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MP189 ‘Party Obligations for Communications Hub Orders’

Business requirements – version 0.1

About this document

This document contains the business requirements that support the solution(s) for this Modification Proposal. It sets out the requirements along with any assumptions and considerations. The DCC will use this information to provide an assessment of the requirements that help shape the complete solution.

1. Business requirements

This section contains the functional business requirements. Based on these requirements a full solution will be developed.

Business Requirements	
Ref.	Requirement
1	The DCC shall offer flexibility in terms of the minimum Communications Hub delivery quantity for each CSP Region to not put smaller SEC Parties at a financial disadvantage.
2	Parties will have the option of a reduced minimum Communications Hub delivery quantity set out in the SEC that is a reduction in current volumes if requested by a Party.

2. Considerations and assumptions

This section contains the considerations and assumptions for each business requirement.

2.1 General

This solution will be applied to Smart Metering Equipment Technical Specifications (SMETS)1 and SMETS2 Devices.

2.2 Requirement 1: The DCC shall offer flexibility in terms of the minimum Communications Hub delivery quantity for each region to not put smaller SEC Parties at a financial disadvantage.

The Proposer has requested an alternative option whereby Parties can request a lower minimum Communications Hub delivery quantity than currently available. The current quantities are 896 for the North Region and either 640 or 896 for the Central and South Regions (dependent on the Communications Hub Variant) and these volumes shall remain in the SEC as the standard option.

This lower alternative will aid smaller SEC Parties who currently experience high monthly costs associated with SIM card rental for Communications Hubs that are not installed due to the current required minimum order quantity being disproportionate to the amount of scheduled smart meter installs.

2.3 Requirement 2: Parties will have the option of a reduced minimum Communications Hub delivery quantity set out in the SEC that is a reduction in current volumes if requested by a Party.

The Proposer has stated that they are willing to collaborate with the DCC to find a suitable figure for the reduced minimum order quantity. The proposed quantity will take into consideration the costs associated with a reduction in current pallet size (such as shipping and handling charges).

3. Solution development

This section contains a must-have, should-have, could-have, won't-have (MoSCoW) analysis for the different requirement components to be considered as part of the solution.

MoSCoW Analysis		
Requirement Ref.	Description	MoSCoW
1	An alternative option of minimum Communications Hub delivery quantities across each CSP Region that is a reduction of what is currently stated in the SEC.	M
2	A more financially viable minimum Communications Hub delivery quantity for Small Suppliers that aligns with their business models.	M

Key

- M = Must have
- S = Should have
- C = Could have
- W = Won't have

4. Glossary

This table lists all the acronyms used in this document and the full term they are an abbreviation for.

Glossary	
Acronym	Full term
DCC	Data Communications Company
MoSCoW	must-have, should-have, could-have, won't-have
SIM	Subscriber Identity Module
SMETS	Smart Metering Equipment Technical Specifications