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Stage 03: Modification Report Consultation

SECMP0002:

Add new Command to reset Debt Registers

What stage is this document in the process?

01	Initial Modification Report
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Summary

This Modification Proposal seeks to add a new Smart Metering Equipment Technical Specification (SMETS) Command to allow Users to reset any of the three debt registers on an Electricity Smart Metering Equipment (ESME) or Gas Smart Metering Equipment (GSME).

Working Group View



- The Working Group (WG) unanimously believes that SECMP0002 should be approved.

Impacts



- Supplier Parties;
- Other SEC Parties;
- Data and Communications Company (DCC);
- DCC Central Systems; and
- Party interfacing systems

Response Deadline



- This Consultation closes at 5pm on Thursday 5th April 2018.

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About this Document

This is the Modification Report Consultation (MRC) for SECMP0002. This document provides a high-level summary of the issue, solution(s), impacts and costs, implementation date, WG views and Panel views on the Modification Proposal;

This document has five attachments:

- Attachment A contains the Final Modification Report (FMR) which provides a detailed explanation of the issue, solution(s), impacts, costs, implementation as well as the full WG and Panel discussions and conclusions;
- Attachment AA contains the legal text changes to support this modification (Attachment A to the FMR);
- Attachment AB contains the Solution Design Specifications (Attachment B to the FMR);
- Attachment AC contains the full responses to the Working Group Consultation (WGC) (Attachment C to the FMR); and
- Attachment B contains the MRC response form.

As part of this consultation SEC Parties will be asked to provide their views on SECMP0002. The information provided will help us to better understand the benefits and drawbacks of the modification and assist the Change Board and the Authority in their determination.

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Summary of SECMP0002

What is the issue?

Currently, there are no SMETS Commands to reset debt registers on an ESME or a GSME. This means that the User will have to utilise multiple Commands in order to eradicate the debt that is displayed to the Consumer on a Smart Metering System (SMS).

If one of the Commands in the process was to fail, the full reset of the debt register would be incomplete. This could potentially result in inaccurate data being held in the debt registers. The Proposer has highlighted that using multiple Commands would be cumbersome and could cause confusion for the Consumer.

What is the Proposed Solution?

SECMP0002 seeks to add new SMETS Commands so that the two Time Debt Registers and the Payment Debt Register can be independently reset to zero.

Impacts

Party

Large Supplier Parties	X	Small Supplier Parties	X
Electricity Network Parties		Gas Network Parties	
Other SEC Parties	X		

System

DCC Systems	X	Party interfacing systems	X
Smart Metering Systems	X	Communication Hubs	
Other systems			

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Implementation Costs

The total estimated central implementation cost to deliver SECMP0002 is approximately £2,452,796. This total cost consists of:

- **£3,000** in SEC Administration effort; and
- **£2,449,796** in DCC effort.

Implementation Date

The Panel approved an implementation date for SECMP0002 of:

- 27th June 2019, if a decision to approve is made by 27th May 2018; or
- 7th November 2019, if a decision to approve is made after 27th May 2018, but on or before 7th October 2018.

Working Group view

The WG believes **by majority** that SECMP0002 does better facilitate SEC Objectives (a) and (c). The WG therefore believes that this Modification Proposal should be **approved**.

Where can you find further information?

A full description of the issue, solution(s), impacts, costs, implementation date, WG and Panel views on the merits of SECMP0002 can be found in the FMR (Attachment A).

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