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Change Status Report – March 2020

1. Purpose

This document is the Change Status Report, which provides information on the progress of Smart Energy Code (SEC) Modifications and Releases.

The Data Communications Company (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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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 eight Draft Proposals being presented to the Panel for conversion to a Modification Proposal this month:

- [DP095 'Alignment of SEC Credit Cover'](#)
- [DP098 'Incorporation of multiple Issue Resolution Proposals into the SEC – Batch 3'](#)
- [DP107 'SMETS1 Validation of SRV 6.15.1'](#)
- [DP109 'ADT and Exit Quarantine file delivery mechanism'](#)
- [DP112 'Setting the Privacy Assessment Assurance Status'](#)
- [DP113 'Unintended Data Disclosure when using SR8.2'](#)
- [DP114 'Alt HAN P2P Charging Data'](#)
- [DP115 'Changes to the NCSC Good Practice Guides'](#)

Modification Reports

There are four Modification Reports being presented to the Panel this month:

- [DP098 'Incorporation of multiple Issue Resolution Proposals into the SEC – Batch 3'](#)
- [DP112 'Setting the Privacy Assessment Assurance Status'](#)
- [DP114 'Alt HAN P2P Charging Data'](#)
- [DP115 'Changes to the NCSC Good Practice Guides'](#)

Decisions

The Authority issued one decision this month:

- [MP079 'Provisions for withdraw modifications'](#) was **rejected** on 2 March 2020

2. Define

New Draft Proposals

DP114

[DP114 'Alt HAN P2P Charging Data'](#) was raised by David Lyons of E.ON on 4 February 2020.

Currently there are nine data items that Alt HAN Co are obligated to submit to the Data Communications Company (DCC) each year to help determine the value of these charges. Some of these data items aren't wholly obtainable and therefore the DCC can't accurately complete the calculation used to determine one of the main charges – the 'average monthly incremental cost'. This results in DCC recovering charges from Supplier parties that don't match to the costs they incur.

DP115

[DP115 'Changes to the NCSC Good Practice Guides'](#) was raised by Gordon Hextall on behalf of the Security Sub-Committee (SSC) on 11 February 2020.

A SECAS review of the Smart Metering Key Inventory (SMKI) Document Set has found that it contains several references to Good Practice Guides (GPGs) that have been discontinued and will not be replaced. The SMKI Policy Management Authority (PMA) wishes to address this by aligning the SEC with these changes and by making available authorised replacement SMKI PMA guidance.

DP116

[DP116 'Service Request Forecasting'](#) was raised by Graeme Liggett of the DCC on 18 February 2020.

Currently, for each quarter of the year, DCC Users must submit to the DCC an eight-month forecast of the number of Service Requests that the User anticipates sending. It is believed that each forecast takes an average of two days for each User to complete. These forecasts are intended to assist in managing demand on the DCC User Interface Services. The DCC has raised concern that the accuracy of the forecasts does not meet the level required to produce useful data that will improve the management of demand on the DCC User Interface Services.

DP117

[DP117 'Bulk CH returns'](#) was raised by Sasha Townsend of the DCC on 18 February 2020.

DCC Users must send an individual Service Request to notify the DCC of each Communications Hub (CH) return. This takes a significant amount of time and effort when multiple CHs require return. DCC Users have stated that this is not a sustainable approach in dealing with returns.

DP118

[DP118 'Communications Hub Finance Charges'](#) was raised by Tim Hammond of the DCC on 2 March 2020.

Currently, the SEC requires the DCC to send two invoices to SEC Parties, one for its general Charges and a separate invoice for CH Finance Charges. The DCC frequently has to reconcile payments which have been made in error, for the wrong amount or to the wrong accounts DCC is currently in the process of arranging finance for the next phase of deliveries of CH, which will amplify the issues with the current system as volumes increase and multiple finance parties require payment.

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:

- [DP095 'Alignment of SEC Credit Cover'](#)
- [DP107 'SMETS1 Validation of SRV 6.15.1'](#)
- [DP109 'ADT and Exit Quarantine file delivery mechanism'](#)
- [DP112 'Setting the Privacy Assessment Assurance Status'](#)
- [DP113 'Unintended Data Disclosure when using SR8.2'](#)
- [DP114 'Alt HAN P2P Charging Data'](#)
- [DP115 'Changes to the NCSC Good Practice Guides'](#)

The CSC determined that the following Draft Proposals need further development before being presented to the Panel for conversion to Modification Proposals:

- [DP094 'Supporting prepayment customers in no SM WAN scenarios'](#)
- [DP096 'DNO Power Outage Alerts'](#)
- [DP100 'Service Response Traffic Management'](#)
- [DP108 'SSI Job Type Role for SRO/ARO'](#)
- [DP111 'SMDA Budget Amendments'](#)
- [DP116 'Service Request Forecasting'](#)
- [DP117 'Bulk CH returns'](#)

3. Refine

Working Group meetings

The last monthly Working Group meeting was held on **4 March 2020**, and included the following modifications:

- [MP083 'Change Coordination'](#)
- [MP085 'Synchronisation of smart meter voltage measurement periods'](#)
- [MP090 'Incorporation of Non GBCS Non-Mandated Alerts into the SEC'](#)
- [MP101 'Large Gas Meter Displays'](#)

The next monthly Working Group meeting will be held on **1 April 2020**, and the agenda will be confirmed on 18 March 2020.

Refinement Consultations

The following Refinement Consultations are out for consideration and are due to close in March 2020:

- [MP077 'DCC Service Flagging'](#)
- [MP078 'Incorporation of multiple Issue Resolution Proposals into the SEC - Part 2'](#)
- [MP080 'Managing DUIS uplifts'](#)
- [MP093 'Implementing IRP511 and CRP535 to support GBCS v3.2 devices'](#)

On Refinement Consultation is expected to be issued during March 2020.

- [MP101 'Large Gas Meter Displays'](#)

Impact Assessment requests

The [MP093 'Implementing IRP511 and CRP535 to support GBCS v3.2 devices'](#) Impact Assessment request was approved at the February 2020 Change Board meeting.

DCC Assessment timescales

The timescales below are correct as at the end of February 2020.

Summary		
Assessment	Total	Average duration
Preliminary Assessments open	3	89 WD
Preliminary Assessments completed during 2019/20	12	72 WD
Impact Assessments open	4	140 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	154 WD
SECMP0015	IA	25 Apr 19	40 WD	222 WD
SECMP0056	IA	2 Jul 19	40 WD	174 WD
SECMP0066	PA	13 Jun 19	15 WD	187 WD
SECMP0067	IA	12 Feb 20	40 WD	27 WD
MP092	PA	2 Dec 19	15 WD	65 WD
MP099	PA	3 Feb 20	15 WD	26 WD

Assessments completed during 2019/20				
Modification	Type	Returned	Target duration	Actual duration
SECMP0007	PA	11 Apr 19	15 WD	201 WD
SECMP0024	PA	21 Feb 20	15 WD	193 WD
SECMP0046	PA	9 Sep 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	1 Aug 19	15 WD	18 WD
SECMP0067	PA	5 Jun 19	25 WD	24 WD
MP077	PA	31 Dec 19	40 WD	40 WD
MP078	PA	31 Dec 19	15 WD	66 WD
MP080	PA	17 Jan 20	15 WD	41 WD
MP090	PA	11 Feb 20	15 WD	58 WD
MP093	PA	21 Jan 20	15 WD	37 WD

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Modification Report Consultations

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

Change Board votes

The Change Board voted on two modifications on 26 February 2020:

- [MP084 'Other User Panel Seating Amendment'](#) voted to recommend that the Authority rejects both the Proposed Solution and the Alternative Solution.
- [MP088 'Power to raise modifications'](#) voted to recommend that the Authority approves this modification.

Authority decisions

The Authority issued one decision in the last month:

- [MP079 'Provisions for withdraw modifications'](#) was **rejected** on 2 March 2020.

Modification progression timescales

The timescales below are correct as at the end of February 2020.

Proposal timescales		
Status	Total	Average duration
Proposals open (pre-decision)	49	270 WD
Proposals concluded during 2019/20	25	19 WD

5. Release

SEC Releases

The following modifications were implemented in the February 2020 SEC Release, which went live on 27 February 2020:

- [MP086 'Alt Han Rollout Financing'](#)
- [MP091 'Updating Security Assurance Statuses'](#)
- [MP097 'Improving SMETS2 Meter Installs at New Connections'](#)

There are currently two modifications approved for implementation in the June 2020 Release (25 June 2020):

- [SECMP0053 'Amend Target Response Times for Service Requests Critical to Installation and Commissioning Processes'](#)
- [SECMP0062 'Northbound Traffic Management Mechanism – Alert Storm Protection'](#) part 1

There are currently two modifications approved for implementation in the November 2020 Release (5 November 2020):

- [SECMP0062 'Northbound Traffic Management Mechanism – Alert Storm Protection'](#) part 2
- [MP081 'Alignment of DUIS and CHISM to reflect current DCC Processing'](#)

There are currently no modifications approved for implementation as standalone releases.