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SEC Modification Timetables

1. Purpose

This paper provides an update on the timetables for Modification Proposals currently in the Refinement Process. The timelines here cover the next main package of work for selected open modifications, and the due date this is expected to be completed by. At that point, the Panel will be provided with an update on progress and be invited to approve the next package of work for that proposal.

The Panel are invited to agree the work packages and timelines in this paper.

2. Modification work packages and timelines

Below is an update on the modifications we are due to update the Panel on, and the subsequent work package for the Panel to approve. A visual summary of these timelines can be found in Appendix A.

SECMP0007 'Firmware updates to IHDs and PPMIDs'

SECMP0007 proposes to include the capability to update firmware Over-The-Air (OTA) for mandated Home Area Network (HAN) Devices (notably In-Home Displays (IHDs) and Prepayment Meter Interface Devices (PPMIDs)) via the DCC's infrastructure.

The DCC's updated Preliminary Assessment was expected to be returned on 15 March 2019 but was not received until 2 April. We therefore took the decision to remove SECMP0007 from the agenda of the monthly Working Group meeting on 3 April to allow time for the response to be reviewed by ourselves and the Proposer before discussing it with the Working Group. This will be added to the agenda for the next monthly meeting on 1 May.

We will return to the Panel at the **May 2019** meeting to provide an update and agree the next set of dates.

SECMP0012 'Channel selection to support Shared HAN solutions'

SECMP0012 seeks to enable channel selection at the mandated 2.4GHz frequency to facilitate the efficient provision, installation, operations and interoperability of Smart Metering Systems in premises where standard HAN solutions are unsuitable and Shared HAN solutions necessary.

This modification has been on hold as, following developments with the Alternative HAN (Alt HAN) procurement, the Proposer has notified us that they no longer wish to progress with their original solution. We requested that the modification be discussed at the monthly Working Group meeting to see if the solution was still required and to secure alternative industry sponsorship. This request was declined, with the Proposer informing us that they are not proposing to make further changes to this modification nor progress it further at this stage and advising that the modification should be left open should another Party wish to progress it in future, to save time raising another modification. We have not been notified of any other Party looking to take over this modification.

At this stage, with the Proposer not willing to progress this change further, we intend to place this modification on hold. We will take no further action until the Proposer informs us they are ready to proceed with this or have found another Proposer to take it over.

SECMP0032 'Prioritising Prepayment Customers in No WAN Situations', SECMP0037 'Pairing Local PPMIDs' and SECMP0038 'Sending Commands via PPMIDs'

This suite of modifications seeks to address a number of Prepayment Meter problems.

We are working to summarise the difficulties into a single problem statement and examine the issues via a new Draft Proposal. We believe this will focus attention on the issue and the impacts this is having, rather than getting caught up in the solutions and losing sight of the problem. The Proposer is supportive of this approach but is reluctant to withdraw the open modifications until significant progress has been made. We expect to raise the new Draft Proposal in early April and for this to be discussed at the Change Sub-Committee meeting in late April.

We will take no further direct action on the open modifications until the issue has been fully examined. We will update the Panel at the **June 2019** meeting on the progress we have made.

SECMP0053 'Amend Target Response Times for Service Requests Critical to Installation and Commissioning Processes'

This modification seeks to amend the Target Response Times (round-trip journeys for Service Requests) for Service Requests that need to be processed as part of the installation and commissioning of a Smart Meter.

This modification is currently with the DCC for Preliminary Assessment. We were expecting to receive a response by mid-March 2019 and discuss it at the monthly Working Group meeting on 3 April. However, as the Preliminary Assessment was not returned in time, we took the decision to remove SECMP0053 from the meeting's agenda. We will schedule this for a subsequent monthly Working Group meeting once the Preliminary Assessment has been returned and will return to the Panel at the **May 2019** meeting to provide an update and agree the next set of dates.

SECMP0053 was a candidate for the November 2019 SEC Release, but to be included, the Modification Report needed to be submitted to the Panel by the May 2019 meeting. Due to the delays with the Preliminary Assessment, this modification will now miss this cut-off date and so is no longer a candidate for this release. We will update the Release Implementation Document accordingly.

SECMP0055 'Incorporation of multiple Issue Resolution Proposals into the SEC'

SECMP0055 seeks to implement a number of Issue Resolution Proposals (IRPs) that will clarify, correct or align Technical Specifications to current practice.

The industry consultation closed on 1 March 2019, and we have reviewed the responses received. We have since carried out further consultation with meter manufacturers on the impacts of the different IRPs.

We discussed this modification with the Technical Architecture and Business Architecture Sub-Committee (TABASC) on 21 March. Following the comments received and our follow-up discussions with meter manufacturers, we will be presenting the final list of IRPs to the TABASC on 18 April for comment. After this, the Modification Report can be finalised and presented to the Panel in **May 2019**.

SECMP0066 'Advanced Shipment Notifications (ASN) for Consignment of Communications Hubs'

This modification seeks to amend the SEC to increase the minimum notice period that the DCC must offer a Party about Advanced Shipment Notifications (ASN) for the Consignment of Communication Hubs.

The Proposer and the DCC are currently due to meet on 10 April. Subject to the outcomes of this meeting, we expect to be able to discuss this modification further with the industry at the next monthly Working Group meeting on 1 May.

We will return to the Panel at the **May 2019** meeting to provide an update on this modification and agree the next set of dates.

3. Recommendations

The Panel are requested to:

- **AGREE** the packages of work and the progression timetables outlined in this paper.

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Attachments:

- **Appendix A:** SEC Modification Timetables