

MP079 ‘Provisions for withdrawing modifications’

Annex A

Business requirements – version 1.0

About this document

This document contains the business requirements for this Modification Proposal. It provides detailed information on the business requirements for the Proposed Solution agreed by the Proposer, with input from the Data Communications Company (DCC) and Sub-Committees. It also provides the considerations and assumptions for each business requirement with respect to this Modification Proposal.

1. Business requirements

This section contains the functional business requirements. Based on these requirements a full solution will be developed.

Business Requirements	
Ref.	Requirement
1	The power to withdraw modifications will be extended to the Panel
2	Prior to withdrawing a modification, the Panel must provide rationale for why the modification should be withdrawn
3	After the Panel withdraws a modification, the Proposer will have the right to appeal the decision to the Authority
4	SECAS will notify Parties of the Panel's decisions

2. Considerations and assumptions

This section contains the considerations and assumptions for each business requirement.

2.1 Requirement 1: The power to withdraw modifications will be extended to the Panel

The key requirement for this proposal is to grant the Panel the ability to withdraw proposals prior to the Change Board's final vote.

2.2 Requirement 2: Prior to withdrawing a modification, the Panel must provide rationale for why the modification should be withdrawn

When the Panel feel that a Modification Proposal should potentially be withdrawn, they will first need to provide clear rationale as to why they believe this should be the case. Relevant reasons and evidence should be provided to the Proposer and to Parties so that they fully understand why the Panel have made the decision.

When identifying a Modification Proposal which should potentially be withdrawn, the Panel must take into consideration the views of the Change Sub-Committee, the Working Group and any other representation from Parties.

The Proposer and Parties should have the right to provide a response to the Panel prior to the Panel formally withdrawing the Modification Proposal. The minimum duration for responses will be 10 working days.

In the case of an Authority-initiated modification, the Panel must provide evidence that the Authority has given its consent to withdraw, as per the existing provisions for a Proposer.

2.3 Requirement 3: After the Panel withdraws a modification, the Proposer will have the right to appeal the decision to the Authority

Following the Panel's decision to withdraw, the Proposer should have the right to appeal the decision to the Authority. The appeal will need to be made within ten working days of the Panel's decision. Reasons must be given by the Proposer for their appeal to enable the Authority to make its decision.

Other Parties will not have the right to adopt a modification proposal withdrawn by the Panel.

2.4 Requirement 4: SECAS will notify Parties of the Panel's decisions

SECAS will inform all Parties of the Panel's intent to withdraw, decision to withdraw, any appeal by the Proposer and any decision by the Authority as soon as reasonably practicable. This also includes whether Ofgem have overturned the decision. SECAS will also update the Modifications Register and web pages accordingly, adding further visibility of the outcome.

3. Glossary

This table lists all the acronyms used in this document and the full term they are an abbreviation for.

Glossary	
Acronym	Full term
DCC	Data Communications Company
SECAS	Smart Energy Code Administrator and Secretariat