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SEC Modification Proposal Form – SECMP0066

Mod Title

Advanced Shipment Notifications (ASN) for Consignment of Communications Hubs.

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1. What issue are you looking to address?

Section 5 of SEC Appendix H stipulates that where a Party has ordered a Consignment of Communications Hubs, the DCC must offer that Party a minimum of two working days' notice that an Advanced Shipment Notification (ASN) for that Consignment of Communications Hubs is available via the Order Management System (OMS).

However, operational experience suggests that 48 hours' notice is too narrow a window for our installation and logistics partners and is significantly increasing the risk of delivery refusals.

The 48-hour notice period was set as a minimum in the SEC, but repeated requests of the Communication Service Providers (CSPs) to alter their practices to offer a greater notice period have gone unheeded.

2. Why does this issue need to be addressed?

The CSPs have repeatedly indicated their unwillingness to consider a greater notice period than the minimum requirement, despite its leading to an unacceptably high incidence of delivery refusals.

Delivery refusals drive up the overall costs of the Smart Metering implementation. It is important we consider anything that might help mitigate such cost increases.

3. What is your Proposed Solution?

We propose that SEC Appendix H Section 5 be amended to stipulate that where a Party has ordered a Consignment of Communications Hubs, the DCC must offer that Party a minimum of 10 working days' notice that an Advanced Shipment Notification (ASN) for that Consignment of Communications Hubs is available via the Order Management System (OMS).

4. What SEC objectives does this Modification better facilitate?

If implemented, we believe this proposal will better facilitate:

(a) the first General SEC Objective is to facilitate the efficient provision, installation, and operation, as well as interoperability, of Smart Metering Systems at Energy Consumers' premises within Great Britain;

(b) the second General SEC Objective is to enable the DCC to comply at all times with the General Objectives of the DCC (as defined in the DCC Licence), and to efficiently discharge the other obligations imposed upon it by the DCC Licence; and

(d) the fourth General SEC Objective is to facilitate effective competition between persons engaged in, or in Commercial Activities connected with, the Supply of Energy.

5. What is the requested Path type?

Path 2

We recommend Path 2 for this Modification Proposal because its approval or rejection would have a direct bearing on Parties engaged in Commercial Activities connected with the Supply of Energy.

6. Are you requesting that the Modification Proposal be treated as Urgent?

Yes

The minimum 48-hour window is already having a significant operational impact on our smart meter deployment.

7. What is your desired implementation date?

ASAP

8. Which SEC Parties are expected to be impacted? (Please mark with an X)

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

Large and Small Supplier Parties, as well as Meter Operators, will all benefit from the implementation of these proposals by experiencing fewer instances of delivery refusals.

9. Which parts of the SEC will be impacted?

Section 5 of Appendix H will be changed as described in 3 (above).

10. Will there be an impact on Central Systems? (Please mark with an X)

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

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The OMS and the process for SharePoint file generation might need to be altered to allow notifications to be issued according to different parameters.

11. Will there be any testing required?

The OMS might need to be tested.

12. Will this Modification impact other Energy Codes?

No

No

13. Will this Modification impact Greenhouse Gas Emissions?

No

No