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Change Status Report – February 2019

1. Purpose

This document is the Change Status Report, which provides information on the progress of Smart Energy Code (SEC) Modifications and Releases.

The DCC's progress report on Preliminary Assessments and Impact Assessments is included as Appendix A to this report.

2. Recommendations

The Panel **NOTED** the contents of this report.

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Attachments:

- Appendix A: DCC Preliminary Assessments and Impact Assessments Update



Smart Energy Code

Change Status Report

February 2019

1. Summary

This report provides a monthly update on the status and progress of SEC Modification Proposals and Releases, highlighting key information and decisions made.

More detailed information can be found in the [Modification Register](#).



New Modification Proposals

Two new Modification Proposals were presented to the Panel this month:

- [SECMP0069 'EU Exit Changes'](#)
- [SECMP0070 'Permission to give Alt HAN Forum vires for enduring management and maintenance of the Exempt Premises List \(EPL\)'](#)

Modification Reports

The Panel **approved** one Modification Report this month:

- [SECMP0025 'Electricity Network Party Access to Load Switching Information'](#)

Decisions

The Change Board **approved** two Modification Proposals under Self-Governance on 23 January 2019:

- [SECMP0018 'Standard Electricity Distributor Configuration Settings'](#)
- [SECMP0059 'Amendments to SEC Security Assessments for Non-Domestic Suppliers and Other Users'](#)

The Authority **approved** two Modification Proposals on 25 January 2019:

- [SECMP0064 'Alt HAN Co permission to seek access for Alt HAN Activities as a representative of energy suppliers'](#)
- [SECMP0068 'Alt HAN Company third party rights to enable external financing arrangements'](#)

2. News and Updates

Process improvements

We have embarked on a number of workstreams looking at improving the SEC change processes. These will build upon the work that was carried out under the Section D Review in early 2018, as well as incorporate wider feedback received from Parties since then. A summary of the key workstreams and a link to our overall plan can be found [here](#). We provided the Panel with an update of this work at the February 2019 meeting, and held a pre-Panel session with Panel Members focused on the Modification Process and how this can be further improved.

We have also been seeking views from Working Group members on what we are doing well and where we can improve meetings further, to feed into our work, and from Parties on the modifications process generally. An update on our findings and the changes we are making in response to this feedback will be presented to the Panel in March 2019.

We welcome any feedback or thoughts on areas where we can improve. We are also interested to know what is working well, so that we can continue to deliver those aspects. If you have any thoughts or questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at sec.change@gemserv.com.

Establishment of the Change Sub-Committee

[SECMP0049 'Section D Review: Amendments to the Modification Process'](#) proposes to introduce a new Development Stage into the SEC Modification Process, to help assess the issue identified by a proposal and ensure this is clear before proceeding to developing solutions. A major part of this change will be the introduction of the Change Sub-Committee, which will play a key role during this new stage of the process.

We are anticipating an Authority decision on SECMP0049 imminently, with the implementation date (if approved) being 10 Working Days later. If this modification is approved, we would seek to issue a call for membership soon after the decision is received, which would be open for 10 Working Days.

Whilst the Change Sub-Committee membership is being confirmed, the Panel will act as the interim Change Sub-Committee, should SECMP0049 be approved.

Further details of the Change Sub-Committee's role and membership can be found [here](#). We have also begun a four-part series of articles via our [Newsletter](#) on the new Development Stage, with the first part now available [here](#).

Designations update

We have designated three new versions of the SEC since the January Panel meeting:

- [SEC Version 6.4](#) became effective on 22 January 2019 following the Secretary of State's re-designation of SEC Appendix AC 'Inventory, Enrolment and Withdrawal Procedure's for incorporation as [SEC Appendix AC 'Inventory, Enrolment and Decommissioning Procedures'](#).
- [SEC Version 6.5](#) became effective on 28 January 2019 to implement [SECMP0068 'Alt HAN Company third party rights to enable external financing arrangements'](#) following the Authority's approval of this modification.

- [SEC Version 6.6](#) became effective on 14 February 2019 following the Secretary of State's designation of [SEC Appendix AL 'SMETS1 Transition and Migration Approach Document'](#).

On 28 February 2019 the SEC will be updated to implement the February 2019 SEC Release, which will implement five further modifications into the SEC.

Further information on the February 2019 SEC Release can be found in Section 4 of this report.

3. Modifications Headlines

New Modification Proposals

SECMP0069

[SECMP0069 'EU Exit Changes'](#) was raised by Centrica on 28 January 2019. The Panel considered this modification on 15 February 2019 and agreed to send SECMP0069 into the Report Phase.

This modification seeks to prepare the SEC for the United Kingdom exiting the European Union under a 'No-Deal'.

SECMP0070

[SECMP0070 'Permission to give Alt HAN Forum vires for enduring management and maintenance of the Exempt Premises List \(EPL\)'](#) was raised by Npower on 1 February 2019. The Panel considered this modification on 15 February 2019 and agreed to send SECMP0070 into the Report Phase.

This modification seeks to include, within the list of Alt HAN Forum activities within SEC Section Z, the task of reviewing and proposing amendments to the Alt HAN Exempt Premises List. This is a task which will take time and expense, and its inclusion within Section Z is justified by the express reference to Section Z of the SEC in Standard Licence Conditions (SLCs) 55.16 (electricity) and 49.16 (gas).

Change Board votes

The Change Board **approved** two Modification Proposals under Self-Governance on 23 January 2019:

- [SECMP0018 'Standard Electricity Distributor Configuration Settings'](#)
- [SECMP0059 'Amendments to SEC Security Assessments for Non-Domestic Suppliers and Other Users'](#)

The 10 Working Day Referral Window, in which any SEC Party who disagreed with the Change Board's decisions could refer these modifications to the Panel, closed on 6 February 2019.

No referrals were made and so the Change Board's decisions are final.

The Change Board also recommended that [SECMP0043 'Modification to Services Force Majeure Provisions'](#) should be **rejected** by the Authority. This modification is now with the Authority for determination.

Authority decisions

On 25 January 2019 the Authority **approved**:

- [SECMP0064 'Alt HAN Co permission to seek access for Alt HAN Activities as a representative of energy suppliers'](#) for implementation on 28 February 2019 (February 2019 SEC Release); and
- [SECMP0068 'Alt HAN Company third party rights to enable external financing arrangements'](#) for implementation on 28 January 2019 (one Working Day following decision).

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The Authority Decision letters have been published on the [SECMP0064](#) and [SECMP0068](#) pages of our website.

There are two modifications currently with the Authority for determination:

- [SECMP0043 'Modification to Services Force Majeure Provisions'](#)
- [SECMP0049 'Section D Review: Amendments to the Modification Process'](#)

Withdrawn Modifications

SECMP0042

The Proposer of [SECMP0042 'Amendment to SMKI Services to provide DCC Users and/or SMKI Participants with Authorised Responsible Officer \(ARO\) Statistics and Information'](#) elected to withdraw their proposal on 23 January 2019. The 10 Working Day period in which Parties could adopt this modification closed on 6 February 2019 with no-one electing to adopt the modification, meaning that SECMP0042 is now closed.

Forthcoming events

Working Group meetings

- [SECMP0060](#): A Working Group meeting will be held on **week commencing 18 February 2019**.
- [SECMP0007](#) & [SECMP0024](#): A joint Working Group meeting will be held on **25 February 2019**.
- [SECMP0037](#) & [SECMP0038](#): A joint Working Group meeting with the Security Sub-Committee (SSC) will be held on **26 February 2019**.

Consultations

- [SECMP0058](#): The Working Group Consultation was issued on **4 February 2019** with responses requested by **25 February 2019**.
- [SECMP0055](#): The Working Group Consultation was issued on **8 February 2019** with responses requested by **1 March 2019**.
- [SECMP0025](#): The Modification Report Consultation will be issued on **18 February 2019** and will be open for five Working Days.
- [SECMP0069](#) & [SECMP0070](#): The Modification Report Consultations will be issued in the **week beginning 18 February 2019** and will be open for 15 Working Days.

4. Releases Headlines

Request to change the SECMP0023 implementation date

On 30 January 2019, the Authority **approved** the Panel's recommendation to bring forward the implementation date for [SECMP0023 'Correct Units of Measure for Uncontrolled Gas Flow Rate'](#) from the June 2020 SEC Release to the November 2019 SEC Release.

SECMP0023 will now be implemented on 7 November 2019 (November 2019 SEC Release).

Upcoming February 2019 Release

On 28 February 2019 the SEC will be updated to implement the February 2019 SEC Release. This release includes the following five modifications:

- [SECMP0009 'Centralised Firmware Library'](#)
- [SECMP0057 'Users to notify SSC of a second or subsequent User System'](#)
- [SECMP0059 'Amendments to SEC Security Assessments for Non-Domestic Suppliers and Other Users'](#)
- [SECMP0061 'Enduring SEC Release Provisions'](#)
- [SECMP0064 'Alt HAN Co permission to seek access for Alt HAN Activities as a representative of energy suppliers'](#)

November 2019 Release baselined

At their February 2019 meeting the Panel provisionally baselined the SEC Release Implementation Document for the November 2019 SEC Release, covering the six DCC System impacting modifications currently approved or targeted for inclusion. This document will be published on the [About Releases](#) page of our website shortly.

Scope of releases

The tables below summarise the current scope of future SEC releases which have targeted and/or approved Modification Proposals. Please note that Modification Proposals will only be added to these tables once the relevant Working Group has agreed a target date for implementation.

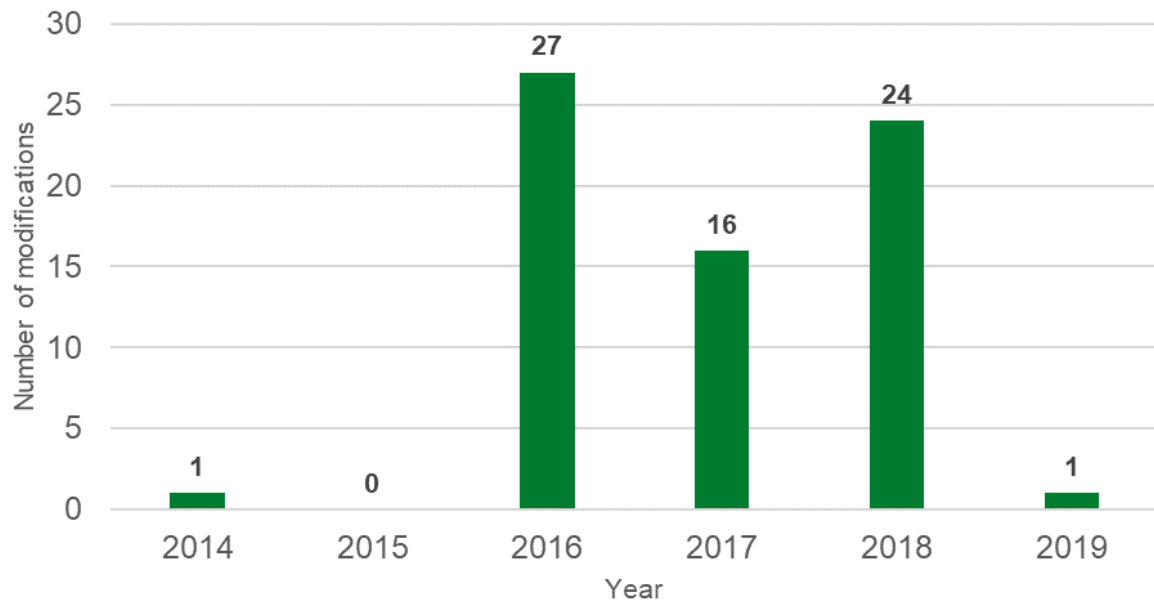
2019 SEC Releases			
Release	Date	Modification	Status
February Release	28 Feb 19	0009	Approved
		0057	Approved
		0059	Approved
		0061	Approved
		0064	Approved

2019 SEC Releases			
Release	Date	Modification	Status
Standalone Release	Approval +10WD	0043	Targeted
Standalone Release	Approval +10WD	0049	Targeted
Standalone Release	UK EU Exit Day	0069	Targeted
Standalone Release	Approval +10WD	0070	Targeted
June Release	27 Jun 19	0018	Approved
		0055	Targeted
		0058	Targeted
November Release	07 Nov 19	0023	Approved
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		0039	Targeted
		0053	Targeted
		0060	Targeted
		0062	Targeted

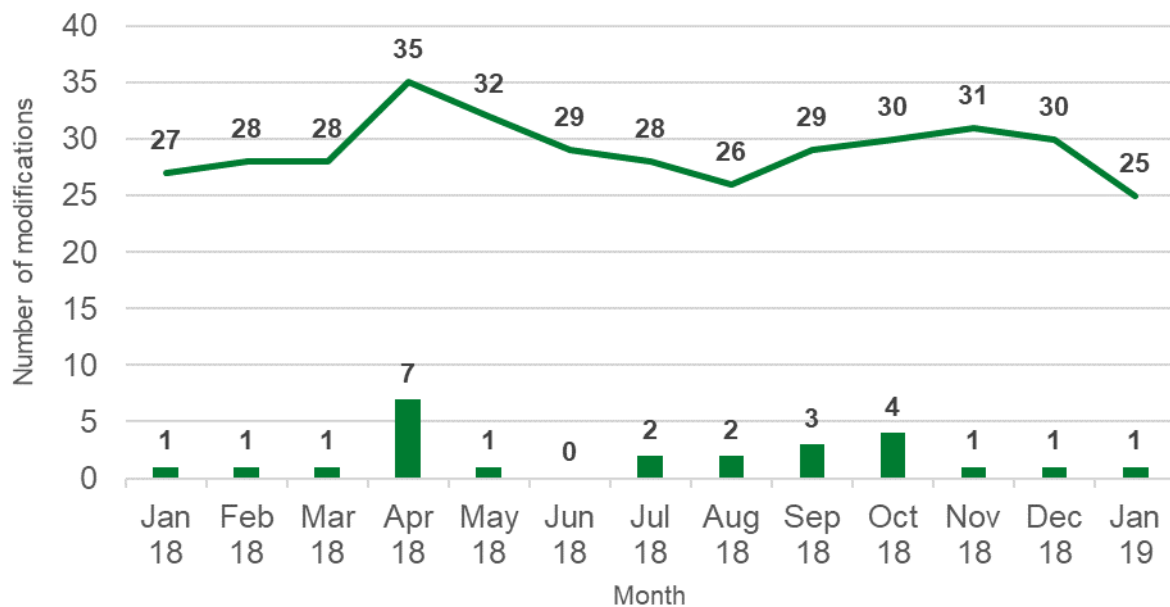
5. Statistics

Modification Proposals

Modification Proposals raised by calendar year (up to Jan 19)



Modification Proposals raised and open (pre-decision) by month



Timescales

The timescales below are correct as at the end of January 2019.

DCC Assessment timescales

Preliminary Assessments		
Area	Number	Average duration
Preliminary Assessments open	4	103 WD
Preliminary Assessments completed during 2018/19	7	127 WD

Impact Assessments		
Area	Number	Average duration
Impact Assessments open	0	-
Impact Assessments completed during 2018/19	6	159 WD

Modification progression timescales

Modification timescales		
Area	Number	Average duration
Modifications open (pre-decision)	25	361 WD
Modifications closed during 2018/19	26	263 WD

Progression timelines

The diagrams on the following pages illustrate the progression timelines for each modification currently in the Refinement Process. The yellow line denotes the current point in time.

The 'Timeline' bar denotes the current duration of the Refinement Process for each modification, with the original timetable shown in purple and each subsequent extension shown in alternating shades of blue. The end of this bar denotes the current month when the Modification Report is scheduled to be returned to the Panel. Modifications where the Panel has not agreed a due date for the Modification Report due to uncertainty in their onward progression are shown in grey; the Panel will agree progression timetables for these modifications once greater certainty on their ways forward are known.

The 'PA/IA' bar denotes the months when each modification has been with the DCC for a DCC Assessment and the anticipated duration remaining for any active DCC Assessments.

Mod	Title	2016				2017				2018				2019			
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
SECMP0007	Firmware updates to mandated HAN devices	Timeline	PA/IA														
SECMP0010	Introduction of triage arrangements for Communication Hubs	Timeline	PA/IA														
SECMP0012	Channel selection to support Shared HAN solutions	Timeline	PA/IA														
SECMP0013	Smart meter device diagnostics and triage	Timeline	PA/IA														
SECMP0015	Add Timestamp to Read Instantaneous Prepay Values response message	Timeline	PA/IA														
SECMP0024	Enduring Approach to Communication Hub Firmware Management	Timeline	PA/IA														
SECMP0028	Prioritising Service Requests	Timeline	PA/IA														
SECMP0032	Prioritising Prepayment Customers in No WAN Situations	Timeline	PA/IA														
SECMP0037	Pairing Local PPMIDs	Timeline	PA/IA														
SECMP0038	Sending Commands via PPMIDs	Timeline	PA/IA														
SECMP0046	Allow DNOs to control Electric Vehicle chargers connected to Smart Meter infrastructure	Timeline	PA/IA														
SECMP0053	Amend Target Response Times for Service Requests Critical to Installation and Commissioning Processes	Timeline	PA/IA														
SECMP0055	Incorporation of multiple Issue Resolution Proposals into the SEC	Timeline	PA/IA														
SECMP0056	IHD / PPMID Zigbee Attributes Available on the HAN	Timeline	PA/IA														
SECMP0058	Changes to the governance of the Self-Service Interface	Timeline	PA/IA														

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Mod	Title	2016								2017				2018				2019			
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
SECMP0060	Amend Requirements to remove Pending devices from SM	Timeline																			
		PA/IA																			
SECMP0062	Northbound Application Traffic Management - Alert Storm Protection	Timeline																			
		PA/IA																			
SECMP0063	Ensuring correct Network Operator Certificates are placed on Electricity Smart Meters	Timeline																			
		PA/IA																			
SECMP0066	Advanced Shipment Notifications (ASN) for Consignment of Communications Hubs	Timeline																			
		PA/IA																			
SECMP0067	Service Request Traffic Management	Timeline																			
		PA/IA																			



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