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Paper Reference:	DP164 – legal text
Action:	For Review

DP164 – TABASC review of legal text

1. Purpose

[DP164 'November 2021 SEC Release supporting changes'](#) is currently undergoing the Development Stage. SECAS has drafted the legal text with input from the Data Communications Company (DCC), its Service Providers, and the GB Companion Specification (GBCS) Working Group. We seek the Technical Architecture and Business Architecture Sub-Committee (TABASC) input on the following question before we present the final Modification Report to the Change Sub-Committee (CSC):

- Does the draft legal text fully and accurately deliver the technical solution?

This paper provides a high-level summary of the key points. The draft legal text (including the Smart Metering Equipment Specifications (SMETS), the DCC User Interface Specification (DUIS) and the Message Mapping Catalogue (MMC)) can be found in Appendix A and the draft legal text for the GBCS can be found in Appendix B.

2. Summary of the proposal

What is the issue?

This modification consists of a series of consequential changes arising from [SECMP0007 'Firmware updates to IHDs and PPMIDs'](#) which is already approved for the November 2021 SEC Release. These additional changes to the SEC were not available when SECMP0007 was approved.

The DCC detailed system design associated with the SECMP0007 changes occurred after the approval of the modification and associated legal text. As part of this detailed system design process some additions and amendments have been identified as necessary to align to the required solution design to deliver the required intent of the high level SECMP0007 solution. These changes to the existing SECMP0007 legal text create the consequential changes highlighted in this report.

When SECMP0007 is implemented, consequential changes are required in the SEC Technical Specifications to ensure that the SEC accurately reflects the agreed SECMP0007 solution.

What is the Proposed Solution?

The Proposed Solution is to make consequential changes to the versions the GBCS, the SMETS, the DUIS and the MMC. No changes are required to the Communications Hub Technical Specifications (CHTS) legal text approved under SECMP0007.

These changes have been validated by the DCC, the Data Service Provider (DSP) and the GBCS Working Group.

Most of the additional changes are in the GBCS and the DUIS, whilst only minor additional changes are needed to the SMETS and the MMC.

3. Impacts

No SEC Parties are expected to be impacted by the proposal, as it will only deliver clarifications to the SECMP0007 legal text.

There are no DCC implementation costs associated with this modification.

The following parts of the SEC will be impacted by DP164:

- Schedule 8 'GB Companion Specification'
- Schedule 9 'Smart Metering Equipment Technical Specifications 2'
- Appendix AD 'DCC User Interface Specification'
- Appendix AF 'Message Mapping Catalogue'

4. Implementation approach

SECAS is recommending an implementation date of:

- **4 November 2021** (November 2021 SEC Release) if a decision to approve is received on or before 21 October 2021.

The Proposed Solution needs to be implemented at the same time as the Proposed Solution for SECMP0007 in the November 2021 SEC Release. This will ensure the SEC accurately reflects the DCC design for the SECMP0007 Proposed Solution.

5. TABASC input on the draft legal text

We seek the TABASC's views on the following questions to feed into the Modification Report before we present the report to the CSC:

- Does the updated draft legal text fully and accurately deliver the technical solution?

6. Next steps

We are seeking feedback from the TABASC and the Technical Specification Issue Resolution Subgroup (TSIRS) on the draft legal text. This will allow us to take on board any comments and ensure the legal text is fully accurate before it is issued for Modification Report Consultation.

Following this the CSC will be asked to approve the final Modification Report and legal text in mid-August 2021, after which we will issue the Modification Report Consultation. The Change Board vote will then be held on 22 September 2021.

The expedited timescales are due to this modification requiring a decision as soon as possible. This is to ensure the SEC accurately reflects the designed SECMP0007 solution and to give the industry certainty on the technical specifications being implemented in the November 2021 SEC Release.

Timetable	
Event/Action	Date
TABASC and TSIRS review of legal text	19 Jul 2021 – 6 Aug 2021
Modification Report approved by CSC	Mid Aug 2021
Modification Report Consultation	23 Aug 2021 – 10 Sep 2021
Change Board Vote	22 Sep 2021

7. Recommendations

The TABASC is requested to **PROVIDE** views and comments on the questions set out in this paper.

We request members send any comments to us by email to sec.change@gemserv.com by **Friday 6 July 2021**.

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Attachments

- **Appendix A:** DP164 draft legal text (SMETS, DUIS and MMC)
- **Appendix B:** DP164 draft legal text (GBCS)