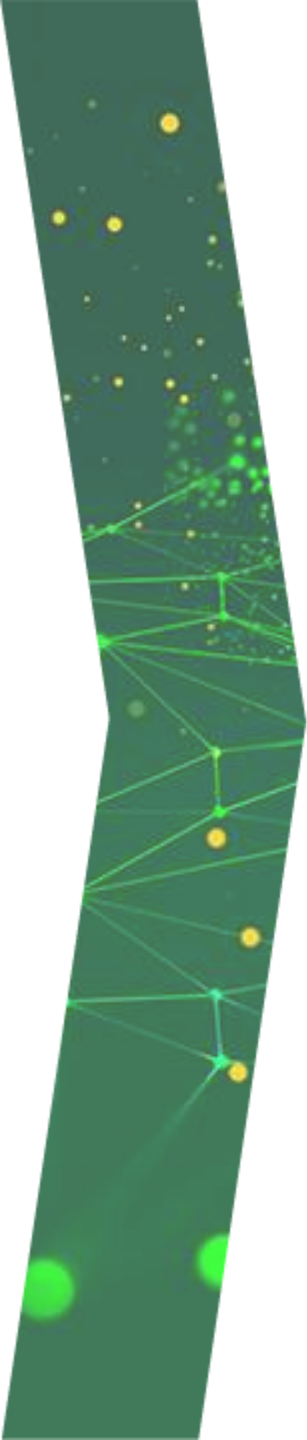


■ MP324 'Legacy Communication Hub Returns'

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This MP324 deck covers:

- An overview of the Modification
- A summary of the solution and draft legal text

REVIEW the MODIFICATION and PROVIDE comments on the solution, legal text and next steps.

■ MP324: Overview (1 of 2)

- SEC requires DCC to make all CH device models available for forecasting and ordering, including LRR and 2G/3G CHs, despite demand falling.
- Existing rules create inefficiencies (e.g. unnecessary storage of returned devices, ongoing manufacturing readiness).
- Upcoming 4G rollout and replacement programmes will significantly increase volume of returns.

Issue



- DCC must continue to store LRR/2G/3G CHs and keep manufacturing facilities on standby despite parties having ceased forecasting and ordering.
- 15-fold increase expected in volume of LRR/2G/3G CHs returns due to 4G rollout and replacement programmes.
- Without changes to right of return/device availability requirements, there is a significant risk of additional costs.

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■ MP324: Overview (1 of 2)

- Amend current arrangements to exclude the requirement to support ordering and returns for LRR/2G/3G CHs to reduce storage and manufacturing costs, simplify return processes, and support more efficient contract renewals.

Potential Solution



■ MP324: Legal Text Summary (1 of 2)

SEC Section F: Smart Metering System Requirements

- **Amendments to 5.1:** removes the obligation to provide LRR/2G/3G CHs for ordering.
- **Amendments to 9.15:** ensures fault diagnostics are not required to be reported on for any LRR/2G/3G CHs.
- **Amendments to 9.18:** removes liability for CH Type Faults for LRR/2G/3G CHs and allows DCC to remove triage capability for returned LRR/2G/3G CHs.
- **Amendments to 9.16, 14.1, 14.4, 14.12, 14.15:** to correct minor typographical errors.

SEC Appendix H: CH Handover Support Materials

- **Amendments to 3.10 & 3.11:** removes provisions related to LRR/2G/3G CHs and T1/T2 Areal Types with regards to “Submitting Communications Hub Orders”.

■ MP324: Legal Text Summary (2 of 2)

SEC Appendix I: CH Installation and Maintenance Support Materials

- **Amendments to Annex E1 & E2:** to remove reference to LRR/2G/3G CHs Variants with regards to “Equipment Supplied”.

■ MP324: Next Steps



■ MP324: OPSG Questions

Does the Proposed Solution resolve the issue identified?



Any comments on the legal text?



Anything else that should be considered?

