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MP167A ‘Review of SEC documents (Testing Approach Document criteria)’ Conclusions Report – version 1.0

About this document

This document summarises the responses received to the Modification Report Consultation regarding the approval or rejection of this modification.

Summary of conclusions

Change Board

The Change Board voted to **approve** MP167A. It believed the modification better facilitated Smart Energy Code (SEC) Objectives (a)¹ and (e)².

Modification Report Consultation

The Smart Energy Code Administrator and Secretariat (SECAS) received three responses to the Modification Report Consultation. All respondents believed that the modification should be approved. They considered the modification better facilitated SEC Objectives (a) and (e).

¹ Facilitate the efficient provision, installation, operation and interoperability of smart metering systems at energy consumers' premises within Great Britain.

² Facilitate innovation in the design and operation of energy networks to contribute to the delivery of a secure and sustainable supply of energy.

Modification Report Consultation responses

Summary of responses

All three respondents (two Large Suppliers and one Network Party) believed that the modification addresses the issue defined. One respondent, the Network Party, felt that the modification better facilitates SEC Objectives (a) and (e). Two respondents provided comments on the proposed legal text. These comments have been raised with the Proposer for decision, leading to version 1.1 of the legal text.

The changes include the removal of 'Systems Integration Testing', which is defined within SEC Section T 'Testing During Transition' and referenced in other section. This has been replaced with 'Code Implementation SIT'³, as the SEC Lawyer has stated that this is a more accurate term, as 'Systems Integration Testing' relates to when the Code originally went live (hence why it was defined within Section T). Please note that SEC Variation Testing Approach Documents (SVTADs) have a separate definition under the term 'Systems Integration Test Phase ("SIT")'⁴.

Change Board vote

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The Change Board voted to **approve** MP167A

The vote breakdown is summarised below.

Change Board vote				
Party Category	Approve	Reject	Abstain	Outcome
Large Suppliers	5	0	0	Approve
Small Suppliers	2	0	0	Approve
Network Parties	3	0	0	Approve
Other SEC Parties	2	0	0	Approve
Consumer Representative	0	0	0	-
Overall outcome:				APPROVE

The Consumer representative was not present for the vote.

Views against the General SEC Objectives

Objective (a)

The Change Board believes that MP167A will better facilitate SEC Objective (a) as the Proposed Solution will implement detailed TAD criteria, which will result in greater efficiency of smart metering while delivering a more concise Code.

³ means the testing undertaken on implementation of this Code that tested the capability of the DCC and the component parts of the DCC Systems together with the Communications Hubs to Interoperate with each other and with the RDP Systems.

⁴ means the test phase focusing on verifying the end-to-end operation of the Modified DCC Total System.

Objective (e)

The Change Board believes that MP167A will better facilitate SEC Objective (e) as the Proposed Solution will facilitate innovation and design through implementing the changes that have been tested in accordance with the TAD criteria.

Change Board discussions

No comments were received from the Change Board.