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Stage 02: Working Group Consultation

SECMP0009:

Centralised Firmware Library

What stage is this document in the process?

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Summary

This Modification Proposal seeks to establish a Firmware Information Repository, with access provided to all Parties responsible for the management of SMETS1 and/or SMETS2 meters.

Working Group View



- The unanimous view of the Working Group is that SECMP0009 should be approved.

Impacts



- Supplier Parties, Meter Manufacturers that are SEC Parties, Firmware Developers.
- There are no impacts on DCC Central Systems or Party interfacing systems.

Response Deadline



- This consultation closes at 5pm on Friday 20th July 2018.

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About this Document

This is the Working Group Consultation (WGC) for SECMP0009. This document provides a high-level summary of the issue, solution, impacts and costs, implementation date and WG's views on the Modification Proposal;

This document has three 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 Working Group discussions and conclusions;
- Attachment B contains the draft legal text changes to support this modification;
- Attachment C contains the WGC response form.

As part of this consultation SEC Parties will be asked to provide their views on SECMP0009. 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 SECMP0009

What is the issue?

As the population of Smart Meters grows, Suppliers have found that they are responsible for maintaining assets supplied by Manufacturers with which they do not have commercial agreements. If a Supplier is the gaining Supplier in a Change of Supplier scenario it may become responsible for assets provided by Manufacturers that it has not previously worked with, and so may not have a commercial agreement in place with them. However, it still has the responsibility of maintaining the asset, including ensuring the latest version of firmware is in use. At the moment, there is no easy way for Suppliers to find out if a version of firmware is the latest version and who to contact if it is not.

What is the Proposed Solution?

The proposed solution is to establish a Firmware Information Repository containing “non-commercial” data regarding firmware provided to maintain compliance with industry specifications. This repository would sit alongside the Certified Products List (CPL) and be updated in tandem. The information will be supplied by the meter Manufacturers, allowing gaining Suppliers to understand if an asset is using the most recent version of firmware and how to acquire the latest firmware release from Manufacturers.

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		Party interfacing systems	
Smart Metering Systems		Communication Hubs	
Other systems			

Implementation Costs

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The total estimated implementation cost to deliver SECMP0009 is approximately £3,000 in SEC Administration effort

Implementation Date

The Working Group recommends an implementation date of:

- **1st November 2018**, if a decision to approve is made by 18th October 2018.

Working Group's initial views

The Working Group initially unanimously believes that SECMP0009 does better facilitate the SEC Objectives. 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 SECMP0009 can be found in the DMR (Attachment A).