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Change Status Report – August 2019

1. Purpose

This document is the Change Status Report, which provides information on the progress of Smart Energy Code (SEC) Draft Proposals, Modification Proposals and Releases.

The DCC's progress report on Preliminary Assessments and Impact Assessments is included as Appendix A to this report.

2. Recommendations

The Panel are requested to **NOTE** the contents of this report.

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2 August 2019

Attachments:

- **Appendix A:** DCC Preliminary Assessments and Impact Assessments update

1. Summary

This report provides a monthly update on the status and progress of SEC Draft Proposals, Modification Proposals and Releases, highlighting key information and decisions made.

More detailed information can be found in the Modification Register.

Proposals currently in each stage

Draft Proposals for conversion

There are two Draft Proposals being presented to the Panel for conversion to Modification Proposals this month:

- DP077 'DCC Service Flagging'
- DP078 'Incorporation of multiple Issue Resolution Proposals into the SEC - Part 2'

Modification Reports

There is one Modification Report being presented to the Panel this month:

- DP076 'Pursuing Non-Payment in Events of Default'

Decisions

The Change Board approved three Modification Proposals under Self-Governance on 24 July 2019:

- MP071 'Second-Comer Charging'
- MP073 'Alteration of SMKI Repository information and documentation'
- MP074 'Clarity on Obtaining SMKI Device Certificates'

2. Define

New Draft Proposals

DP078

DP078 'Incorporation of multiple Issue Resolution Proposals into the SEC - Part 2' was raised by British Gas on 10 July 2019.

Issue Resolution Proposals (IRPs) identify issues within the SEC Technical Specification documents and put forward a solution to the identified problems through the BEIS-lead Technical Specification Issue Resolution Sub-Group (TSIRS). The incorporation of these IRPs into the SEC has been handed over to SECAS for changes to be implemented through the Modifications Process. This Draft Proposal was raised to progress the approved IRPs that will impact on the DCC Systems.

DP079

DP079 'Provisions for withdrawing modifications' was raised by British Gas on 10 July 2019.

The provisions in SEC Section D 'Modifications Process' are built around the key principle that any SEC Party can raise a proposal to change the SEC. Each proposal must be allowed into the process by SECAS and the Panel, and should be assessed fairly. The SEC contains provisions for the Proposer to withdraw their proposal prior to final decision. However, this power is limited to the Proposer; neither SECAS, the Panel nor their Sub-Committees can close a modification prior to decision. The Proposer has raised this Draft Proposal to investigate if these provisions should be changed.

Change Sub-Committee decisions

The Change Sub-Committee determined that the following Draft Proposals are ready to be presented to the Panel for conversion to Modification Proposals:

- DP077 'DCC Service Flagging'
- DP078 'Incorporation of multiple Issue Resolution Proposals into the SEC - Part 2'

3. Refine

Working Group meetings

The next monthly Working Group meeting is being held on **7 August 2019**, and will include the following modifications:

- SECMP0007 'Firmware updates to IHDs and PPMIDs'
- SECMP0067 'Service Request Traffic Management'

Refinement Consultations

There are no Modification Proposals currently out for Refinement Consultation.

Impact Assessment requests

The Change Board voted on one Impact Assessment request on 24 July 2019:

- SECMP053 'Amend Target Response Times for Service Requests Critical to Installation and Commissioning' – the request was approved.

DCC Assessment timescales

The timescales below are correct as at the end of July 2019.

Summary		
Assessment	**Total**	**Average duration**
Preliminary Assessments open	4	25 WD
Preliminary Assessments completed during 2019/20	4	94 WD
Impact Assessments open	2	12 WD
Impact Assessments completed during 2019/20	1	77 WD

Open Assessments				
Modification	**Type**	**Accepted**	**Target duration**	**Current duration**
SECMP0007	IA	30 Jul 19	40 WD	2 WD
SECMP0024	PA	29 May 19	15 WD	46 WD
SECMP0046	PA	29 Jul 19	15 WD	3 WD
SECMP0056	IA	02 Jul 19	40 WD	22 WD
SECMP0063	PA	09 Jul 19	15 WD	17 WD
SECMP0066	PA	13 Jun 19	15 WD	35 WD

Assessments completed during 2019/20				
Modification	**Type**	**Returned**	**Target duration**	**Actual duration**
SECMP0007	PA	11 Apr 19	15 WD	201 WD
SECMP0053	PA	02 May 19	15 WD	87 WD
SECMP0056	PA	24 Apr 19	15 WD	65 WD
SECMP0062	IA	04 Jul 19	40 WD	77 WD
SECMP0067	PA	05 Jun 19	25 WD	21 WD

4. Opine

Modification Report Consultations

There is one Modification Proposal currently out for Modification Report Consultation:

- SECMP0062 'Northbound Application Traffic Management – Alert Storm Protection' – responses due by **12 August 2019**

Change Board votes

The Change Board voted on three modifications on 19 June 2019:

- MP071 'Second-Comer Charging' was **approved** under Self-Governance for implementation on 7 November 2019 (November 2019 SEC Release).
- MP073 'Alteration of SMKI Repository information and documentation' was **approved** under Self-Governance for implementation on 7 November 2019 (November 2019 SEC Release).
- MP074 'Clarity on Obtaining SMKI Device Certificates' was **approved** under Self-Governance for implementation on 7 November 2019 (November 2019 SEC Release).

Authority decisions

There were no Authority decisions in the last month.

Proposal progression timescales

The timescales below are correct as at the end of July 2019.

Proposal timescales		
Status	**Total**	**Average duration**
Proposals open (pre-decision)	23	382 WD
Proposals concluded during 2019/20	8	230 WD

5. Release

BEIS Designations

BEIS have designated one new version of the SEC since the July Panel meeting:

- SEC Version 6.17 became effective on 28 July 2019 to support the enrolment and operation of SMETS1 devices in the DCC national communications network. This is to support the interoperability of these Devices when consumers change Energy Supplier.

SEC Releases

Approved for release

There is currently one modification that is approved for implementation as a standalone release:

- SECMP0069 'EU Exit Changes' is to be implemented on UK EU Exit Day.

There are currently nine modifications that are approved for implementation in the **November 2019 SEC Release** (7 November 2019):

- SECMP0018 'Standard Electricity Distributor Configuration Settings'
- SECMP0023 'Correct Units of Measure for Uncontrolled Gas Flow Rate'
- SECMP0025 'Electricity Network Party Access to Load Switching Information'
- SECMP0039 'Communication Hub returns notification mechanism for Other SEC Parties'
- SECMP0055 'Incorporation of multiple Issue Resolution Proposals into the SEC'
- SECMP0060 'Amend Requirements to remove 'Pending' devices from SMI'
- MP071 'Second-Comer Charging'
- MP073 'Alteration of SMKI Repository information and documentation'
- MP074 'Clarity on Obtaining SMKI Device Certificates'