Stage 02: Working Group Consultation

SECMP0044:

User Security Assessment of a Shared Resource

Summary

This modification seeks to improve the User Security Assessment process where a User has engaged a Shared Resource to provide the User System on their behalf.

What stage is this document in the process?

01	Initial Assessment
02	Refinement Process
03	Modification Report
► **04**	Decision

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Working Group View

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- The initial unanimous view of the Working Group (WG) is that SECMP0044 should be **approved**.

Impacts

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- Large and Small Suppliers;
- Network Parties;
- Other SEC Parties (Shared Resources); and
- Data and Communications Company (DCC).

Response Deadline

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- This consultation closes at **5 pm** on **4th June 2018**.

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About this Document

This is the Working Group Consultation (WGC) for SECMP0044. This document provides a high-level summary of the issue, solution, 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, impacts, costs, implementation as well as the full WG discussions and conclusions;

- **Attachments B** and **C** contain the draft legal text changes to support this modification; and

- **Attachment D** contains the WGC response form.

As part of this consultation SEC Parties are asked to provide their views on SECMP0044. The information provided will help us to better understand the benefits and drawbacks of the modification, shape the solution and assist the Panel, the Change Board and the Authority in their determinations.

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Summary of SECMP0029

What is the issue?

The current arrangements require a Small Supplier (supplying energy to 250,000 or less Domestic Premises) to undergo a Full User Assessment in its first year, with a reduced level of assessment in the second and third years. However, if a Small Supplier elects to use a Shared Resource that, in aggregate, handles more than 250,000 Domestic Customers, the Small Supplier is required to undergo a Full Assessment every year. Furthermore, a Shared Resource is currently required to undergo one full assessment for each User that it serves each year. In some cases, this means a Shared Resource is required to undergo several dozen assessments in one calendar year.

What is the Proposed Solution?

The proposed solution seeks to ensure that:

(a) the Shared Resource becomes a SEC Party and is subject to a single User Security Assessment;

(b) the Shared Resource will make a payment for the cost of the User Security Assessment in the same way as a DCC User under SEC Section G8.51;

(c) the User Security Assessment Report of the Shared Resource should be made available to all Users who have engaged the Shared Resource to provide their User System; and

(d) a Small Supplier electing to use a Shared Resource, that, in aggregate, handles more than 250,000 Domestic Customers, will be subject to a Verification Assessment in the second year and to a Self-Assessment in the third year.

Impacts – Proposed Solution

Party

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

Implementation Costs

The total estimated implementation cost to deliver SECMP0044 is approximately **£1,200** in SEC administration time and effort.

Implementation Date

The WG recommends an implementation date for SECMP0044 of **10 Working Days** following approval.

Working Group's views

The WG unanimously believes that SECMP0044 better facilitates SEC Objectives (a), (e) and (g). The WG therefore believes that this Modification Proposal should be **approved**.

Where can you find further information?

A full description of the issue, solution, impacts, costs, implementation date and the WGs views on the merits of SECMP0044 can be found in the DMR (Attachment A).