMP0032 'Prioritising Prepayment Customers in No WAN Situations'	MP094 'Supporting prepayment customers in no SM WAN scenarios' is sufficiently developed to inform the merits of proceeding with this modification	MP094 is ongoing, we are liaising with the PPMF to look at alternative solutions.	No change
SECMP0037 'Pairing Local PPMIDs'	MP094 is sufficiently developed to inform the merits of proceeding with this modification	MP094 is ongoing, we are liaising with the PPMF to look at alternative solutions.	No change
SECMP0038 'Sending Commands via PPMIDs'	MP094 is sufficiently developed to inform the merits of proceeding with this modification	MP094 is ongoing, we are liaising with the PPMF to look at alternative solutions.	No change
SECMP0046 'Allow DNOs to control Electric Vehicle chargers connected to Smart Meter infrastructure'	The Energy Systems Catapult (ESG) working group has completed its assessment of the wider solution for managing electric vehicle and determined whether the SECMP0046 solution is the appropriate way forward	Discussions are ongoing.	No change
MP085B 'Synchronisation of smart meter voltage'	A final decision is received on MP085A 'Synchronisation of smart meter voltage measurement periods' , and it	Following the approval of MP085A, the Proposer has asked that MP085B be progressed.	Reactivated

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Modification	Criteria for taking off hold	Update	Revised criteria
measurement periods (meters currently installed)	has been subsequently assessed whether MP085B is still required if MP085A is implemented		
MP166 'Adverse Weather Planned Maintenance Process'	The DCC has completed its challenge of the Service Providers' costs provided through the Preliminary Assessment.	Since Telefonica became VMO2 negotiations on the challenge to the costs of this modification have restarted.	No change

Table 4: Modifications currently on hold