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Change Status Report – November 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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8 November 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 ten Draft Proposals being presented to the Panel for conversion to Modification Proposals this month:

- [DP082 '2.4GHz Channel Management'](#)
- [DP084 'Other User Panel Seating Amendment'](#)
- [DP085 'Synchronisation of smart meter voltage measurement periods'](#)
- [DP086 'Alt HAN Roll-Out Financing'](#)
- [DP088 'Power to raise modifications'](#)
- [DP089 'Changes to Appendix R 'Common Testing Scenarios Document''](#)
- [DP090 'Incorporation of Non GBCS Non-Mandated Alerts into the SEC'](#)
- [DP091 'Updating Security Assurance Status'](#)
- [DP092 'New Planned Maintenance methodology'](#)
- [DP093 'Implementing IRP511 and CRP535 to support GBCS v3.2 devices'](#)

Modification Reports

Three of the Draft Proposals for conversion are recommended to go straight to Report Phase. Their Modification Reports are being presented to the Panel this month:

- [DP086 'Alt HAN Roll-Out Financing'](#)
- [DP089 'Changes to Appendix R 'Common Testing Scenarios Document''](#)
- [DP091 'Updating Security Assurance Status'](#)

Decisions

The Authority approved one Modification Proposal on 23 October 2019:

- [MP076 'Pursuing Non-Payment in Events of Default'](#)

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2. Define

New Draft Proposals

DP088

[DP088 'Power to raise modifications'](#) was raised by British Gas on 8 October 2019.

The SEC Panel and SECAS have initiated several modifications in the past. However, as the SEC does not allow them to raise modifications, a proposer needs to be found. This is a hinderance to the efficient progression of changes.

DP089

[DP089 'Changes to Appendix R 'Common Testing Scenarios Document''](#) was raised by the DCC on 14 October 2019.

Additional User Roles have been added to three Service Reference Variants (SRVs) through SEC modifications which are to be implemented in the November 2019 SEC Release. These additional User Roles for the three SRVs have not been mandated in Appendix R 'Common Test Scenario Document' (CTSD), and therefore the additional Users are not required to perform testing during the User Entry Process Testing (UEPT) or Additive UEPT. This means that the additional Users may not perform testing on these SRVs following the November 2019 SEC Release.

DP090

[DP090 'Incorporation of Non GBCS Non-Mandated Alerts into the SEC'](#) was raised by SSE on 16 October 2019.

Many DCC Users only recognise Alerts defined in Great Britain Companion Specification (GBCS). As a result, DCC User's systems have not been designed to recognise Non GBCS Non-Mandated (NGNM) Alerts that are not defined in GBCS. These Alerts are currently being sent to DCC Users with no contextual information and no means to disable them. To monitor these Alerts is an inefficient working practice, especially if the DCC User deems the Alert unnecessary. This will continue until the NGNM Alerts are migrated into the SEC.

DP091

[DP091 'Updating Security Assurance Status'](#) was raised by the Security Sub-Committee on 22 October 2019.

"Provisionally Approved" and "Deferred" assurance statuses indicate significant security deficiencies that require substantial remediation, the severity of which are not reflected in the current SEC terminology.

Additionally, a SEC Party that has the security status of "rejected" as a result of a Full User Security Assessment (FUSA) can only update the original User Security Assessment Response. Enabling that Party to undertake a second FUSA would provide assurance for all Parties, and the DCC, that the (significant) deficiencies have been addressed.

DP092

[DP092 'New Planned Maintenance methodology'](#) was raised by the DCC on 22 October 2019.

The DCC have developed and trialled a new approach to deliver the Planned Maintenance. This Proposal seeks to formalise this in the SEC.

DP093

[DP093 'Implementing IRP511 and CRP535 to support GBCS v3.2 devices'](#) was raised by the DCC on 28 October 2019.

In order to fully deliver the functionality of two Issue Resolution Proposals (IRPs) included in GBCS v3.2 (IRP511 'Set Clock Alerts Refs in Alert Tables Incorrect' and CRP535 'Restoring Removed Devices from the HAN'), consequential changes are required to the DCC User Interface Specification (DUIS) and Message Mapping Catalogue (MMC) schemas.

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:

- [DP084 'Other User Panel Seating Amendment'](#)
- [DP085 'Synchronisation of smart meter voltage measurement periods'](#)
- [DP086 'Alt HAN Roll-Out Financing'](#)
- [DP088 'Power to raise modifications'](#)
- [DP089 'Changes to Appendix R 'Common Testing Scenarios Document''](#)
- [DP090 'Incorporation of Non GBCS Non-Mandated Alerts into the SEC'](#)
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3. Refine

Working Group meetings

The monthly Working Group meeting was held on **6 November 2019**, and included the following modifications:

- [SECMP0007 'Firmware updates to IHDs and PPMIDs'](#)
- [SECMP0066 'Advanced Shipment Notifications \(ASN\) for Consignment of Communications Hubs'](#)
- [MP080 'Ensuring a managed move to DUIS version 3.1'](#)
- [MP083 'Change Coordination'](#)

Refinement Consultations

There is one Modification Proposal currently out for Refinement Consultation:

- [SECMP0046 'Allow DNOs to control Electric Vehicle chargers connected to Smart Meter infrastructure'](#) – responses due by **15 November 2019**.

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 October 2019.

| Summary | | |
|--|-------|------------------|
| Assessment | Total | Average duration |
| Preliminary Assessments open | 2 | 71 WD |
| Preliminary Assessments completed during 2019/20 | 7 | 72 WD |
| Impact Assessments open | 2 | 78 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 | 68 WD |
| SECMP0024 | PA | 29 May 19 | 15 WD | 112 WD |
| SECMP0056 | IA | 2 Jul 19 | 40 WD | 88 WD |
| MP078 | PA | 20 Sep 19 | 15 WD | 30 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 |
| SECMP0066 | PA | 13 Jun 19 | 15 WD | 79 WD |
| SECMP0067 | PA | 5 Jun 19 | 25 WD | 21 WD |

4. Opine

Modification Report Consultations

There is one Modification Proposal currently out for Modification Report Consultation:

- [DP081 'Alignment of DUIS and CHISM to reflect current DCC Processing'](#) – responses requested by **11 November 2019**.

Change Board votes

The Change Board did not vote on any Modification Proposals last month.

Authority decisions

The Authority approved one Modification Proposal in the last month:

- [MP076 'Pursuing Non-Payment in Events of Default'](#) was approved on 23 October 2019.

Proposal progression timescales

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

| Proposal timescales | | |
|------------------------------------|-------|------------------|
| Status | Total | Average duration |
| Proposals open (pre-decision) | 33 | 336 WD |
| Proposals concluded during 2019/20 | 13 | 193 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**:

- [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-Come First Served Charging'](#)
- [MP073 'Alteration of SMKI Repository information and documentation'](#)
- [MP074 'Clarity on Obtaining SMKI Device Certificates'](#)
- [MP076 'Pursuing Non-Payment in Events of Default'](#)

On 1 October 2019, the Panel wrote to the Authority to request a revised implementation date from 7 November 2019 to 24 November 2019. You can download the Panel's letter [here](#). The Authority agreed to this on 8 October 2019. On 30 October 2019, the SEC Panel used the discretion given to it by the Authority to further amend the implementation date of the November 2019 SEC Release. This SEC Release will now be implemented on **29 November 2019**. The rationale for this can be found [here](#).

SEC Modification – DCC Assessments

DCC Monthly Update

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1 Introduction

The purpose of this document is to provide an update on DCC's progress with the production of Preliminary (PAs) and Impact Assessments (IAs) (together "DCC assessments") as well as progress to delivery.

This document contains the delivery dates for DCC assessments that have been requested by Working Groups in accordance with SEC D6.9, as well as highlighting and providing rationale for any changes to the same report from the previous month.

This report is intended for:

- SEC Panel Members
- Parties
- Ofgem
- BEIS
- SECAS
- Any other interested stakeholders

Should you have any questions in relation to or comments on this report, please contact DCC at mods@smartdcc.co.uk.

2 Key and Definitions

The following has been provided to assist in the reader's understanding of the table in Section 3.

| Key | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|--|----------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| | PA in progress | | IA in progress | No outstanding assessment request | Greyed out text No further DCC input anticipated |

| Definitions | | | | | |
|---|--|---|--|--|---|
| PA WG Request Received Date | Target PA Delivery Date | Actual PA Delivery Date | IA WG Request Received Date | Target IA Delivery Date | Actual IA Delivery Date |
| The date that the PA is requested from DCC by SECAS | The target date that DCC will aim to submit the PA to WG | The actual date that the PA is delivered to WG by DCC | The date that the IA is requested from DCC by the WG | The target date that DCC will aim to submit the IA to WG | The actual date that the IA is delivered to WG by DCC |

3 DCC Assessment Delivery Dates

This table provides an update on DCC's delivery of PAs and IAs to Working Groups.

| SECMP# | Title | DCC Assessment Status | PA WG Request Accepted Date | Target PA Delivery Date | Actual PA Delivery Date | IA WG Request Accepted Date | Target IA Delivery Date | Actual IA Delivery Date | Notes |
|--------|---|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| 0024 | Enduring Approach to Communication Hub Firmware Management | PA in progress | 05/07/2019 | 26/07/2019 | | | | | PA in progress |
| 0078 | Incorporation of multiple Issue Resolution Proposals into the SEC - Part 2' | PA in progress | 30/09/2019 | 08/11/2019 | | | | | PA in progress |
| 0007 | Firmware updates to IHDs and PPMIDs | IA in progress | N/A | 14/06/2019 | 02/04/2019 | 30/07/2019 | 18/11/2019 | | IA in progress |
| 0015 | GPF timestamp for reading instantaneous Gas values | IA in progress | 03/10/2016 | 10/10/2016 | 20/03/2017 | 19/08/2019 | 22/11/2019 | | IA in progress |
| 0056 | IHD / PPMID Zigbee Attributes Available on the HAN | IA in progress | 24/01/2019 | 19/02/2019 | 24/04/2019 | 25/06/2019 | 10/12/2019 | | IA in progress |
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| SECMP# | Title | DCC Assessment Status | PA WG Request Accepted Date | Target PA Delivery Date | Actual PA Delivery Date | IA WG Request Accepted Date | Target IA Delivery Date | Actual IA Delivery Date | Notes |
|--------|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| 0010 | Introduction of triage arrangements for Communication Hubs | No outstanding assessment request | N/A | 30/03/2019 | 17/05/2019 | | | | |
| 0053 | Amend Target Response Times for Service Requests Critical to Installation and Commissioning Processes | No outstanding assessment request | 11/02/2019 | 23/01/2019 | 01/05/2019 | 05/08/2019 | 20/09/2019 | 20/09/2019 | |
| 0046 | Allow DNOs to control Electric Vehicle chargers connected to Smart Meter infrastructure | No outstanding assessment request | 22/07/2019 | 06/09/2019 | 06/09/2019 | | | | Awaiting IA request |
| 0066 | Advanced Shipment Notifications (ASN) for Consignment of Communications Hubs. | No outstanding assessment request | 08/07/2019 | 30/07/2019 | 01/10/2019 | | | | Awaiting IA request |
| 0012 | Channel selection to support Shared HAN solutions | No outstanding assessment request | 23/12/2016 | | 13/09/2017 | | | | On hold indefinitely until the Alt HAN project reaches a position that can inform the Working Group of the value of progressing it |
| 0013 | Smart meter device diagnostics and triage | No outstanding assessment request | N/A | 30/03/2019 | 22/05/2019 | | | | Hold |
| 0032 | Prioritising Prepayment Customers in No WAN Situations | No outstanding assessment request | 18/04/2018 | | 12/10/2018 | | | | On Hold |
| 0062 | Northbound Application Traffic Management - Alert Storm Protection | No outstanding assessment request | 06/12/2018 | 31/12/2018 | 31/01/2019 | 20/03/2019 | 20/05/2019 | 22/05/2019 | Change Board on 21/08/2019 decided to send this Modification back to the Working Group |

| SECMP# | Title | DCC Assessment Status | PA WG Request Accepted Date | Target PA Delivery Date | Actual PA Delivery Date | IA WG Request Accepted Date | Target IA Delivery Date | Actual IA Delivery Date | Notes |
|--------|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 0063 | Ensuring correct Network Operator Certificates are placed on Electricity Smart Meters | No outstanding assessment request | 25/06/2019 | 17/07/2019 | 01/08/2019 | | | | Awaiting IA request |
| 0067 | Service Request Traffic Management | No outstanding assessment request | N/A | 07/06/2019 | 05/06/2019 | | | | Awaiting IA request |
| 0038 | Sending Commands via PPMIDs | No outstanding assessment request | 16/10/2017 | 15/06/2018 | 02/07/2018 | 05/09/2018 | 12/10/2018 | 12/10/2018 | On hold |
| 0060 | Amend Requirements to remove 'Pending' devices from SMI | No outstanding assessment request | 04/10/2018 | | 12/12/2018 | 17/01/2019 | 06/03/2019 | 29/01/2019 | Awaiting Implementation. |

4 Modifications – Implementation Status

| SECMP# | Title | DCC Implementation Status |
|--------|--|---|
| 0025 | Electricity Network Party Access to Load Switching Information | Awaiting Implementation – awaiting implementation in Nov'19 release |

5 Modifications – No system impact assessment yet requested

| SECMP # | Title | DCC Assessment Status |
|---------|---|--|
| 0028 | Prioritising Service Requests | On hold. |
| 0037 | Pairing Local PPMIDs | On hold. |
| 0055 | Incorporation of multiple Issue Resolution Proposals into the SEC | Awaiting Implementation. 07/11/2019 |

Modifications – No further assessment required by DCC

| SECMP # | Title | Date added | DCC Assessment Status |
|---------|---|------------|-----------------------|
| 0058 | Changes to the governance of the Self-Service Interface | 24/04/2019 | Implemented |
| 0043 | Modification to Services Force Majeure Provisions | 23/04/2019 | Implemented |
| 0059 | Amendments to SEC Security Assessments for Non-Domestic Suppliers and Other Users | 23/01/2019 | Implemented |

| SECMP # | Title | Date added | DCC Assessment Status |
|---------|---|------------|---------------------------------------|
| 0042 | Amendment to SMKI Services to provide DCC Users and/or SMKI Participants with Authorised Responsible Officer (ARO) Statistics and Information | 23/01/2019 | Withdrawn |
| 0039 | Communication Hub returns notification mechanism for Other SEC Parties | 04/03/2019 | Awaiting implementation |
| 0023 | Correct Units of Measure for Uncontrolled Gas Flow Rate | 30/01/2019 | Awaiting implementation |
| 0068 | Alt HAN Company third party rights to enable external financing arrangements | 28/01/2019 | Implemented |
| 0018 | Standard Electricity Distributor Configuration Settings | 24/01/2019 | Awaiting Implementation 07/11/2019 |
| 0064 | Alt HAN Co permission to seek access for Alt HAN Activities as a representative of energy suppliers | 28/02/2019 | Implemented |
| 0049 | Section D Review: Amendments to the Modification Process | 04/03/2019 | Implemented |
| 0025 | Electricity Network Party Access to Load Switching Information | 05/04/2019 | Awaiting implementation |
| 0002 | Add New Command to Reset Debt Registers | 06/10/2017 | Rejected |
| 0003 | Deficiencies in the Service Request for setting Maximum Demand Configurable Time | 01/12/2016 | SECMP withdrawn |
| 0004 | Inclusion of Device Serial Number data item in the Smart Metering Inventory | 03/03/2017 | Rejected |

| SECMF # | Title | Date added | DCC Assessment Status |
|---------|---|------------|------------------------|
| 0005 | Include Tariff and Register Labels in SMETS2 Devices | 03/05/2018 | Withdrawn |
| 0009 | Centralised Firmware Library | 03/01/2019 | Accepted - implemented |
| 0011 | Including the MAP ID in the Smart Metering Inventory | 03/03/2017 | Rejected |
| 0014 | Standardise Formatting of Device ID | 02/11/2016 | Withdrawn |
| 0016 | Consideration of "Maximum Credit" value in credit cover calculation | 02/11/2016 | Implemented |
| 0017 | CGR Phase 3 outcomes: Code Administrator to chair Modification Working Groups | 02/11/2016 | Implemented |
| 0019 | ALCS Description Labels | 25/07/2018 | Implemented |
| 0020 | Removal of the confidential classification of the unique identifiers listed in SEC Schedule 5 | 02/11/2016 | Implemented |
| 0021 | Increase the representation of the "Other SEC Party" category on the SSC and TABASC. | 02/11/2016 | Rejected |
| 0022 | SMKI PMA Governance Changes | 02/11/2016 | Implemented |
| 0033 | Update to CH Handover Support Materials | 02/06/2017 | Implemented |

| SECMF # | Title | Date added | DCC Assessment Status |
|---------|---|------------|-----------------------|
| 0034 | Changes to the SEC Section D for DCC analysis provisions | 02/05/2018 | Implemented |
| 0035 | Updates to SEC Appendix B – Organisation ARL expiration date to be aligned to DCCKI ARL | 07/07/2017 | Implemented |
| 0041 | Amending the Change Board decision making rules for Modification Proposals | 20/09/2018 | Rejected |
| 0044 | User Security Assessment of a Shared Resource | 25/07/2018 | Implemented |
| 0045 | Incorporation of the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulations | 02/05/2018 | Implemented |
| 0048 | Extension of SMETS gas Valve exemption to include Large Gas Meters installed at Domestic Premises | 25/07/2018 | Implemented |
| 0054 | Changes to DCC Explicit Charges for Test Houses | 06/06/2018 | Withdrawn |
| 0006 | Specifying the number of digits for device display | 08/11/2018 | Implemented |
| 0008 | Provision of a DCC Alert (formerly Service Request Error Response) for Quarantined Service Requests | 01/11/2018 | Implemented |
| 0027 | Amending Service Request Forecasting | 01/11/2018 | Implemented |
| 0029 | Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Testing Amendments | 01/11/2018 | Implemented |

| SECMF # | Title | Date added | DCC Assessment Status |
|---------|--|------------|-----------------------|
| 0031 | Adding UTRN Functionality to SMETS | 08/10/2018 | Withdrawn |
| 0036 | Single User ID for Users acting in one or more User Roles | 14/09/2017 | Implemented |
| 0040 | Changes to how DCC Users schedule and carry out User Security Assessments after completion of the User Entry Process | 22/11/2017 | Implemented |
| 0047 | Default Provisions for Other SEC Parties | 31/10/2018 | Implemented |
| 0050 | Section D Review: Moving the Working Group Terms of Reference to a separate document | 01/11/2018 | Implemented |
| 0052 | Updates to the DCCKI CP and DCCKI RAPP | 01/11/2018 | Implemented |
| 0057 | Users to notify SSC of a second or subsequent User System | 28/02/2019 | Implemented |
| 0061 | Enduring SEC Release Provisions | 28/02/2019 | Implemented |
| 0065 | SMETS1 Security Obligation | 08/11/2018 | Implemented |
| 0030 | Demand Management of DCC Systems | 19/12/2017 | Withdrawn |
| 0001 | Updating the SEC to reflect abolition of the National Consumer Council (NCC) | 27/05/2014 | Implemented |

| SECMP # | Title | Date added | DCC Assessment Status |
|---------|---|------------|-----------------------|
| 0026 | Changes to the Security Sub-Committee Nomination Process | 15/03/2017 | Implemented |
| 0051 | Section D Review: Amendments to the Fast Track Modification process | 01/11/2018 | Implemented |