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# SECMP0060 ‘Amend Requirements to Remove ‘Pending’ Communications Hubs from the SMI’

## Annex A

## Business Requirements – version 0.1

### About this document

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This document contains the detailed context and business requirements to deliver SECMP0060.

## Context

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Currently under the SEC, any device in the SMI with a 'Pending' status must be removed by DCC after 12 months if the status has not changed. Delays to the SMETS2 rollout programme has led to multiple Communications Hub devices still being listed as pending and potentially needing to be removed from the SMI. The requirement in its current form is a potential barrier to the rollout and the affected assets could be obsolete to Users in their current state. This is due to DCC Users being unable to install devices that have been removed from the SMI list, and therefore increases the likelihood of older device models not being used and being charged by the DCC through the Communication Hub Stock Level Charges as specified in [SEC Section K 'Charging Methodology'](#).

## Business Requirements

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This section sets out the detailed business requirements for the SECMP0060 Proposed Solution.

### DCC Change Request

This Change Request aims to cease the DSP's Smart Metering Inventory (SMI) from deleting Communications Hubs that have been in a Pending state for 12 months or longer.

This issue presents an administrative burden to both the DCC and the industry, with a need to monitor and report on the Communication Hubs that are removed from the SMI. Furthermore, DCC Users are unable to install Communication Hubs that have been removed from the SMI, as per SEC Sections F7 and Appendix I 'Communications Hubs Installation and Maintenance Support'.

### DSP Solution

The Proposer's primary requirement is to stop the removal of Communications Hubs that have been in a 'Pending' state in the SMI for 12 months or longer. The solution is also required to have a provision to disable housekeeping for a selected type of device if needed in future. A two-stage solution has therefore been proposed for the DSP:

#### Stage 1: Tactical Solution

- A quick fix that changes retention period of the devices in Pending state to 36 months from 12 months. This tactical solution has been progressed by way of the small change request SCR137.

#### Stage 2: Enduring Solution

- A longer-term solution that will exclude Communications Hubs from being deleted from the SMI. This will be managed by way of an exclusion list. New device types can be added to this exclusion list if needed in future.

### SECMP0060 business requirements

The following business requirements have been agreed for SECMP0060:

#### **Requirement 1: The period after which Devices listed on the SMI as 'Pending' will be removed will be increased from 12 months to 36 months**

The DCC will remove Devices from the SMI where the device status is 'Pending' and has remained in that state for 36 months.