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Stage 03: Modification Report Consultation

SECMP0057:

Users to notify SSC of a second or subsequent User System

What stage is this document in the process?

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Summary

This modification seeks to ensure that Users inform the Security Sub-Committee (SSC) when they are seeking to utilise a second or subsequent User System which may or may not be provided or operated by a Shared Service Provider.

Working Group View



- The unanimous view of the Panel is that SECMP0057 should be approved.

Impacts



- All Party Categories
- There are no impacts on DCC Central Systems or Party interfacing systems

Response Deadline



- This Consultation closes at 5pm on Monday 3rd December 2018.

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About this Document

This is the Modification Report Consultation (MRC) for SECMP0057. This document provides a high-level summary of the issue, solution, impacts and costs, implementation date, WG views and the Panel's views on the Modification Proposal;

This document has three attachments:

- **Attachment A** contains the Final Modification Report (FMR) which provides a detailed explanation of the issue, solution, impacts, costs, implementation approach as well as the full WG and Panel discussions and conclusions;
- **Attachment B** contains the legal text changes to support this modification; and
- **Attachment C** contains the MRC response form.

As part of this consultation SEC Parties will be asked to provide their views on SECMP0057. The information provided will help us to better understand the benefits and drawbacks of the modification and assist the Panel and the Change Board in their determinations.

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Summary of SECMP0057

What is the issue?

Under the current arrangements there is no obligation on Users to notify the SSC or any other party before they begin to utilise a second or subsequent User System. Nor is there a requirement for there to be a User Security Assessment of a second or subsequent User System.

Due to the interconnected nature of the DCC Central Systems there is a risk to the overall security of smart metering if a second or subsequent User System is introduced without any formal consideration of the security risks.

What is the Proposed Solution?

This modification seeks to require all Users to notify the SSC before they begin to utilise a second or subsequent User System. This will enable the SSC to consider the security risks and to advise the User accordingly once the SSC has made its decision on whether to wait to review the second or subsequent User System at its next annual review or to arrange an ad-hoc review.

Potential impacts

Party

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

System

There are no impacts on DCC Central Systems or Party interfacing systems and there is no testing required as part of the implementation of this modification.

Implementation Costs

The total estimated implementation cost to deliver SECMP0057 is approximately £2,400. This total cost consists of SEC Administration effort to:

- Make the necessary amendments to the SEC, Agreed Interpretations and Security Controls Framework (SCF);
- Release a new version of the SEC to SEC Parties; and
- Publish the updated SEC and accompanying documents on the SEC website.

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Implementation Date

The Panel has agreed an implementation date of:

- **28th February 2019** (February 2019 SEC Release), if a decision to approve is made by 14th February 2019, providing a 10 Working Day decision lead time.

Working Group view

The Working Group believes unanimously that SECMP0057 better facilitates the SEC Objectives (a), (e) and (g).

The Working Group therefore believes that this Modification Proposal should be **approved**.

Where can you find further information?

A full description of the issue, solution, impacts, costs, implementation date, WG and Panel views on the merits of SECMP0057 can be found in the FMR (Attachment A).

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