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DP079 Draft Proposal decision

1. Purpose

This paper provides a summary of our assessment of DP079 'Provisions for withdrawing modifications', 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?

DP079 has been raised by Simon Trivella of British Gas.

SEC Section D 'Modifications Process' states that any SEC Party can raise a proposal to change the SEC. Each proposal should undergo due process for a solution to be developed and for this solution to be voted upon. As such, SECAS and the Panel must allow any proposal into the process and ensure it receives a fair assessment.

The SEC contains provisions for the Proposer to withdraw their proposal prior to final decision, if they no longer wish to progress it (for example it is identified that the issue can be resolved without a change to the SEC, or if it is clear the proposal is not likely to succeed). However, this power is limited to the Proposer. Neither SECAS, the Panel nor their Sub-Committees can close a modification prior to decision, only the Proposer. Consequently, time, resource and cost are being put into Modification Proposals that are not going to progress or are unlikely to be implemented. Equally, there are cases where Proposers are not engaged with the process and allow their proposals to effectively sit in stasis.

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

Several comments were made by the Sub-Committees regarding this Draft Proposal:

- The Security Sub-Committee (SSC) were supportive of the proposal's intent and felt that this should be further explored.

- The Operations Group voiced concerns regarding valid modifications being closed prematurely due to the number of Parties supporting the withdrawal. It was explained that relevant rationale would have to be given for a withdrawal.
- The Technical Architecture and Business Architecture Sub-Committee (TABASC) wanted to ensure that who the power to withdraw will be extended to would be clearly defined within the solution.

No comments were received from SEC Parties on this Draft Proposal.

The full collated comments and questions raised can be found in Appendix A.

4. Next steps

We believe the issue is fully understood and that there is support to develop a solution to this. We recommend that this Draft Proposal is converted into a Modification Proposal and enters the Refinement Process. This will allow for a solution to be developed and for this to be discussed with the industry.

5. Recommendations

The CSC are requested to:

- **AGREE** that the issue identified under DP079 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:** DP079 problem statement