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## SEC Releases update

### 1. Purpose

This paper presents the full scope of the November 2020 SEC Release and an update on progress. It also provides an update on the provisional scope of the 2021 SEC System Releases on the DCC Systems. The Operations Group (OPSG) is invited to note this update and provide any views and comments for the Panel's consideration.

### 2. November 2020 SEC Release

#### 2.1 Update on scope

The Panel has baselined the November 2020 SEC Release Implementation Document (RID) to include all modifications that can be included in the November 2020 SEC Release if decisions to approve are received in time. This can be found in Appendix A. The following modifications are currently in scope:

Modification	Impacts DCC Systems?	Current status
<a href="#">SECMP0062 'Northbound Application Traffic Management - Alert Storm Protection'</a> part 2	✓	Approved for inclusion.
<a href="#">MP080 'Managing DUIS uplifts'</a>		The Change Board vote will be held on 27 May 2020 under Self-Governance.
<a href="#">MP081 'Alignment of DUIS and CHISM to reflect current DCC Processing'</a>		Approved for inclusion.
<a href="#">MP084 'Other User Panel Seating Amendment'</a>		The Change Board recommended MP084 be rejected on 26 February 2020. This modification is now with the Authority for decision. It will be included in this release if approved by 22 October 2020.
<a href="#">MP088 'Power to raise modifications'</a>		The Change Board recommended MP088 be approved on 26 February 2020. This modification is now with the Authority for decision. It will be included in this release if approved by 22 October 2020.

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Modification	Impacts DCC Systems?	Current status
<a href="#">MP093 'Implementing IRP511 and CRP535 to support GBCS v3.2 devices'</a>	✓	Approved for inclusion.
<a href="#">MP098 'Incorporation of multiple Issue Resolution Proposals into the SEC - Batch 3'</a>		The Change Board vote will be held on 24 June 2020 under Self-Governance.
<a href="#">MP101 'Large Gas Meter Displays'</a>		The Change Board vote will be held on 24 June 2020 under Self-Governance.
<a href="#">MP102A 'Power Outage Alerts triggered by an OTA firmware upgrade'</a>		The Modification Report is expected to be presented to the Panel on 19 June 2020. The Change Board vote would then be held on 22 July 2020 under Self-Governance.
<a href="#">MP103 'DCC SOC2 Assessments'</a>		The Modification Report is expected to be presented to the Panel on 19 June 2020. The Change Board vote would then be held on 22 July 2020 under Self-Governance.
<a href="#">MP110 'Aligning SEC Appendix D with DCC Processes'</a>		The Change Board vote will be held on 24 June 2020 under Self-Governance.
<a href="#">MP112 'Setting the Privacy Assessment Assurance Status'</a>		Approved for inclusion
<a href="#">MP115 'Changes to the NCSC Good Practice Guides'</a>		The Change Board vote will be held on 27 May 2020 under Self-Governance.
<a href="#">MP118 'Communications Hub Finance Charges'</a>		The Modification Report is expected to be presented to the Panel on 19 June 2020. The Change Board vote would then be held on 22 July 2020 under Self-Governance.
<a href="#">MP120 'Correcting DUIS Matrix for SRV7.7 Eligible Users'</a>		Approved for inclusion
<a href="#">DP124 'Consequential changes to DUIS for SMETS1 Alerts'</a>		This Draft Proposal is expected to be presented to the Panel on 19 June 2020 with the recommendation it proceeds directly to the Report Phase. The Change Board vote would then be held on 22 July 2020 under Self-Governance.
<a href="#">DP127 'SMKI RAPP Security Screening clarification'</a>		This Draft Proposal is expected to be presented to the Panel on 19 June 2020 with the recommendation it proceeds directly to the Report Phase. The Change Board vote would then be held on 22 July 2020 under Self-Governance.

The following DCC BEIS Mandated Change Requests are also expected to be implemented alongside this SEC Release:

- CR1145 'Auxiliary Proportional Load Control'

- CR1233 'IRP554 Future Date Command Handling'
- CR1254 'CSP Testing to Support Proportional Load Control'
- CR1277 'Install Code validation reinstatement'
- CR1290 'Re-Scaling of Gas Flow Rate in SRV 6.7 to match SMETS2'
- CRTBC 'Organisation Certificates – XML signing'

The SEC Release Management Policy lays out that the scope of a SEC Release on the SEC documentation should be set six months before go-live. We would therefore not expect any further modifications to be added to the scope. However, the Panel can still choose to add further modifications to the scope of this SEC Release if it would be necessary or more efficient to do so, and these would be managed as exceptions under the project.

Please note that the modifications in scope when the RID is baselined don't have to be approved at that point. However, clear cut-off dates will be provided in each Modification Report for each pending modification's decision, based on the expected DCC and Party implementation lead times. If approval is not received by its cut-off date, a modification would lapse to a fall-back implementation date. We currently expect all Self-Governance modifications in scope to be determined by the end of July 2020.

## 2.2 Request to change the implementation date

The DCC has highlighted that, due to the complexity of the release, the implementation date for this release may need to be moved to the end of November, with Sunday 29 November 2020 the most likely date. This will also allow for all targeted modifications to be fully approved by the Change Board or the Authority, and to ensure a sufficient User testing window is provided.

The DCC has also highlighted that as a result of COVID-19 impacting its Service Providers, there is an additional risk that timelines could be delayed, leading to extended design, build and testing phases. Moving the release implementation date will also act as a mitigation against this risk. This risk will be monitored over the coming weeks.

The DCC is confirming the specific date it would seek to request, and this will be presented to the Panel on 19 June 2020. In the meantime, the timetable for this release in the RID has been based on an implementation date of 29 November 2020. We do not expect any ad-hoc meetings to be required under this timetable.

## 2.3 Next steps

The OPSG is currently scheduled to provide its view on whether the operational acceptance criteria have been met at its meeting on 3 November 2020. We have scheduled the first preliminary progress review be carried out three months prior to this.

### 3. 2021 SEC Releases

#### 3.1 DCC System impacting modifications targeted for 2021

The DCC System impacting modifications currently able to be approved in time for inclusion in a 2021 SEC Release are:

Modification	Impacts DUIS?	Impacts GBCS?	Impacts CH firmware?
<a href="#">SECMP0007 'Firmware updates to IHDs and PPMIDs'</a>	✓	✓	✓
<a href="#">SECMP0015 'GPF timestamp for reading instantaneous Gas values'</a>		✓	✓
<a href="#">SECMP0024 'Enduring Approach to Communication Hub Firmware Management'</a>	✓		
<a href="#">SECMP0046 'Allow DNOs to control Electric Vehicle chargers connected to Smart Meter infrastructure'</a>	✓	✓	
<a href="#">SECMP0056 'IHD / PPMID Zigbee Attributes Available on the HAN'</a>		✓	✓
<a href="#">SECMP0067 'Service Request Traffic Management'</a>	✓		
<a href="#">MP078 'Incorporation of multiple Issue Resolution Proposals into the SEC - Part 2'</a>		✓	
<a href="#">MP090 'Incorporation of Non GBCS Non-Mandated Alerts into the SEC'</a>	TBC <sup>1</sup>	✓ <sup>2</sup>	
<a href="#">MP099 'Incorporation of multiple Issue Resolution Proposals into the SEC - Batch 4'</a>		✓	

The Panel and the Technical Architecture and Business Architecture Sub-Committee (TABASC) have both requested only a single GB Companion Specification (GBCS) uplift be made in 2021, unless there are material changes that would require a second uplift. The TABASC also believed the uplift to the GBCS and the DCC User Interface Specification (DUIS) should take place on the implementation date for SECMP0007.

The Authority's decision to send back SECMP0067 means this can no longer be implemented in the November 2020 SEC Release, and so, if approved, will fall back into 2021. Prior to this send-back, we were recommending all the other identified modifications to be targeted for the November 2021 SEC Release, in line with the Panel's and the TABASC's comments.

SECMP0067 will require documentation changes to the DUIS but will not impact the schemas. However, this would still create a new version of the DUIS. The DCC is seeking Users' views on targeting this modification for the June 2021 SEC Release, with all other modifications continuing to be targeted for the November 2021 SEC Release.

DCC Impact Assessments for most of these modifications are still outstanding, and the information received from these may further change the landscape, including which releases modifications should be targeted for. We will keep the industry informed of developments.

<sup>1</sup> Several solution options are currently being assessed for MP090, only one of which will impact the DUIS

<sup>2</sup> MP090 will require documentation changes to the GBCS

### 3.2 Next steps

The Panel is expected to baseline the scope of a SEC Release on the DCC Systems 12 months prior to go-live, in line with the SEC Release Management Policy. This means the Panel would be expected to baseline the June 2021 SEC Release at its June 2020 meeting. Any comments provided by the OPSG can be taken into consideration by the Panel when setting the scope.

## 4. Recommendations

The OPSG is requested to **PROVIDE** any views and comments on the scopes of the SEC Releases in this paper.

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### Attachments:

- **Appendix A:** November 2020 SEC Release Implementation Document v4.0