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## DP083 Draft Proposal decision

### 1. Purpose

This paper provides a summary of our assessment of [DP083 'Change Coordination'](#), 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?

DP083 has been raised by Tom Rothery of the DCC.

Changes to Users Systems, Devices and processes can have a direct impact on DCC Systems and the overall Smart Metering network. When changes are made to Systems, new Devices are introduced, or updates are made to existing Devices using DCC Systems, there is a risk that these activities may impair the performance of the DCC Total System. In extreme cases, there is a possibility that the Services could be disrupted. User-led changes can also have an impact on how the DCC identifies, triages and manages Incidents. There are no obligations in the SEC for DCC Users to provide such information. This means the DCC does not have a full view of changes and the potential impacts they may have on DCC Systems.

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 Operations Group has been presented this Draft Proposal and are happy for it to progress. Any comments from the TABASC and the SMKI PMA will be provided as verbal updates. The SSC will be presented this Draft Proposal on 25 September 2019 for comment.

Four comments were received in relation to this Draft Proposal. At this stage we have had feedback on this Draft Proposal from two Large Suppliers, one Small Supplier, and one Other SEC Party. In general, the comments are unsupportive of this Proposal in its current state, with Parties believing that this issue lies in the DCC System rather than with DCC Users. One Large Supplier is in support of this proposal and can see the benefits of coordinating DCC User changes at a high level. The DCC has provided further clarification and rebuttal to each of the comments received.

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

#### 4. Next steps

As the Proposer has already given cases of where this issue has occurred, we request the Draft Proposal is taken to the Panel for conversion to a Modification Proposal on 11 October 2019. We believe the Modification Proposal will need to progress to the Refinement Process so a solution can be developed.

Following Panel conversion, the Modification Proposal will be discussed at the monthly Working Group on 6 November 2019. We will work with the Proposer to develop a strawman solution to take to the Working Group for discussion.

#### 5. Recommendations

The CSC is requested to:

- **AGREE** that the issue identified under DP083 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:** DP083 problem statement
- **Appendix B:** DP083 comments