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DP090 Draft Proposal decision

1. Purpose

This paper provides a summary of our assessment of [DP090 'Incorporation of Non GBCS Non-Mandated Alerts into the SEC'](#), taking into account industry views and the views of the SEC 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?

DP090 has been raised by Emslie Law of SSE.

Many DCC Users only recognise Alerts that are defined in the Great Britain Companion Specification (GBCS). When the Smart Metering Implementation Programme (SMIP) was in its infancy, Non GBCS Alerts were not expected to be in use. As a result, DCC Users' systems have not been designed to recognise Non GBCS Non-Mandated (NGNM) Alerts.

As these are currently not included in the GBCS, the Parse and Correlate software provides the Alert code but does not provide a description of the problem the Alert is communicating. Suppliers therefore receive Alerts but are unable to identify the reason for them.

DCC Users can configure the GBCS Alerts by setting them on or off according to their business needs. In order to make NGNM Alerts configurable these must be included in Table 16.2 of GBCS and must be added to the DCC User Interface Specification (DUIS) Schema. If this is not implemented Suppliers and Network Parties will receive large numbers of Alerts which have no description and which they are not able to stop receiving.

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 DCC has stated that DP090 will impact DCC Systems, DUIS and GBCS. There will be a need for a schema change but that there should be no impact on Communications Hubs and so there will be no Communication Service Provider (CSP) impact. This change will impact mainly on the Data Service Provider (DSP) and on Parse & Correlate.

The Technical Architecture and Business Architecture Sub-Committee (TABASC) agreed that these NGNM Alerts should be incorporated into the SEC. The Security Sub-Committee (SSC) will be invited to comment on 23 October, and we will verbally update the CSC on any comments raised in the meeting.

4. Next steps

We recommend this proposal proceeds to the Refinement Process to develop the solution, carry out a Preliminary Assessment and ensure the Working Group agrees with the proposed solution.

5. Recommendations

The CSC is requested to:

- **AGREE** that the issue identified under DP090 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 Phase.

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Attachments

- **Appendix A:** DP090 problem statement