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## Technical Specification versioning and Releases (including implementing SECMP0006 in Release 2.0)

### 1. Purpose

[SECMP0006 'Specifying the number of digits for device display'](#) is approved for implementation on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018 alongside Release 2.0. This paper puts forward the approach we intend to take to implement the changes to the Smart Metering Equipment Technical Specification 2 (SMETS2).

### 2. Implementation of SECMP0006's changes to SMETS2

SECMP0006 will require Electricity Smart Metering Equipment (ESME) and Gas Smart Metering Equipment (GSME) to display a specified subset of digits in relation to their Consumption Registers, on their User Interfaces. This change was approved by the Authority in September 2017 and will be implemented alongside Release 2.0.

SECMP0006 will make changes to SMETS2. As part of its implementation, SECMP0006 underwent the Notification Standstill period while the changes to the SMETS were notified to the European Union (EU). The version that was issued to the EU was labelled as SMETS2 version 3.0 and included the full set of changes that will be implemented as part of Release 2.0, including SECMP0006. This period has passed with no objections being raised.

SMETS2 version 3.0 was pre-designated into the SEC by BEIS on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018 for Release 2.0. However, this copy does not contain the changes for SECMP0006 as these were still undergoing the EU notification period at that time.

In order to implement the changes to SMETS2, we believe that the most appropriate approach would be to designate the copy that includes SECMP0006 as version 3.1 to go live alongside version 3.0 and set the installation and maintenance end dates for version 3.0 to 12 months after implementation. This will allow manufacturers a period in which to ensure they are delivering the requirements to include SECMP0006 before the version becomes mandatory.

### 3. Further impacts on SMETS2

[SECMP0048 'Extension of SMETS gas Valve exemption to include Large Gas Meters installed at Domestic Premises'](#) has been approved for implementation on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018 (November 2018 SEC Release) and will also amend SMETS2. SECMP0048 does not change the technical specifications in any way and will not have any impact on DCC or meter Manufacturers; it will only

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extend the exemption allowing a U16 Large Gas Meter without a Valve to be installed at non-domestic premises to include domestic premises too (under the current arrangements a U16 Large Gas Meter installed at a domestic premise must have a Valve). However, it will introduce changes to SMETS2, and so will require a change to the version number.

At this stage, we consider that the appropriate approach will be to introduce SECMP0048 into a version 3.2 that is effective from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018 and set the installation and maintenance end dates for version 3.1 to 12 months after implementation. However, we welcome the views of the TABASC on this approach.

We note that a SMETS2 version 4.0 has already been pre-designated into the SEC by BEIS, although the go-live date is currently unconfirmed; the changes from SECMP0048 will need to be incorporated into this next major version. We consider that the appropriate way forward at this time would be to introduce a version 4.1 to include SECMP0048, following the same approach as for SECMP0006. Alternatively, BEIS may wish to re-designate version 4.0 to include SECMP0048.

Similar issues may occur in the future should further modifications be approved that impact upon any SEC document that has been pre-designated by BEIS ahead of their implementation date. We are considering our enduring approach to configuration management for the SEC and will update the industry in due course.

## 4. Recommendations

The TABASC is requested to:

- **AGREE** the intended approach for incorporating SECMP0006 and SECMP0048 into SMETS2.

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