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Provisional 2020 SEC Systems Releases scope on the DCC Systems

1. Purpose

This paper provides an update on the proposed scope for the June 2020 and November 2020 SEC Systems Releases. The Panel are requested to agree the scope and the next steps for these releases.

2. June 2020 SEC Release

The June 2020 SEC Release is due to go live on 25 June 2020. We currently believe the following DCC System impacting Modification Proposals could be included in this SEC Release:

- SECMP0053 'Amend Target Response Times for Service Requests Critical to Installation and Commissioning Processes'
- SECMP0062 'Northbound Application Traffic Management - Alert Storm Protection' part 1
- SECMP0067 'Service Request Traffic Management'

Following previous feedback from Parties, we are looking to avoid including changes to the Technical Specifications, the GB Companion Specification (GBCS) or the DCC User Interface Specification (DUIS) in this release. Such changes would be targeted for the November 2020 SEC Release.

Both SECMP0062 and SECMP0067 require further discussions on the proposed solutions and how these interact. The outcome of these discussions may affect how and when they can be implemented. The DCC believe these changes need to be implemented as soon as possible, to provide additional protection to the DCC Systems. SECMP0062 part 2 will also impact the DUIS, and so we recommend this is included in the November 2020 SEC Release. However, if any other DUIS changes were to be implemented alongside this SEC Release, we would recommend SECMP0062 part 2 is included here instead.

There is also a DCC Change Request targeted for implementation alongside this release. We will need to agree the approach for splitting testing costs between the SEC Release and any Change Requests.

At this time, we do not believe any other modifications that impact on DCC Systems could be approved in time for inclusion.

3. November 2020 SEC Release

The November 2020 SEC Release is due to go live on 5 November 2020. We currently believe the following DCC System impacting Modification Proposals could be included in this SEC Release:

- SECMP0007 'Firmware updates to IHDs and PPMIDs'
- SECMP0015 'GPF timestamp for reading instantaneous Gas values'
- SECMP0024 'Enduring Approach to Communication Hub Firmware Management'
- SECMP0046 'Allow DNOs to control Electric Vehicle chargers connected to Smart Meter infrastructure'
- SECMP0056 'IHD / PPMID Zigbee Attributes Available on the HAN'
- SECMP0062 'Northbound Application Traffic Management - Alert Storm Protection' part 2
- SECMP0063 'Ensuring correct Network Operator Certificates are placed on Electricity Smart Meters'
- MP078 'Incorporation of multiple Issue Resolution Proposals into the SEC - Part 2'

BEIS have indicated that electric vehicle related changes may be implemented sooner. Depending on progress, this may facilitate SECMP0046 being implemented sooner, as part of the June 2020 SEC Release. However, as we have yet to receive the DCC's Preliminary Assessment, we do not have a firm idea of lead times. We therefore recommend this is provisionally targeted for the November 2020 SEC Release. This can be brought forward later once more detail on the impacts and the lead times are known.

Other DCC System impacting Modification Proposals could be approved in time to be included; this will be confirmed over the coming months. However, we are not currently aware of any that could be approved in time.

4. Points to note

All the Modification Proposals above are still in the Refinement Process, with some DCC and Party lead times still to be confirmed. The proposed scope in this paper is based on the information we have at this time. It is possible that some proposals could fall out of scope due to the lead time needed for SEC governance and for the DCC to design, build and test the changes following approval.

We will update the Panel on the scope of each release as new information on lead times is received. The final determination of which release to include a Modification Proposal in, will be made when the Modification Report is presented to the Panel.

The DCC are exploring options that will provide value for money, including automation of testing to reduce testing timelines, which will help protect the scope of each release.

The DCC are committed to delivering these SEC Releases on the stated go-live dates. However, they highlight a risk that other programmes, such as the SMETS1 Enrolment and Adoption programme or the Faster Switching programme, could need to be prioritised. We note that the SMETS1 Enrolment and Adoption programme will be continuing into 2020, and the Panel should consider the overlap with this programme when determining the scope of these SEC Releases. The DCC will also inform

SECAS and the Panel as soon as they become aware of any possible impacts with delivering these SEC Releases as a result of other programmes.

5. Next steps

We will begin preparing the Release Implementation Documents (RIDs) for these two SEC Releases. The Technical Architecture and Business Architecture Sub-Committee (TABASC) and the Operations Group will both be consulted on these at their upcoming meetings. The draft copies will also be published on our website and comments invited from SEC Parties.

We will present the RIDs to the Panel at the October 2019 Panel meeting for the scope of these releases on the DCC Systems to be baselined.

6. Recommendations

The Panel are requested to:

- **AGREE** the provisional scope for the June 2020 and November 2020 SEC Releases; and
- **AGREE** the next steps for preparing the Release Implementation Documents.

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