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# SECMP0018 & SECMP0025: Modification Send Backs

## 1. Purpose

Following the Panel's recommendation to do so, the Change Board has determined that both SECMP0018 'Standard Electricity Distributor Configuration Settings' and SECMP0025 'Electricity Network Party Access to Load Switching Information' should be returned to the Panel for further work. The Change Board agrees that the full Impact Assessment costs need to be received from the DCC and considered by the Working Groups and the industry.

This paper sets out the Change Board's discussions and the next steps for these modifications. A copy of the Final Modification Reports and their attachments can be downloaded from the SECMP0018 and SECMP0025 pages of the SEC Website.

## 2. Change Board discussion

SECMP0018 and SECMP0025 were presented to the Change Board for determination on 22nd August 2018. When reviewing the modifications, the Change Board noted the views of the Panel that the DCC Impact Assessment costs were incomplete and that the Panel was requesting that the Modification Reports be returned so that these could be obtained and included. [1]

It was agreed that updating the Modification Reports with full costs requires a Send Back. The Change Board therefore agreed to send these modifications back to the Panel, recommending that the Impact Assessment costs be discussed further by the Working Groups once received from the DCC.

Members requested that, in each case, the Working Group should ensure that the benefits for the modifications provide justification for the implementation costs and that it accurately reflects the full cost of implementation. The Change Board also sought for the Working Groups to discuss and finalise their views of the modification costs as soon as possible, to prevent these modifications from being delayed any further.

## 3. Next Steps

The Change Board agrees with the Panel that the DCC Impact Assessments for both modifications need to provide the full implementation costings, so an informed decision on approval can be made. In particular, System Integration Testing (SIT), User Integration Testing (UIT) and Implementation to

[1] Please see Panel paper SECP_59_1008_14 for full details.

Live costs are areas that need to be discussed before the modifications can be approved. The Change Board has not highlighted any other areas it considers needs further work.

We therefore recommend that the Panel directs the respective Working Groups to obtain and review the updated Impact Assessment costs to ensure that these fully cover the proposed solutions, review the benefits cases for approval in light of these, and include these in the Modification Reports. They should not undertake any further work in regard to each modification.

### Progression timetables

We recommend that both SECMP0018 and SECMP0025 progress to the following timetable:

| Activity | Date |
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| Panel considers Send-Back request | 14 Sep 18 |
| DCC provides full implementation costs | Sep/Oct 18 |
| Working Group meeting to review costs and benefits case | Oct 18 |
| Panel considers updated Modification Report | 09 Nov 18 |
| Second Modification Report Consultation | 09 Nov 18 – 30 Nov 18 |
| Change Board vote | 19 Dec 18 |

Since we are unsure of when we will receive the new Impact Assessment costs we have allowed a two-month period to ensure the Working Groups have time to fully assess the new costs and can review the benefits case for each modification, noting the high industry workload at this time. We believe this can be completed in a single teleconference meeting if SECAS circulates the updated Impact Assessment costs in advance upon receiving them from DCC. Wider industry views can be sought as part of the Modification Report Consultations.

We will update the Modification Reports in line with the Working Groups' assessments of the costs and determine revised implementation approaches.

## 4. Recommendations

The Panel is requested to:

- **AGREE** to return SECMP0018 and SECMP0025 to their Working Groups;
- **AGREE** the areas the Working Groups will need to review; and
- **AGREE** the timetable for these modifications.

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