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DP071 Draft Proposal decision

1. Purpose

This paper provides a summary of our assessment of [DP071 'Second-Comer Charging'](#), taking into account industry views and views of the Panel Sub-Committees on the problem this Draft Proposal has identified. We are asking the Change Sub-Committee (CSC) to agree that the issue identified under this Draft Proposal is clearly understood, and that it is ready to progress to a Modification Proposal.

2. What is the issue?

[DP071 'Second-Comer Charging'](#) has been raised by Sasha Townsend of the DCC.

The DCC is required to assess 'Second Comer Charging' for specific shared services including High Volume (HV) and Low Volume (LV) Gateway Connection Services. The nature of the solution for providing both a LV Gateway Connection or a HV Gateway Connection is such that there are no common costs and therefore no scope for cost sharing. Thus, the current onboarding process for a DCC User has inefficient and unnecessary complexity associated with a check related to shared costs for either a LV Gateway Connection or a HV Gateway Connection.

The problem statement containing the information provided by the Proposer and updated by SECAS during our initial investigations can be found in Appendix A.

3. Comments on the issue

Six comments were raised in relation to this Draft Proposal. These were mostly around understanding the costs, as the DCC have never used this method of charging for HV and LV Connections and so there is no cost information available.

The Operations Group, the Security Sub-Committee (SSC) and the (Smart Meter Key Infrastructure Policy Management Authority) SMKI-PMA had no comments. The TABASC raised the point that some companies offer a shared service for Gateway connection. However, on investigation it was determined that this service is managed by the company offering the service not the situation referred to in the Problem Statement where two separate Parties would be using the same connection without third party management.

The collated comments and questions can be found in Appendix B, along with ours or the Proposer's responses to these.

4. Next steps

We and the Proposer have agreed that there is a solution which we both feel resolves the issue, and we have attached the proposed legal text for this. We welcome any comments from the CSC before it is presented to the Panel. We recommend that the Modification Proposal should go straight to the Report Phase.

5. Recommendations

The Change Sub-Committee are requested to:

- **AGREE** that the issue identified under DP071 is clearly defined and understood;
- **RECOMMEND** to the Panel that this Draft Proposal is ready to be converted to a Modification Proposal; and
- **RECOMMEND** to the Panel that the Modification Proposal should proceed to the Report Phase.

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Attachments

- **Appendix A:** DP071 problem statement
- **Appendix B:** DP071 industry comments
- **Appendix C:** DP071 draft legal text