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SEC Modification Proposal Form – SECMP0061

Mod Title

Enduring SEC Release Provisions

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1. What issue are you looking to address?

To date, BEIS has overseen the development activities being carried out by DCC in relation to the Smart Metering Implementation Programme (SMIP). This has included agreeing the technical content of Releases, including defect fixes, and the Release Implementation Approach, and monitoring the progress of Releases.

BEIS is transitioning out of these activities, with the expectation being that a subset of these will be transferred to the SEC Panel to oversee SEC Releases on an enduring basis. However, the SEC does not currently include the full set of obligations and powers regarding oversight of Release Management for SEC Releases by the SEC Panel.

2. Why does this issue need to be addressed?

The process of BEIS transitioning out of the Release Management activities means that changes need to be made to the SEC for the SEC Panel to properly perform its duties. The current provisions in the SEC do not encompass the full set of responsibilities that the Panel would need to take on, and so changes are needed to clarify the arrangements going forward.

3. What is your Proposed Solution?

This Modification proposes to amend Section D of the SEC to confer the SEC Panel with the powers and obligations to oversee SEC Releases.

The SEC Panel considered and agreed what powers and responsibilities it would need to take on at its July 2018 meeting – see Panel paper 58_1307_05 for full details. At its August 2018 meeting the Panel considered the changes to the SEC that would be required to fully enable these responsibilities to be included in its duties. These changes are included in Attachment A. This modification proposes to introduce these changes into the SEC.

It is the intention that the SEC contains the core powers and obligations regarding SEC Releases, as discussed by the Panel, with the details of how the Panel will discharge these being contained within the SEC Release Management Policy. This policy would be a document owned and maintained by the Panel, and any changes to it would need to be consulted upon first.

This arrangement will provide greater flexibility to update the underlying process in the future, while ensuring the key obligations are contained within the SEC.

To be clear, these changes only relate to the oversight of SEC Releases, which is defined as the implementation of a package of one or more SEC Modification Proposals.

4. What SEC objectives does this Modification better facilitate?

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This Modification facilitates SEC Objective (g), to facilitate the efficient and transparent administration and implementation of this code.

Adding the core powers and obligations regarding the Panel's oversight of SEC Releases into SEC Section D would ensure that the governance arrangements for releases are clear, facilitating transparency. By including the core powers in the SEC and providing the detail of how these will be discharged in a Panel-owned document, this will make it easier to amend the underlying processes in response to any feedback, while ensuring the core obligations are enshrined in the SEC. This will facilitate the efficient administration of the process.

5. What is the requested Path type?	Path 2

We propose this as a Path 2 'Authority Determined Modification'. This change would have a material impact on the arrangements in SEC Section D, meeting the criteria in Section D2.6(d) to require Authority determination.

6. Are you requesting that the Modification Proposal be treated as Urgent?	No

7. What is your desired implementation date?

The February 2019 SEC Release would be the earliest release that this modification could be included in.

8. Which SEC Parties are expected to be impacted?

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

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There are no expected impacts on any SEC Parties.

9. Which parts of the SEC will be impacted?

SEC Sections A and D

The redlining that was produced for consideration by the Panel has been attached to this proposal form.

10. Will there be an impact on Central Systems?

DCC Systems		Party interfacing systems	
Smart Metering Systems		Communication Hubs	
Other systems			

There are no expected impacts on any Central Systems.

11. Will there be any testing required?

There will be no testing required.

12. Will this Modification impact other Energy Codes?	No

This Modification will not impact any other Energy Codes.

13. Will this Modification impact Greenhouse Gas Emissions?	No

This Modification will not impact Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

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