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MP167B ‘Review of SEC documents (DCC Internal Systems change governance)’

Annex B

Refinement Consultation responses

About this document

This document contains the full collated responses received to the MP167B Refinement Consultation.

Question 1: Do you agree that the solution put forward will effectively resolve the identified issue?

Question 1			
Respondent	Category	Response	Rationale
National Grid Electricity Distribution	Network Party	Yes	We feel that this modification proposal will better facilitate SEC Objectives and will codify DCC obligations throughout testing.
Utilita	Large Supplier	Yes	We believe that having the Project Assurance Policy defined within the SEC would be highly beneficial to future DCC projects.
Electricity North West Limited	Network Party	Yes	Any DCC projects or programme that impact Users should be subject to visibility and scrutiny. We welcome the Sub Committee Chairs request and the Programme Assurance Policy framework. We agree the Policy should be embedded with the SEC to ensure the DCC have adequate obligations regarding its compliance and to enable the SEC Panel to have sufficient oversight powers.

Question 2: Do you agree that the legal text will deliver MP167B?

Question 2			
Respondent	Category	Response	Rationale
National Grid Electricity Distribution	Network Party	Yes	We appreciate the inclusion of publication of the PAP to the Website.
Utilita	Large Supplier	Yes	No comments.
Electricity North West Limited	Network Party	Yes	As above.

Question 3: Do you agree with the proposed implementation approach?

Question 3			
Respondent	Category	Response	Rationale
National Grid Electricity Distribution	Network Party	Yes	We agree with the inclusion within the Feb 2024 release.
Utilita	Large Supplier	Yes	We agree with the approach outlined.
Electricity North West Limited	Network Party	Yes	-

Question 4: Will there be any impact on your organisation to implement MP167B?

Question 4			
Respondent	Category	Response	Rationale
National Grid Electricity Distribution	Network Party	No	As per the proposal this will be implanting assurance for DCC to adhere to, we as a DNO will not need to implement a process.
Utilita	Large Supplier	No	No direct impacts, however there may be indirect benefits due to the new assurance policy improving the transparency into DCC projects.
Electricity North West Limited	Network Party	No	N/A

Question 5: Will your organisation incur any costs in implementing MP167B?

Question 5			
Respondent	Category	Response	Rationale
National Grid Electricity Distribution	Network Party	No costs	We as a DNO will only incur costs from projects or testing as passed through by the DCC. We do not foresee costs from MP167B.
Utilita	Large Supplier	No costs	No costs to us to implement.
Electricity North West Limited	Network Party	No costs	N/A

Question 6: How long from the point of approval would your organisation need to implement MP167B?

Question 6			
Respondent	Category	Response	Rationale
National Grid Electricity Distribution	Network Party	N/A	N/A
Utilita	Large Supplier	None	We would not need to implement any changes for this modification.
Electricity North West Limited	Network Party	N/A	N/A

Question 7: Do you believe that MP167B would better facilitate the General SEC Objectives?

Question 7			
Respondent	Category	Response	Rationale
National Grid Electricity Distribution	Network Party	Yes	We feel that this modification proposal will better facilitate SEC Objectives a,e & g and will codify DCC obligations throughout testing.
Utilita	Large Supplier	Yes	We believe this will have positive impacts on SEC objectives (a), (b) and (e). Allowing SEC Parties to have a better view and input into DCC projects that would affect them will make these projects more efficient and accepted across Industry, leading to a more efficient and innovative market.
Electricity North West Limited	Network Party	Yes	We agree the solution will better facilitates the SEC Objectives due to it providing further transparency of DCC testing activities for projects and programmes (now that Section T no longer applies) that will result in greater efficiency of smart metering.

Question 8: Do you believe there will be any impacts on or benefits to consumers if MP167B is implemented?

Question 8			
Respondent	Category	Response	Rationale
National Grid Electricity Distribution	Network Party	No	N/A
Utilita	Large Supplier	Yes	Please see answer to question 7.
Electricity North West Limited	Network Party	Yes	Whilst this change only directly impacts the DCC it indirectly impacts all Users as with its absence the DCC are able to introduce new projects and policies which may impact us as a User, but which are not subject to adequate controls and visibility. Any impact to us as User may also impact our customers.

Question 9: Noting the costs and benefits of this modification, do you believe MP167B should be approved?

Question 9			
Respondent	Category	Response	Rationale
National Grid Electricity Distribution	Network Party	Yes	We feel that this modification proposal will better facilitate SEC Objectives a,e & g and will codify DCC obligations throughout testing.
Utilita	Large Supplier	Yes	Please see answer to question 7.
Electricity North West Limited	Network Party	Yes	See response to Q1.

Question 10: Please provide any further comments you may have.

Question 10		
Respondent	Category	Comments
National Grid Electricity Distribution	Network Party	N/A
Utilita	Large Supplier	No further comments.
Electricity North West Limited	Network Party	N/A