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Stage 02: Working Group Consultation

SECMP0002:

Add new Command to reset Debt Registers

Summary

This Modification Proposal seeks to add a new Smart Metering Equipment Technical Specification (SMETS) Command to allow Users to reset any of the three debt registers on an Electricity Smart Metering Equipment (ESME) or Gas Smart Metering Equipment (GSME).

Working Group View



- The Working Group unanimously believes that SECMP0002 should be approved.

Impacts



- Suppliers Parties
- Other SEC Parties
- DCC
- DCC Central Systems
- Party Interfacing systems

Response Deadline



- This consultation closes at 5pm on Friday 26th January 2018.

What stage is this document in the process?

01	Initial Assessment
02	Refinement Process
03	Modification Report
04	Decision

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About this Document

This is the Working Group Consultation (WGC) for SECMP0002. This document provides a high-level summary of the issue, solution(s), impacts and costs, implementation date and the WG's views on the Modification Proposal;

This document has four attachments:

- Attachment A contains the Draft Modification Report (DMR) which provides a detailed explanation of the issue, solution(s), impacts, costs, implementation as well as the full WG discussions and conclusions;
- Attachment B contains the draft legal text changes to support this modification;
- Attachment C contains the Solution Design Specification document; and
- Attachment D contains the Consultation Response Form.

As part of this consultation SEC Parties will be asked to provide their views on SECMP0002. The information provided will help us to better understand the benefits and drawbacks of the modification, shape the solution(s) and assist the Panel, the Change Board and the Authority in their determinations.

Summary of SECMP0002

What is the issue?

Currently, there are no Smart Metering Equipment Technical Specification (SMETS) Commands to reset debt registers on an Electricity Smart Metering Equipment (ESME) or a Gas Smart Metering Equipment (GSME). This means that the User will have to utilise multiple commands in order to eradicate the debt that is displayed to the Consumer on a Smart Metering System (SMS).

If one of the commands in the process was to fail, the full reset of the debt register would be incomplete. This could potentially result in inaccurate data being held in the debt registers. The Proposer has highlighted that using multiple commands would be cumbersome and could cause confusion for the Consumer.

What is the Proposed Solution?

SECMP0002 seeks to add new SMETS commands so that the two Time Debt Registers and the Payment Debt Register can be independently reset to zero.

Impacts – Proposed Solution

Party

Large Supplier Parties	x	Small Supplier Parties	x
Electricity Network Parties		Gas Network Parties	
Other SEC Parties	x		

System

DCC Systems	x	Party interfacing systems	x
Smart Metering Systems	x	Communication Hubs	
Other systems			

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Implementation Costs

The total estimated implementation cost to deliver SECMP0002 is approximately £2,452,796. This total cost consists of:

- **£3,000** in SEC Administration effort; and
- **£2,449,796** in DCC effort.

Implementation Date

The Working Group recommends an implementation date of:

- 27th June 2019 (Release 4.0), if a decision to approve is made by 27th May 2018.

Working Group's initial views

The Working Group unanimously believes that SECMP0002 better facilitates SEC Objectives (a) and (c). It therefore believes that this Modification Proposal should be approved.

Where can you find further information?

A full description of the issue, solution(s), impacts, costs, implementation date and the Working Group's views on the merits of SECMP0002 can be found in the DMR (Attachment A).