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Stage 03: Modification Report Consultation

SECMP0009:

Centralised Firmware Library

What stage is this document in the process?

01	Initial Modification Report
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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 Smart Metering Equipment Technical Specifications (SMETS) 1 and/or SMETS2 meters.

Working Group View



- The Working Group unanimously believes that SECMP0009 should be approved.

Impacts



- Supplier Parties
- Meter Manufacturers
- Firmware Developers
- There are no impacts on Data Communication Company (DCC) Central Systems or Party interfacing systems

Response Deadline



- This Consultation closes at **5pm** on **Friday 2nd November 2018**.

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About this Document

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

This document has four attachments:

- **Attachment A** contains the Final Modification Report (FMR) which provides a detailed explanation of the issue, solution, impacts, costs, implementation as well as the full Working Group and Panel discussions and conclusions;
- **Attachment B** contains the draft legal text changes to support this modification;
- **Attachment C** contains the full responses received to the Working Group Consultation;
- **Attachment C** contains the full responses received to the first Modification Report Consultation; and
- **Attachment D** contains the Modification Report Consultation 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 and assist the Change Board and the Authority in their determinations.

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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 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 Central 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

Party

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

System

There are no impacts on DCC Central Systems or Party interfacing systems.

Implementation Costs

The total estimated implementation cost to deliver SECMP0009 is approximately £3,000. This total cost consists of:

- **£3,000** in SEC Administration effort.

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Implementation Date

The Panel has agreed for the modification to be implemented as soon as practically possible.

Working Group's views

The Working Group believes **unanimously** that SECMP0009 better facilitates the SEC Objectives. It therefore believes that this Modification Proposal should be **approved**.

Panel's views

The Panel agreed that due process has been followed and that SECMP0009 should progress to Modification Report Consultation.

The Panel also agreed that SECMP0009 is a Path 2: Authority Determined Modification Proposal and that the draft legal text changes to the SEC deliver the intention of the modification.

Where can you find further information?

A full description of the issue, solution, impacts, costs, implementation date and the Working Group and Panel views on the merits of SECMP0009 can be found in the FMR (Attachment A).

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