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# SECMP0055 ‘Incorporation of multiple Issue Resolution Proposals into the SEC’

## Working Group Consultation responses

### About this document

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This document contains the full collated responses received to the SECMP0055 Working Group Consultation.

## Question 1: Do you agree with the solution put forward?

Question 1			
Respondent	Category	Response	Rationale
SSE	Large Supplier	Yes	
Smartest Energy	Small Supplier	Yes	The proposed solution will help organisations to develop a working end-to-end system and offers a reduction in risks when making unintended changes
DCC	DCC	No	<p>DCC agrees with what the proposed solution is intended to achieve. However, we have identified that three of the Issue Resolution Proposals (IRPs) currently included in the scope of SECMP0055 set out in Appendix B of this consultation will have an impact on DCC Systems. We consider that these IRPs should be removed from the scope of SECMP0055 in order to restrict the impact of the Modification Proposal to that of a document-only release.</p> <p>We have also identified a further four IRPs which were expected to have an impact on DCC Systems which will not. We consider that these should be added to the scope of SECMP0055.</p> <p>An amended version of the list of IRPs contained in Appendix B has been included alongside this document as part of DCC's response.</p>

## Question 2: Will there be any impact on your organisation to implement SECMP0055?

Question 2			
Respondent	Category	Response	Rationale
SSE	Large Supplier	No	
Smartest Energy	Small Supplier	No	N/A
DCC	DCC	Yes	<p>Some of the IRPs within the scope of SECMP0055 require the Great Britain Companion Specification (GBCS) to be updated. There is a minor consequential impact on DCC Systems every time a new version of the GBCS is released as the DSP will need to update reference data items in the Smart Metering Inventory.</p> <p>If such updates are not made, the DSP will reject any entries in the Certified Products List (CPL) which contain GBCS versions that are unknown to it and will consequently fail to recognise any Devices operating with firmware supporting a new version of GBCS.</p>

### Question 3: Will your organisation incur any costs in implementing SECMP0055?

Question 3			
Respondent	Category	Response	Rationale
SSE	Large Supplier	No	
Smartest Energy	Small Supplier	No	N/A
DCC	DCC	Yes	Although DCC will not incur any direct costs as a result of the implementation of SECMP0055, there will be a small consequential cost associated with updating reference data items in the Smart Metering Inventory, as described in response to Question 2.

## Question 4: Do you believe that SECMP0055 would better facilitate the General SEC Objectives?

Question 4			
Respondent	Category	Response	Rationale
SSE	Large Supplier	Yes	We agree with the working group's view that Objectives A and B will be better facilitated as a result of this change.
Smartest Energy	Small Supplier	Yes	This modification better facilitates SEC Objectives: (a), (b) & (g) - Incorporating the selected IRPs into the SEC reduces the risk of future operational issues arising if the solution proposed in the IRP is not implemented consistently across each affected party. The mod will also provide efficiency by including the IRPs into the SEC text instead of additional documents
DCC	DCC	Yes	Objective (a): DCC agrees that SECMP0055 will better facilitate SEC Objective (a) because incorporating the selected IRPs into the SEC will the reduce the risk of future operational issues arising if a consistent approach is not implemented by each affected Party.  Objective (b): DCC agrees that SECMP0055 will better facilitate SEC Objective (b) because the proposed solution should avoid an inefficient redesign by various Parties, along with avoiding any perceived or real compliance issues.

## Question 5: Noting the costs and benefits of this modification, do you believe SECMP0055 should be approved?

Question 5			
Respondent	Category	Response	Rationale
SSE	Large Supplier	Yes	
Smartest Energy	Small Supplier	Yes	There are no costs to any other parties and the working group were able to find no draw backs
DCC	DCC	Yes	DCC considers that SECMP0055 should be approved once the scope outlined in Appendix B has been amended to remove any remaining system-impacting IRPs, and the draft legal text has been updated to reflect the changes.

## Question 6: Do you agree with the proposed implementation approach?

Question 6			
Respondent	Category	Response	Rationale
SSE	Large Supplier	Yes	
Smartest Energy	Small Supplier	Yes	The changes being made are non-functional
DCC	DCC	No	DCC considers that a better approach would be to limit the number of uplifts to the GBCS to one each year as this would ensure that any associated DCC costs incurred in a more efficient manner, along with limiting the number of times that market participants need to make any consequential changes. We currently anticipate that there will be three uplifts to the GBCS required during 2019 to accommodate BEIS led changes, SECMP0055 and changes proposed as part of the November 2019 DCC Release.

## Question 7: Do you agree with the alternative implementation approach?

Question 7			
Respondent	Category	Response	Rationale
<b>SSE</b>	Large Supplier	-	We agree that the alternative presented is a viable approach, however without an assessment in this consultation of the impacts, costs and timescales of this solution, we're unable to provide a view on which solution is preferable.
<b>Smartest Energy</b>	Small Supplier	Yes	As the TS Applicability Tables still having an undetermined maintenance applicability period, these versions are likely to still be in use and should therefore be updated to ensure these changes are implemented for devices currently using the older versions.
<b>DCC</b>	DCC	Yes	DCC considers that the alternative implementation approach reflects good practice. However, due to the additional effort required by market participants we believe that the decision to adopt the alternative implementation approach should be led by them.



## Question 8: Do you agree that the legal text will deliver SECMP0055?

Question 8			
Respondent	Category	Response	Rationale
SSE	Large Supplier	Yes	
Smartest Energy	Small Supplier	Yes	Changes to be made to show updates/changes
DCC	DCC	No	The draft legal text will need to be amended to reflect the fact that some of the IRPs included in the scope of the SECMP055 have been identified as having an impact on DCC Systems and will therefore need to be removed.

## Question 9: Please provide any further comments you may have

Question 9		
Respondent	Category	Comments
SSE	Large Supplier	
Smartest Energy	Small Supplier	
DCC	DCC	None.