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## SEC Releases update

### 1. Purpose

This paper presents an update on progress with upcoming SEC Releases. This includes a request for the Panel to baseline the February 2021 SEC Release Implementation Document (RID), to note updates on progress with the November 2020 and June 2021 SEC Releases, and to note the DCC's report on the final costs of the June 2020 SEC Release.

### 2. November 2020 SEC Release

#### Update on scope

The table below summarises the status of the modifications currently in scope of the November 2020 SEC Release on 29 November 2020:

| Modification  | Current status   |
|---|--|
| <a href="#">SECMP0062 'Northbound Application Traffic Management - Alert Storm Protection' part 2</a> | Impacts DCC Systems. Approved for inclusion.   |
| <a href="#">MP080 'Managing DUIS uplifts'</a>   | Approved for inclusion.  |
| <a href="#">MP081 'Alignment of DUIS and CHISM to reflect current DCC Processing'</a>                 | Approved for inclusion.  |
| <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 15 November 2020. |
| <a href="#">MP093 'Implementing IRP511 and CRP535 to support GBCS v3.2 devices'</a>                   | Impacts DCC Systems. Approved for inclusion.   |
| <a href="#">MP098 'Incorporation of multiple Issue Resolution Proposals into the SEC - Batch 3'</a>   | Approved for inclusion.  |
| <a href="#">MP101 'Large Gas Meter Displays'</a>  | Approved for inclusion.  |
| <a href="#">MP102A 'Power Outage Alerts triggered by an OTA firmware upgrade'</a>                     | We are presenting the Modification Report to the Panel this month. The Change Board vote would   |

| Modification   | Current status   |
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|  | then be held on 23 September 2020 under Self-Governance.   |
| <a href="#">MP103 'DCC SOC2 Assessments'</a>                             | Approved for inclusion.  |
| <a href="#">MP110 'Aligning SEC Appendix D with DCC Processes'</a>       | Approved for inclusion.  |
| <a href="#">MP112 'Setting the Privacy Assessment Assurance Status'</a>  | Approved for inclusion.  |
| <a href="#">MP115 'Changes to the NCSC Good Practice Guides'</a>         | Approved for inclusion.  |
| <a href="#">MP118 'Communications Hub Finance Charges'</a>               | Approved for inclusion.  |
| <a href="#">MP120 'Correcting DUIS Matrix for SRV7.7 Eligible Users'</a> | Approved for inclusion.  |
| <a href="#">MP124 'Consequential changes to DUIS for SMETS1 Alerts'</a>  | Approved for inclusion.  |
| <a href="#">MP127 'SMKI RAPP Security Screening clarification'</a>       | The Change Board deferred the vote on 22 July 2020 pending further clarity on the legal text. The vote will now be held on 26 August 2020 under Self-Governance. |
| <a href="#">MP131 'Default maximum demand configuration conflict'</a>    | The Change Board vote will be held on 26 August 2020 under Self-Governance.  |
| <a href="#">MP133 'Consequential changes to SEC Section G'</a>           | The Change Board vote will be held on 26 August 2020 under Self-Governance.  |

We don't expect any further modifications to be added to the scope of this release, although the Panel may choose to add further modifications by exception if it believes it necessary or efficient to do so.

## DCC progress update

The DCC has provided the following update on its progress:

- System Integration Testing (SIT) started on 26 June 2020, and 10% has been successfully completed so far. The DCC plans to exit SIT on 1 October 2020, which would be in line with the timetable in the RID.
- The Testing Advisory Group (TAG) approved that Zigbee certification of emulators doesn't need to be in place for SIT exit.
- The next Operations Group (OPSG) update is planned for 4 August.

### 3. February 2021 SEC Release

The table below lists the modifications we believe should be targeted for inclusion in the February 2021 SEC Release on 25 February 2021:

| Modification  | Current status  |
|---|---|
| <a href="#">MP092 'New Planned Maintenance methodology'</a> | We expect to present the Modification Report to the Panel next month. The Change Board vote would then be held on 21 October 2020 under Self-Governance.  |
| <a href="#">MP095 'Alignment of SEC Credit Cover'</a>       | MP095 is undergoing solution development with the Working Group. This modification is currently a candidate for inclusion in this release, but the implementation approach will be confirmed as the solution develops.  |
| <a href="#">MP111 'SMDA Budget Amendments'</a>              | Following the Panel's discussions, we are working to develop a solution to present to the Working Group. The February 2021 SEC Release is the latest date a solution could be implemented without jeopardising the future of the Smart Metering Device Assurance (SMDA) scheme. |
| <a href="#">MP122 'Operational Metrics'</a>                 | We expect the Modification Report to be presented to the Panel for approval either at an ad-hoc meeting or via correspondence in the last week of August. The Change Board vote would then be held on 23 September 2020 before MP122 is issued to the Authority for decision.   |

We have prepared the RID for this release, and this can be found in Appendix A. The Panel is requested to baseline the RID to include the full scope of modifications targeted for the release.

The SEC Release Management Policy lays out that the full scope of a SEC Release should be set six months before go-live. We would therefore not expect any further modifications to be added to the scope after this meeting. 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.

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.

### 4. June 2021 SEC Release

The Panel agreed last month that the following DCC System impacting modification would be targeted for the June 2021 SEC Release on 24 June 2021:

| Modification   | Current status  |
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| <a href="#">SECMP0067 'Service Request Traffic Management'</a> | Following the Authority send-back, we are presenting the updated Modification Report to the Panel this month. We are proposing this is sent |

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| Modification | Current status   |
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|              | <p>directly to the Change Board to repeat the vote on 26 August 2020 before the report is returned to the Authority for decision.</p> <p>The cut-off for inclusion in this release is 30 September 2020, after which SECMP0067 would fall back to the November 2021 SEC Release.</p> |

We don't expect any further modifications that impact the DCC Systems to be added to the scope of this release, although the Panel may choose to add further modifications by exception if it believes it necessary or efficient to do so. The full scope of the release will be baselined in December 2020.

## 5. June 2020 SEC Release final costs

The DCC has provided its report on the final costs of the June 2020 SEC Release. This can be found in Appendix B.

## 6. Recommendations

The Panel is requested to:

- **NOTE** the update on the November 2020 SEC Release;
- **BASELINE** the February 2021 SEC Release Implementation Document for the full scope of the release;
- **NOTE** the update on the June 2021 SEC Release; and
- **NOTE** the final DCC costs for the June 2020 SEC Release.

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### Attachments:

- **Appendix A:** February 2021 SEC Release Implementation Document v0.1
- **Appendix B:** DCC update on final costs of the June 2020 SEC Release (**AMBER**)