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Stage 03: Modification Report Consultation

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SECMP0048:

Extension of SMETS gas Valve exemption to include U16 Large Gas Meters installed at Domestic Premises

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Summary

This Modification seeks to extend the current Smart Metering Equipment Technical Specifications (SMETS) gas Valve exemption to also cover any U16 Large Gas Meter installed at domestic premises.

Impacts

- Large Supplier Parties, Small Supplier Parties and Other SEC Parties.
- There are no impacts on DCC Central Systems or Party interfacing systems.

Response Deadline

- This Consultation closes at 5pm on Tuesday 10th July 2018.

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About this Document

This is the Modification Report Consultation (MRC) for SECMP0048. This document provides a high-level summary of the issue, solution, impacts and costs, implementation date and Panel views on the Modification Proposal;

This document has three attachments:

- **Attachment A** contains the Final Modification Report (FMR) which provides a detailed explanation of the issue, solution(s), impacts, costs and implementation;
- **Attachment B** contains the draft legal text changes to support this modification; and
- **Attachment C** contains the MRC response form.

As part of this consultation SEC Parties will be asked to provide their views on SECMP0048. The information provided will help us to better understand the benefits and drawbacks of the modification and assist the Panel, the Change Board in their determination.

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Summary of SECMP0048

What is the issue?

The Smart Metering Equipment Technical Specifications (SMETS) requires Large Gas Meters[1], commonly referred to as U16 Large Gas Meters, that are installed at domestic premises to include a Valve. However, this requirement does not extend to U16 Large Gas Meters installed at non-domestic premises. The number of non-domestic consumers that have, or require, a U16 Large Gas Meter is thought to be approximately 150,000, compared to the domestic sector where the number of U16 Large Gas Meters is estimated to be approximately 50,000. With most U16 Large Gas Meters being installed at non-domestic premises, and there being no requirement for those meters to contain a Valve, it is unlikely that a U16 Large Gas Meter will be developed that could be installed at domestic premises. Suppliers will instead have to rely on advanced meters as a domestic solution where a U16 Large Gas Meter is required.

What is the Proposed Solution?

This modification aims to extend the current SMETS gas Valve exemption to also cover any U16 Large Gas Meter installed at domestic premises.

Impacts – Proposed Solution

Party

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

System

There are no central system or user system changes required to implement this modification.

Implementation Costs

The total estimated implementation cost to delivery SECMP0048 is approximately £**1,200** in SECAS time and effort.

[1] A U16 Large Gas Meter is defined within the Gas Supply Standard Licence Conditions as a Gas Meter designed to operate with a maximum flow rate of greater than 11 cubic metres per hour.

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Implementation Date

SECAS recommends an implementation date of:

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

The November 2018 SEC Release is the earliest release that this modification can be targeted for.

Panel conclusions

The Panel unanimously agree that due process has been followed and that SECMP0048 should progresses to MRC.

Where can you find further information?

A full description of the issue, solution, impacts, costs, implementation date and Panel views on SECMP0048 can be found in the FMR (Attachment A).

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