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SECMP0018 Change Board vote

1. Purpose

[SECMP0018 'Standard Electricity Distributor Configuration Settings'](#) has undergone Modification Report Consultation and is now being presented to the Change Board for vote. The Change Board is invited to determine whether SECMP0018 should be approved or rejected under Self-Governance.

This paper provides a high-level summary of the key points. Full details can be found in the Modification Report in Appendix A and the responses received to the Modification Report Consultation in Appendix B.

2. Summary of the proposal

What is the issue?

Currently, Electricity Network Parties (ENPs) are required to configure new Electricity Smart Metering Equipment (ESME) with appropriate settings through relevant Service Requests as soon as the meter has been installed and commissioned. The configuration of ESMEs needs to occur for every new meter installation to set thresholds for voltage events on the ESP's network. This process is expected to be a burden to the ENPs because these settings only have minor differences from one ESME to the next.

What is the Proposed Solution?

The proposed solution is to require Manufacturers to populate ESMEs with standard configuration settings. ENPs have agreed a common set of configurations that should be set at installation. These settings would be captured in the GB Companion Specification (GBCS), thereby mandating Suppliers to ensure that procured ESMEs from Manufacturers contain the default settings. SECMP0018 will add a plain English table of the Standard Electricity Distributor Configuration Settings to GBCS.

3. Modification Report Consultation responses

Eight responses were received to the Modification Report Consultation, and the full responses received can be found in Appendix B.

The majority of respondents were supportive with seven respondents (five Large Suppliers and two Network Parties) believing SECMP0018 should be approved. These respondents believed

SECMP0018 to better facilitate Objective (a)¹, citing that this would improve the installation process as rationale for their decisions.

One Small Supplier believed SECMP0018 should be rejected, noting multiple reasons for this view on the basis that they were unconfident where this solution would provide cost savings. They also noted that because only two Network Parties had responded that this might not be a sample large enough to represent all Network Parties and that only these two may benefit.

We responded to these comments, explaining that the Network Parties who had responded were not the only Network Parties who would benefit as a result of this modification, rather all ENPs would benefit as per the proposed standardisation of configuration settings as it should allow for a more efficient provision of services. The solution had been put forward to the ENA Smart Metering Group by the Proposer to request the opinions of all Electricity Network Parties. The result had been positive, stating that they desired the solution to be implemented on the rationale of ensuring the behaviour of meters would be known to all parties and consistent.

One Large Supplier believed that whilst SECMP0018 should be approved, they stated that creating a new version of GBCS and including it in the Technical Specification (TS) Applicability Tables needed consideration, stating that this issue could be solved by introducing it as part of a major SEC Release when this work would be undertaken regardless.

We responded to this comment by confirming the approach in the Modification Report that the TS Applicability Tables would be developed as part of the modification's implementation and that the Technical Architecture and Business Architecture Sub-Committee (TABASC) would be consulted on the updates to ensure accuracy. Lessons have been learnt from the implementation of GBCS version 1.1, and the DCC has confirmed it can accommodate the new version of GBCS as a standalone change.

4. Next steps

Determination approach

The Panel has determined that SECMP0018 is a Self-Governance Modification. The Change Board's vote will therefore form a decision on the modification.

This decision will subject to a 10 Working Day objection period where Parties can refer the decision to the Panel. If no objection is received, the Change Board's decision will be final.

Implementation approach

The Panel has agreed the following implementation approach of:

- **27 June 2019** (June 2019 SEC Release) if a decision to approve is received by **30 May 2019**.

5. Recommendations

The Change Board is requested to:

- **AGREE** that SECMP0018 should proceed to vote;

¹ Facilitate the efficient provision, installation, and operation, as well as interoperability, of Smart Metering Systems at Energy Consumers' premises within Great Britain.

- **DETERMINE** whether SECMP0018 should be **APPROVED** or **REJECTED** under Self-Governance; and
- **PROVIDE** rationale for this decision against the General SEC Objectives.

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Attachments

- **Appendix A:** SECMP0018 Modification Report
 - **Annex A:** SECMP0018 Legal Text
 - **Annex B:** SECMP0018 Solution Design Document
 - **Annex C:** SECMP0018 Working Group Consultation responses
- **Appendix B:** SECMP0018 Modification Report Consultation responses.