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DP077 Draft Proposal decision

1. Purpose

This paper provides a summary of our assessment of [DP077 'DCC Service Flagging'](#), 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 problem identified under this Draft Proposal is clearly understood and that it is ready to progress to a Modification Proposal.

2. What is the issue?

DP077 has been raised by Paul Saker of EDF Energy.

The industry needs a simple and reliable mechanism for identifying where smart devices are, or are not, present at a location. This information is necessary for Suppliers to establish whether there is a smart metering system they can communicate with at that location, and for Distributors to correctly handle Alerts. Issues have been identified in the current process where the DCC Service Flagging is incorrect and hinders the switching process for some consumers with smart meters.

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

3. Comments on the issue

The Technical Architecture and Business Architecture Sub-Committee (TABASC) stated their interest in the modification but questioned whether this would be classified as a defect in being something the DCC needs to correct in line with what the SEC currently states. We took note of this comment and responded saying that because the modification's solution could end up changing the DCC Flagging System outright, this would require a SEC modification rather than be resolved via a defect. The Smart Metering Key Infrastructure Policy Management Authority (SMKI PMA) noted the modification doesn't affect them and the Security Sub-Committee (SSC) took note of the update but had no further interest.

Comments from SEC Parties were unanimously supportive, expressing their support to counter the issue raised and to prevent it becoming harder to manage. It was highlighted that there would be a cross-Code impact with the Master Registration Agreement (MRA) and that any Impact Assessments would have to be coordinated with any developments with Ofgem's Switching Programme. We had acknowledged the cross-Code impact this modification would create with the MRA and assured that

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communication would be sought between Ofgem and DCC over how any potential solution is created and delivered.

4. Next steps

As a result of the investigations carried out in the Development Stage, it appears that the industry clearly agrees with the issue raised by the Proposer and supports the development of a solution.

With the Proposer wishing for this Draft Proposal to be converted into a Modification Proposal, we recommend that this Draft Proposal is ready be converted to a Modification Proposal and progressed to the Refinement Process to allow a solution to be developed. A strawman solution will then be developed with the Proposer and the DCC, with input from the TABASC for comment before being presented to the wider industry for input.

5. Recommendations

The CSC are requested to:

- **AGREE** that the issue identified under DP077 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 Refinement Process.

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Attachments

- **Appendix A:** DP077 problem statement