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SEC Modification timetables – March 2023

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. Overview of key decisions

Appendix 1 below sets out the detailed proposed next work package for modifications whose previously agreed work package has completed or whose situation has materially changed since the last work package was agreed. A summary of this month's work packages is set out below:

- [MP094 'Supporting pre-payment customers in no SM WAN scenarios'](#) – we are examining data about the number of pre-payment meters in areas with no Wide Area Network (WAN).
- [MP169 'Managing SEC obligations and the Consumer's right to refuse a Smart Meter'](#) – have received the Preliminary Assessment and are discussing the next steps with the Proposer.
- [MP208 'Northbound Prioritisation of N56 alerts'](#) – we are discussing the next steps with the Proposer.
- [MP211 'Aligning the SMI with the CPL'](#) – there has been a delay with the return of the Impact Assessment. We are waiting for the Impact Assessment to be returned before presenting this modification to the Security Sub-Committee (SSC).
- [MP214 'Clarification of Acceptable DCC User IDs for Import and Export Suppliers'](#) – currently undergoing Refinement Consultation until Monday 27 March 2023.
- [DP232 'ACB Certs on I&C'](#) - This has been reprioritised as 'High' based on last month's CSC feedback. The issue continues to be developed following TABASC input.

3. New Draft Proposal prioritisation

We have scored the new Draft Proposals raised this month against the Prioritisation Matrix, and a summary of our assessment for each is below. The scoring for each Draft Proposal and the current Prioritisation Matrix can be found in Appendix A.

Draft Proposal	Priority	Rationale
DP236 'Commissioned Communication Hub SMI Status Remains as Pending'	LOW	There is no urgency and no immediate operational or cost implications.
DP237 'Management of Emergency Firmware Updates'	LOW	There is little urgency for this change as it is a situation which has never arisen and is not anticipated to occur soon.
DP238 'TSAT Expired Communication Hubs'	LOW	This modification could bring operational benefits which could reduce production costs for Communications Hubs in future.

4. Monthly summary

The table below summarises key activities from the last month:

Action	Number	Modifications
Underwent final vote at Change Board on 22 February 2023	2	MP198, MP216
Scheduled for vote at Change Board on 29 March 2023	2	MP215, MP227
New Draft Proposals raised	3	DP236, DP237, DP238
Modifications withdrawn	1	SECMP0010
Potential new Draft Proposals being assessed	5	

5. Recommendations

The Change Sub-Committee is requested to:

- **APPROVE** the packages of work and the progression timetables outlined in this paper; and
- **AGREE** the prioritisation of the new Draft Proposals raised this month.

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Attachments

- **Appendix A:** SEC Modification Timetables and prioritisation scoring

Appendix 1: SEC modification work packages

Modification	Update	Programme of work due date and output
MP094 'Supporting pre-payment customers in no SM WAN scenarios'	We have received figures showing the number of pre-payment electricity meters in each postcode across Great Britain. We are working to overlay this information with the data provided by the Data Communications Company (DCC) regarding WAN Coverage. Once these datasets have been compared, we will better understand the size of the issue and can work to identify a cost-effective solution.	June 2023 CSC meeting – Progress Update
MP169 'Managing SEC obligations and the Consumer's right to refuse a Smart Meter'	We have received the Preliminary Assessment which showed costs of between £1.29m and £1.69m up to the end of Pre-Integration Testing (PIT). We are in discussions with the Proposer about the business case and next steps for this modification. It is anticipated this modification will be presented to the April Working Group meeting.	June 2023 CSC meeting – Progress Update
MP208 'Northbound Prioritisation of N56 alerts'	This modification is currently out for Refinement Consultation until 15 March 2023. We are working with the Proposer and the DCC to determine if a DCC internal change would be an appropriate solution for this modification.	June 2023 CSC Meeting – Modification Report
MP211 'Aligning the SMI with the CPL'	We requested the Impact Assessment on 21 December 2022. The DCC has returned an Impact Assessment but we have highlighted an error and this will now need to be reassessed. Once the updated response is received we will present this modification to the SSC, which is acting as the Working Group for this modification, for comment.	June 2023 CSC Meeting – Modification Report
MP214 'Clarification of Acceptable DCC User IDs for Import and Export Suppliers'	This modification is currently out for Refinement Consultation until 27 March 2023. We believe there will be no responses to the Refinement Consultation that should need to be discussed at the Working Group. As such, We intend to present this modification to the April CSC meeting to enter the Report Phase.	April 2023 CSC Meeting – Modification Report
DP232 'ACB Certs on I&C'	This modification has been re-prioritised as 'High' following CSC feedback. The modification has been discussed at TABASC and OPSG where feedback was given that requires further investigation prior to moving into the Refinement Process.	April 2023 CSC Meeting – Progress to Refinement Process