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Action:	For Decision

MP097 Change Board vote

1. Purpose

MP097 '[Improving SMETS2 Meter Installs for New Connections](#)' has undergone Modification Report Consultation and is now being presented to the Change Board for vote. The Change Board is invited to determine whether MP097 should be approved or rejected under Self-Governance.

This paper provides a high-level summary of the key points. Full details can be found in the Modification Report in Appendix A and the responses received to the Modification Report Consultation in Appendix B.

2. Summary of the proposal

What is the issue?

In a New Connection (new housing estate) scenario Suppliers are required by their Supply Licence to check there is Wide Area Network (WAN) access using the SM WAN Coverage Database before attending site to install a smart meter. In some cases, there is a delay in the release of a postcode and update of the SM WAN Coverage Database, and this can result in a 'no premises found' message. The SEC does not allow a Supplier in these instances to contact the DCC to determine if there is SM WAN coverage.

What is the Proposed Solution?

The solution proposes to make minor amendments to Appendix H 'CH Handover Support Materials' to clarify that where a postcode has been issued or where a partial postcode exists but has not been updated in the SM WAN Coverage Checker then Supplier can raise a Service Management Service Request with the DCC.

3. Modification Report Consultation responses

We received four responses to the Modification Report Consultation, three from Large Suppliers and one from a Network Party. Those in favour of approval (two Large Suppliers and one Network Party) believed that the solution better facilitated SEC Objective (a)¹. The Large Supplier that was in favour

¹ Facilitate the efficient provision, installation, operation and interoperability of smart metering systems at energy consumers' premises within Great Britain

of rejecting the modification believed that more work needed to be done to improve the current situation, including looking at how the DCC, the Communication Service Providers (CSPs), Developers, Network Operators and Suppliers should work together more effectively. The Proposer feels this modification should proceed as it is as building developers engaging with the CSPs (or vice versa) regarding WAN availability is neither affordable or even feasible. Even if something can be put in, it won't be immediate, and MP097 can be implemented (at low cost) in the meantime to help.

Another respondent suggested additional changes to the legal text to remove the requirement for the Supplier to provide the Longitude and Latitude when raising a Service Management Service Request. The Proposer stated that this would affect the SM WAN database and would be a larger, longer and more costly change than the one proposed.

4. Next steps

Determination approach

The Panel has determined that SECMP097 is a Self-Governance Modification. The Change Board's vote will therefore form a decision on the modification.

This decision will subject to a 10 Working Day objection period where Parties can refer the decision to the Panel. If no objection is received, the Change Board's decision will be final.

Implementation approach

The Panel has agreed the following implementation approach of:

- **27 February 2020** (February 2020 SEC Release) if a decision to approve is received by 13 February 2020; or
- **25 June 2020** (June 2020 SEC Release) if a decision to approve is received after 13 February 2020 but by 11 June 2020.

5. Recommendations

The Change Board is requested to:

- **AGREE** that SECMP097 should proceed to vote;
- **DETERMINE** whether SECMP097 should be **APPROVED** or **REJECTED** under Self-Governance; and
- **PROVIDE** rationale for this recommendation against the General SEC Objectives.

Ali Beard, SECAS Team, 15 January 2020

Attachments

- **Appendix A:** MP097 Modification Report
 - **Annex A:** MP097 legal text
- **Appendix B:** MP097 Modification Report Consultation responses