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SECMP0025 Modification Report Consultation

1. Purpose

This is the Modification Report Consultation for [SECMP0025 'Electricity Network Party Access to Load Switching Information'](#).

We invite you to respond to this consultation in order to help inform the Change Board in its vote on this modification.

The Modification Report is included in this consultation pack, along with a response form containing the questions we seek your views on.

The Panel has agreed a shortened consultation period for this consultation, in order to facilitate a decision in time for inclusion in the November 2019 SEC Release (if approved). The Modification Report has not materially changed from the original Modification Report Consultation issued in July 2018.

This consultation will therefore close at **17:00 on Friday 22 February 2019**. The Change Board may not be able to consider late responses.

2. Summary of the proposal

What is the issue?

Electricity Network Parties (ENPs) (known as Distribution Network Operators (DNOs) under other electricity-focused industry codes) currently understand how customer load switching impacts their distribution networks. This is particularly critical in designated Load Managed Areas and in areas dominated by off peak / Economy 7 load. This understanding has enabled ENPs to develop their distribution systems in an economic way, investing in network reinforcement or using alternative solutions to manage load on their networks.

New technology changes, including new types of heating systems, charging of electric vehicles and major increases in customer connected micro generation, have resulted in ENPs facing new load management challenges on their networks.

Smart Metering Systems are installed at locations where load is controlled directly through the metering system. Suppliers can change load switching regimes on smart metering systems through Auxiliary Load Control Switches (ALCS) or Home Area Network (HAN) Connected Auxiliary Load Control Switches (HCALCS) without informing ENPs. ENPs experience a further level of uncertainty by not having oversight of how individual suppliers will develop their customer offerings, e.g. new Time of Use (TOU) tariffs.

ENPs need to have visibility of customer load switching to ensure a prudent and informed management of electricity networks. They need to gain access to the live information relating to load switching regimes sent through service requests and alerts.

What is the Proposed Solution?

The Proposer believes ENPs should have access to ALCS and HCALCS information from the Smart Metering System as this would enable them to be more responsive as electricity networks become more complex. ENPs have also requested they be informed when changes are made to existing load switching regimes.

Will I be impacted?

SECMP0025 is expected to impact the following SEC Parties:

- Large Suppliers
- Small Suppliers
- Electricity Network Operators
- DCC

Full details of how this modification may impact you can be found in the Modification Report.

3. Contact

If you have any questions on this modification, please contact **Cordelia Grey** on 020 7090 1072 or email sec.change@gemserv.com.