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Change Status Report – October 2019

1. Purpose

This document is the Change Status Report, which provides information on the progress of 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 is requested to **NOTE** the contents of this report.

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4 October 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 four Draft Proposals being presented to the Panel for conversion to Modification Proposals this month:

- DP080 'Ensuring a managed move to DUIS version 3.1'
- DP081 'Alignment of DUIS and CHISM to reflect current DCC Processing'
- DP083 'Change Coordination'
- DP087 'Correction to SEC Section G - User Responsibilities'

Modification Reports

One Modification Report is being presented to the Panel this month:

- SECMP053 'Amend Target Response Times for Service Requests Critical to Installation and Commissioning Processes'

Decisions

No decisions on any Modification Proposals were received this month.

2. Define

New Draft Proposals

DP084

DP084 'Other User Panel Seating Amendment' was raised by the Energy Savings Trust on 10 September 2019.

Currently, the SEC Panel has two seats to be occupied by Other SEC Parties, but because Other SEC Parties aren't always Other Users this may lead to Other Users being underrepresented. A SEC Panel questionnaire was issued in April 2019 and the outcomes discussed at SEC Panel in June 2019 to gauge opinion. It was suggested that the two Other SEC Parties Panel seats should be split into one Other SEC Party, and one Other User seat.

DP085

DP085 'Synchronisation of smart meter voltage measurement periods' was raised by Northern Powergrid on 12 September 2019.

The expectation of Electricity Network Parties during the development of the smart meter technical specifications, was that the average root mean squared (RMS) voltage readings from smart meters would be measured across a consistent period, for example, with the default being for an average to be made across 30-minute periods starting on the hour and the half hour. This is not an explicit requirement codified in Smart Metering Equipment Technical Specifications (SMETS) or the Great Britain Companion Specification (GBCS).

Without voltage measurements being made in a consistent way, Electricity Network Parties must either:

- make conservative, less efficient analysis assumptions to account for the lack of data alignment or
- recreate synchronised data by downloading high granularity (for example minute resolution) data and calculating the required data.

DP086

DP086 'Alt HAN Roll-Out Financing' was raised by Shell Energy on 17 September 2019.

When the Alternative Home Area Network (Alt HAN) roll-out commences, the high costs of technology solutions contracted via the Alt HAN Company (Alt HAN Co) will be incurred over a short period. The pass-through of these costs in-year to Energy Suppliers will not be the most appropriate funding mechanism, as Suppliers will be burdened with high upfront costs for Alt HAN. To address this, Alt HAN Co is exploring financing to spread these costs over a longer period.

DP087

DP087 'Correction to SEC Section G - User Responsibilities' was raised by the Security Sub-Committee on 20 September 2019.

An error has been identified in SEC Section G 'Security' which compromises the security of the smart metering system. The section needs to be amended so that it can differentiate between obligations relating to the Communications Hub Function (CHF) and the Gax Proxy Function (GPF) for Smart Metering Equipment Technical Specifications (SMETS) 1 and SMETS2+ Devices.

Change Sub-Committee decisions

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

- DP080 'Ensuring a managed move to DUIS version 3.1'
- DP081 'Alignment of DUIS and CHISM to reflect current DCC Processing'
- DP083 'Change Coordination'
- DP087 'Correction to SEC Section G - User Responsibilities'

3. Refine

Working Group meetings

The monthly Working Group meeting was held on **2 October 2019**, and included the following modifications:

- SECMP0046 'Allow DNOs to control Electric Vehicle chargers connected to Smart Meter infrastructure'
- SECMP0062 'Northbound Application Traffic Management – Alert Storm Protection'
- SECMP0067 'Service Request Traffic Management'
- MP079 'Provisions for withdrawing modifications'

Refinement Consultations

There are no Modification Proposals currently out for Refinement Consultation. Two new Refinement Consultations are expected to be issued this month:

- SECMP0046 'Allow DNOs to control Electric Vehicle chargers connected to Smart Meter infrastructure'
- MP079 'Provisions for withdrawing modifications'

Impact Assessment requests

No Impact Assessments were requested for approval from the Change Board this month.

DCC Assessment timescales

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

Summary		
Assessment	**Total**	**Average duration**
Preliminary Assessments open	2	84 WD
Preliminary Assessments completed during 2019/20	6	71 WD
Impact Assessments open	2	55 WD
Impact Assessments completed during 2019/20	2	56 WD

Open Assessments				
Modification	**Type**	**Accepted**	**Target duration**	**Current duration**
SECMP0007	IA	30 Jul 19	40 WD	45 WD
SECMP0024	PA	29 May 19	15 WD	89 WD
SECMP0056	IA	2 Jul 19	40 WD	65 WD

Open Assessments				
Modification	**Type**	**Accepted**	**Target duration**	**Current duration**
SECMP0066	PA	13 Jun 19	15 WD	78 WD

Assessments completed during 2019/20				
Modification	**Type**	**Returned**	**Target duration**	**Actual duration**
SECMP0007	PA	11 Apr 19	15 WD	201 WD
SECMP0046	PA	29 Jul 19	15 WD	31 WD
SECMP0053	PA	2 May 19	15 WD	87 WD
SECMP0053	IA	20 Sep 19	40 WD	35 WD
SECMP0056	PA	24 Apr 19	15 WD	65 WD
SECMP0062	IA	4 Jul 19	40 WD	77 WD
SECMP0063	PA	9 Aug 19	15 WD	18 WD
SECMP0067	PA	5 Jun 19	25 WD	21 WD

4. Opine

Modification Report Consultations

There are no Modification Proposals currently out for Modification Report Consultation.

Subject to the Panel's approval of the Modification Reports, we are expecting the following Modification Proposals to be issued for Modification Report Consultation in the week commencing 14 October and be open for 15 Working Days:

- SECMP053 'Amend Target Response Times for Service Requests Critical to Installation and Commissioning Processes'
- DP081 'Alignment of DUIS and CHISM to reflect current DCC Processing'
- DP087 'Correction to SEC Section G - User Responsibilities'

Change Board votes

The Change Board voted on one modification on 18 September 2019:

- MP076 'Pursuing Non-Payment in Events of Default' was **recommended for approval** as an Authority Determined Modification.

Authority decisions

There were no Authority decisions in the last month.

There is one Modification Proposal currently with the Authority for decision:

- MP076 'Pursuing Non-Payment in Events of Default'

Proposal progression timescales

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

Proposal timescales		
Status	**Total**	**Average duration**
Proposals open (pre-decision)	28	366 WD
Proposals concluded during 2019/20	11	204 WD

5. Release

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'

On 1 October 2019, the Panel wrote to the Authority to request a revised implementation date of 24 November 2019. You can download the Panel's letter here. This request is with the Authority for decision.