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MP214 Proposed Solution

1. Purpose

MP214 '[Clarification of Acceptable DCC User IDs for Import and Export Suppliers](#)' is currently undergoing the Refinement Process. The purpose of this paper is to seek the Technical Architecture and Business Architecture Sub-Committee's (TABASC) input on the proposed solution to this modification.

This paper provides the proposed solution and business requirements. More detail about the business requirements can be found in Appendix A.

2. Summary of MP214

This section summarises the key points of this Modification Proposal. More information is available in the Modification Report in Appendix B.

2.1 What is the issue?

SEC Section H 'DCC Services' states that when a Party wishes to register as a DCC User in the User Roles 'Import Supplier', 'Export Supplier' and 'Gas Supplier', it can use the same ID number for each Role. However, the wording excludes a Party from using the same ID number for the User Roles 'Import Supplier' and 'Export Supplier' unless it also intends to act in the User Role 'Gas Supplier'.

The Proposer believes that by not allowing the use of the same User ID for the Import Supplier and Export Supplier User Roles this means that Parties must request multiple ID numbers from the SEC Panel, which has minor but unnecessary operational impacts on those Parties. The Proposer also notes that the DCC frequently receive requests to use the same user ID for multiple roles. The DCC must then engage in further checks and monitoring to ensure these are assigned correctly. Managing multiple ID numbers for the same Party has a minor impact on DCC time and effort.

2.2 What is the solution?

SECAS undertook an investigation of the current situation and identified that the DCC are already able to issue the same Supplier ID to a Party that is an Import Supplier and an Export Supplier but not a Gas Supplier. Furthermore, no issues were uncovered that would contra-indicate allowing this situation. However, the legal text of the SEC currently does not allow it.

The DCC have confirmed that there will be no DCC costs to implement this modification.

3. Business requirements

Below are the business requirements, developed with the Proposer and the DCC.

Business Requirements	
Ref.	Requirement
1	'Smart Energy Code (SEC) Parties acting in the DCC User Roles 'Import Supplier' and 'Export Supplier' will be able to use the same DCC User ID for each User Role.

4. Discussions from the Change Sub-Committee

This modification was presented to the Change Sub-Committee in September 2022 where a member noted the original provisions were written during the development of User Entry Process Testing (UEPT) and a series of assumptions were made on Party activities and their specific roles. These assumptions were never ratified, and it has become clear that there is a more diverse set up to Party roles which needs to be reflected in the SEC.

5. Questions for the TABASC

We seek the TABASC's view on the following questions to feed into the Modification Report and business requirements:

- Do the business requirements address the identified issue?
- Are there any additional considerations which should be drawn out during the Refinement Consultation?

6. Next steps

Once this modification has been discussed with the Working Group this will be issued for a Refinement Consultation.

Timetable	
Event/Action	Date
Discussed with TABASC	5 Jan 2023
<i>Discuss modification with the Working Group</i>	<i>30 Jan 2023</i>
<i>Refinement Consultation</i>	<i>6 Feb 2023 – 27 Feb 2023</i>

Timetable	
Event/Action	Date
<i>Modification discussed at Change Sub-Committee</i>	<i>20 Mar 2023</i>
<i>Modification Report Consultation</i>	<i>27 Mar 2023 – 17 Apr 2023</i>
<i>Vote at Change Board</i>	<i>24 Apr 2023</i>

Italics denote planned events that could be subject to change

7. Recommendations

The TABASC is asked to:

- **CONFIRM** that the business requirements address the identified issue.
- **CONFIRM** if any additional considerations should be drawn out during the Refinement Consultation.

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Attachments:

- **Appendix A:** MP214 Business Requirements
- **Appendix B:** MP214 Modification Report