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## SEC Modification timetables – December 2023

### 1. Purpose

This paper provides an update on Modification Proposals and Draft Proposals which SECAS is currently working on. The paper presents:

- New Draft Proposals and their prioritisation scoring.
- Updates on modification which are ranked as 'high' or 'very high' on the prioritisation scoring matrix.
- Changes to Opine dates which have previously been agreed by the Change Sub-Committee (CSC); and
- Updates on modifications which are currently on hold.

### 2. Monthly summary

The table below summarises key activities from the last month:

| Action                                                   | Number | Modifications                                                              |
|----------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Underwent final vote at Change Board on 22 November 2023 | 1      | MP251 (Approved)                                                           |
| Scheduled for vote at Change Board on 20 December 2023   | 1      | SECMP0028                                                                  |
| New Draft Proposals raised                               | 5      | DP256, DP257, DP258, DP259, DP260                                          |
| Active modifications                                     | 33     |                                                                            |
| Anticipated Modifications being assessed                 | 10     |                                                                            |
| Live Impact Assessments                                  | 2      | MP223 – Expected return: 02/01/2024<br>MP242 – Expected return: 26/01/2024 |
| Modifications currently on hold                          | 8      | MP085B, MP165, MP187, DP197,<br>DP206, MP234, DP238, DP260                 |
| Modifications on waiting list                            | 5      | MP184, MP205, MP235, MP244, MP258                                          |

### 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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| <a href="#">DP256 'SEC alignment with DCC SMETS1 MHHS Capacity Requirements'</a> | MEDIUM   | This Draft Proposal is linked to <a href="#">MP162 'SEC changes required to deliver MHHS'</a> . MP162 was approved by the Authority in November 2022 and is being implemented in two parts. The legal text element of the modification will be implemented in the February 2024 SEC Release, with the physical requirements being implemented in the June 2024 SEC Release. DP256 seeks to add legal text into the SEC, detailing how SMETS1 Devices will be processed in line with MHHS. This was removed from the scope of MP162 but needs to be included with the other aspects of the modification in the June 2024 SEC Release. |
| <a href="#">DP257 'DCC management of Duplicate Messages'</a>                     | MEDIUM   | This Draft Proposal is exploring a solution which would look at halving the journey of retrieving a Service Response if the information has been previously requested. Due to the operational benefits which could be achieved, this has been assigned a medium priority ranking.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <a href="#">DP258 'Aligning requirements for System Outage notifications'</a>    | LOW      | This Draft Proposal addresses BCDR and Planned Maintenance notifications which has operational benefits. From a User perspective, it is more efficient to have notification of system outages amalgamated into one notification and consultation. Similarly, having one notification period is more efficient for the DCC rather than holding separate consultations for BCDR and Planned Maintenance.                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <a href="#">DP259 'Triage System Interface Definition'</a>                       | LOW      | This Draft Proposal seeks to alter the definition of Triage System Interface to include the term TLS. This is a minor text-only alteration which is bringing the SEC into compliance from a security perspective.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <a href="#">DP260 'June 2024 SEC Release housekeeping'</a>                       | LOW      | This Draft Proposal addresses minor errors which were included in the SEC from inception or have been introduced via changes. This Draft Proposal is being placed on hold until the April 2024 CSC meeting. As there is no urgency this is a low priority modification.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

### 4. Updates on HIGH and VERY HIGH PRIORITY modifications

These are the modifications are ranked as high or very high on the Prioritisation Matrix.

| Modification                                                                | Priority  | Update                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| <a href="#">MP242 'Change to Operational Metrics to measure on success'</a> | VERY HIGH | SECAS requested the Impact Assessment on 22 November 2023. SECAS expects this to be returned in late January 2024, with a view to being discussed at the February 2024 Working Group meeting. |
| <a href="#">MP169 'Managing SEC obligations and the Consumers Right'</a>    | HIGH      | SECAS is working with Citizens Advice and the Energy Ombudsman to ensure the wording on their respective                                                                                      |

| Modification                                                                           | Priority | Update                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| <a href="#">to refuse a smart meter'</a>                                               |          | websites clearly states what Suppliers can offer without breaking their SEC obligations.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <a href="#">DP218 'Review of the SEC Charging Methodology'</a>                         | HIGH     | SECAS is hosting a meeting on 14 December 2023 where DCC will provide an overview of the ongoing work by a third-party consultancy on the review of DCC User charging.                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <a href="#">MP224 'SEC Performance Assurance Framework'</a>                            | HIGH     | SECAS is developing a draft of the Risk Evaluation Methodology. Once drafted, it will be used to develop several pre-identified risks/issues that SEC Parties face to better demonstrate the value, and potential process for the PAF. We will aim to discuss the drafting with respondents to the Refinement Consultation who provided challenge to ensure it is allaying their concerns. |
| <a href="#">MP230 'Review the SLA for delivery and completion for SMETS1 firmware'</a> | HIGH     | SECAS received five responses to the Refinement Consultation, all of which supported approval of the modification. SECAS will present this modification to the Change Sub-Committee to enter the Report Phase.                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <a href="#">MP231 'Firmware Upgrade Pathways'</a>                                      | HIGH     | Concerns raised at the September Working Group regarding liability and non-disclosure agreements have been addressed. SECAS will present this modification to the CSC to enter the Report Phase.                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <a href="#">DP252 'Amending the process for Communications Hub returns'</a>            | HIGH     | SECAS will present this modification to the CSC on 19 December with the recommendation this should enter the Refinement Process. SECAS will develop the business requirements in January 2024 before presenting this modification to the Working Group.                                                                                                                                    |

## 5. Changes to Report Phase dates

This section contains information modifications which the CSC has agreed the timetable for however the date that the modification will return to the CSC has changed, noting the reasons for the change and whether this will impact on the targeted release date.

| Modification                                                                           | Reason for alteration                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <a href="#">MP207 'Allowing Registered Supplier Agents to maintain Meter Firmware'</a> | <p>The Impact Assessment request was rejected by Change Board. SECAS is working with the Proposer to determine how to proceed with this modification without a fully completed assessment of the proposal. SECAS will present this to the CSC in February 2024 to determine if it should enter the Report Phase.</p> <p>The Report Phase date has changed from December 2023 to February 2024.</p>                                                         |
| <a href="#">MP235 'Enhanced Meter Data access for Other Users'</a>                     | <p>Following feedback at the December Working Group, SECAS is working through a number of issues relating to traffic management. Working Group members believed that this modification should have its own ad hoc Working Group meeting in early 2024. Once SECAS has addressed the questions raised at the December Working Group meeting, an ad hoc meeting will be organised.</p> <p>The Report Phase date has changed from June 2024 to July 2024.</p> |

## 6. On-hold modifications

Below are the modifications which are currently on hold. SECAS is not working these modifications and are waiting for the criteria to be met before they are taken off hold.

| Modification                                                                                                     | Update                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <a href="#">MP085B 'Synchronisation of Smart Meter voltage measurement periods (meters currently installed)'</a> | The Proposer has stated that they would like to employ a third-party consultancy to perform a cost benefit analysis on the issue and Proposed Solution to help build the business case of the modification. Once completed, SECAS will issue the Refinement Consultation.                                                                                                   |
| <a href="#">MP165 'ESME Voltage Accuracy'</a>                                                                    | The Proposer has stated that they would like to employ a third-party consultancy to perform a cost benefit analysis on the issue and Proposed Solution to help build the business case of the modification. Once completed, SECAS will issue the Refinement Consultation.                                                                                                   |
| <a href="#">MP187 'Incorporation of Target Round Trip Times and Target Success Rates into the SEC'</a>           | This modification is linked to the progression of MP242. This will remain on hold until progress has been made with MP242. SECAS has requested the Impact Assessment and expects this to be returned on 26 January 2024. Once this is returned SECAS will examine the impacts of MP242 and determine the next steps for this modification.                                  |
| <a href="#">DP197 'Reallocating Third Party Communications Hubs in the event of a SOLR'</a>                      | SECAS is waiting for confirmation from the Proposer about the next steps for this modification. A verbal update will be provided in the CSC meeting with further details on the details of why the modification cannot be withdrawn.                                                                                                                                        |
| <a href="#">DP206 'Allowing Generation Licence Holders to apply Export MPANs'</a>                                | SECAS is working with the cross-code Working Group to progress this modification. The BSC has been identified as the lead code for the modification and SECAS is waiting for the business requirements to be confirmed before investigating the SEC changes.                                                                                                                |
| <a href="#">MP234 'Addition of GDPR Principles of Public Task and Legitimate Interests into the SEC'</a>         | The Proposer for this modification has also raised <a href="#">MP219 'Accessing Consumption Data on behalf of SEC Parties'</a> , which involves data privacy changes. Until a decision has been made from Ofgem as to whether MP219 should be approved, the Proposer would like to wait to see if MP234 should be pursued.                                                  |
| <a href="#">DP238 'TSAT Expired Communication Hubs'</a>                                                          | DCC discussed alternative solutions for expired Communications Hubs with the OPSG, with DCC set to present further options once data has been collated. Progression of this modification is linked to <a href="#">DP252 'Amending the process for Communications Hub returns'</a> . SECAS will await the proposed solution to DP252 before progressing this Draft Proposal. |

## 7. Recommendations

The CSC is requested to:

- **APPROVE** 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: Prioritisation scoring worksheet**