

■ MP321 'MANAGING SEC PARTY ORGANISATION CHANGES'

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Overview

- Currently, when a company wishes to become a Smart Energy Code (SEC) Party, it must complete a formal accession process, which is outlined in SEC Section B 'Accession'.
- However, if an existing SEC Party changes its corporate identity e.g. its name, there are no provisions within the SEC that would facilitate this.

Issue



- Mismatches between SEC Party identifiers and Device Portfolios could have adverse effects on Devices and Consumers.
- Unnecessary time and cost restraints on SEC Parties.

Impact



- Facilitate a text-only change within the SEC to allow for a straightforward swap of SEC Party rights from the existing SEC Party to the new identity.
- Governed by the SEC Panel.
- Does not allow for changes were a SEC Party wishes to start operating in the capacity of a new SEC Party type.

Potential Solution



■ Proposed Solution 1/2

The Proposer seeks to introduce a process supporting an existing SEC Party due to undergo an organisational change that would result in the creation of a new corporate identity requiring SEC Party status:

- The new process would require an application be submitted to the SEC Panel for approval to transfer the Party's existing SEC Party rights to the new corporate identity.
- This solution would only apply in the scenario that a straightforward swap of rights from one corporate identity to the new identity would occur, as this would not cause any need for change elsewhere in the Smart Metering ecosystem.
- However, if a SEC Party is wishing to make amendments to their current SEC Party role, e.g. acting in the capacity of another SEC Party type that they are not currently fulfilling, then they would need to follow the established SEC Accession process.

■ Proposed Solution 2/2

Following discussion with the OPSG, and feedback received from Parties who have reached out individually, the proposed solution may need to account for the below scenarios:

- Ltd company name changes (same registered number).
- Novation of SEC Party Status from one Ltd company to another Ltd company.
- Migration of Gas / Elec MPIDs from one SEC Party to another SEC Party.

The DCC have advised the SEC Change Team of the following Security Considerations:

- If the organisation is keeping its existing allocated SEC Party Signifier (i.e. this is transferred from one ltd company to another) and DCC gateway structure, then they don't need new security credentials.
- If the organisations is going to receive a new SEC Party Signifier, then they will need to go through SMKI and DCCKI RAPP. The timescale depends on if they are nominating new people or re-nominating individuals who have already been through the ID process.

■ MP321: Questions for SMKI PMA

- **Does the proposed solution suitably address the issue?**
- **Are there any impacts to industry that have not yet been identified within the Modification Report?**