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MP253 ‘Traffic Management for Price Cap Update Events - User Actions Required’

Conclusions Report – version 1.0

About this document

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

Summary of conclusions

Change Board

The Change Board voted to **approve** MP253. All members who voted to approve MP253 believed it better facilitated SEC Objectives (a)¹ and (c)². One member who voted to reject MP253 believed it did not better facilitate SEC Objectives (a) and (c), as well as SEC Objective (e)³.

Modification Report Consultation

SECAS received four responses to the Modification Report Consultation. Three respondents believed that the modification should be approved. Two respondents considered the modification better facilitated SEC Objectives (a) and (c), and one respondent who did not provide any views on which SEC objective this modification would better facilitate. One respondent believed the modification should be rejected, as they considered the last few price change events have operated smoothly without making the DCC guidance compulsory.

¹ facilitate the efficient provision, installation, and operation, as well as interoperability, of Smart Metering Systems at Energy Consumers' premises within Great Britain.

² facilitate Energy Consumers' management of their use of electricity and gas through the provision to them of appropriate information by means of Smart Metering Systems.

³ facilitate such innovation in the design and operation of Energy Networks (as defined in the Data Communications Company Licence) as will best contribute to the delivery of a secure and sustainable Supply of Energy.

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Modification Report Consultation responses

Summary of responses

Four responses were received as part of this Modification Report Consultation. Three responses were in favour of the modification being approved and one response was opposed to the modification.

One favourable respondent (Large Supplier) noted this would facilitate more efficient Price Cap Update Events and would allow critical tariff updates to occur on time, thus allowing customers to manage their usage with the most up to date prices available. They added that they continue to believe that the controls outlined within this modification are insufficient and that a robust set of technical controls should be developed and implemented. They noted the ability to hold Future Dated SRVs at a Device level for SMETS1 devices, as well as other automated technical solutions, cannot be circumvented.

One opposed respondent (Large Supplier) noted that there is no need for this modification, adding that it seems redundant and is creating additional obligations on Suppliers where they are not needed. Furthermore, they noted that it should not be up to Suppliers to manage traffic into the DCC. They added that the DCC maintain and control the infrastructure, and therefore, scaling it to deal with mass Price Change Events should be the DCC's responsibility.

System or process changes to comply with the Proposed Solution

One respondent (Large Supplier) noted they are reviewing any system or process changes internally, including with their software platform provider.

Another respondent (Large Supplier) highlighted that they comply with the informal guidance and draft PCID that has been issued to date, therefore they would not need to make additional changes. They added that they would need a level of monitoring required to ensure that any changes to the guidance can be adhered to.

One respondent (Large Supplier) noted their billing system and DCC Adaptor do not currently have the functionality that allows them to Future Date tariff or Price Change Commands. They added that system improvements will be required before this is possible. They highlighted the costs of the upgrade are yet to be confirmed, as is dependent on the contract with their systems provider. They noted that exact timelines are also to be confirmed, however would estimate it will take several months (possibly in excess of 6 months) to implement these changes should they be required.

Change Board vote

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The Change Board voted to **approve** MP253 under Self-Governance.

The vote breakdown is summarised below:

Change Board vote				
Party Category	Approve	Reject	Abstain	Outcome
Large Suppliers	4	3	0	Approve
Small Suppliers	2	0	0	Approve
Network Parties	2	0	0	Approve
Other SEC Parties	3	0	0	Approve
Consumer Representative	1	0	0	Approve
Overall outcome:				APPROVE