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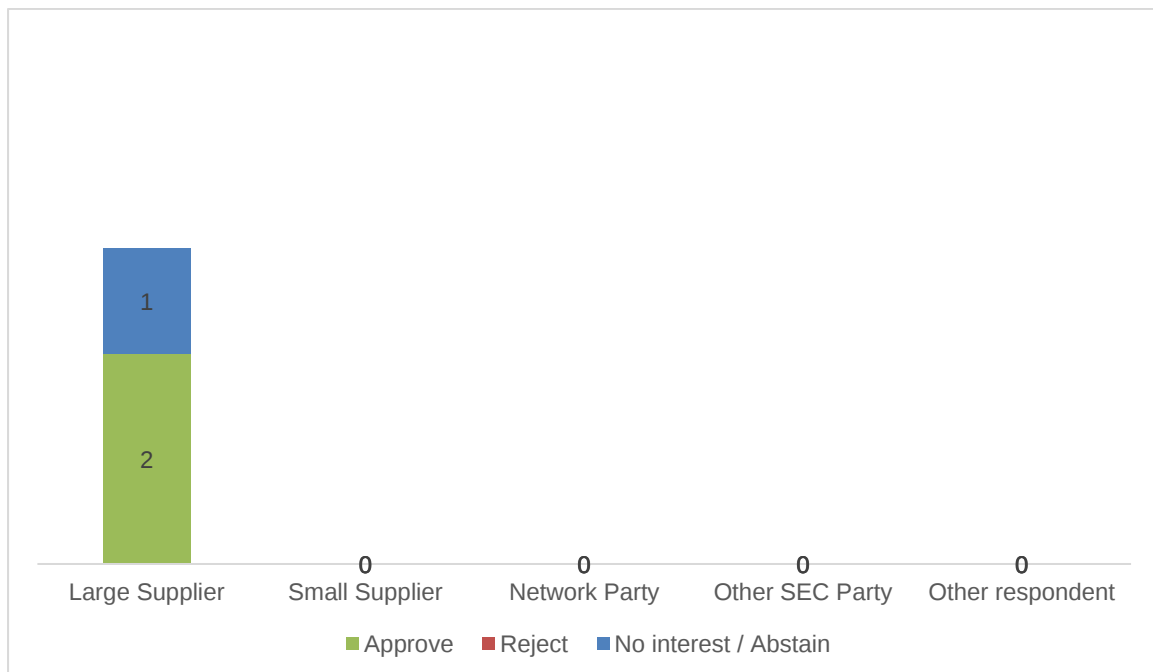
# MP275 'Section K changes to support 4G Communications Hubs rollout'

## Modification Report Consultation responses

### About this document

This document contains the full collated responses received to the MP275 Modification Report Consultation.

### Summary of responses



## Question 1: Do you believe that MP275 should be approved or rejected?

| Question 1     |                |          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| Respondent     | Category       | Response | Rationale                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| British Gas    | Large Supplier | Approve  | General SEC Objectives (a), (b), (d) and (g)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| EDF            | Large Supplier | Approve  | EDF agree with the proposer that this modification would better facilitate SEC Objectives (a) and (g) as the modification would facilitate the 4G CH rollout, ensuring that costs associated with these are equitably levied across industry.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Octopus Energy | Large Supplier | Abstain  | As with our previous consultation response, we do not feel there is significant information available regarding the overall cost of this modification both to individuals and industry. Without access to accurate costs or modelling we feel it would not be appropriate to either support or reject this consultation as we acknowledge that such costs would be ultimately borne by end consumers. This contradicts General SEC objective A with regards to <i>efficient</i> provision, installation, and operating of Smart Metering Systems at Energy Consumers premises. |

## Question 2: Please provide any further comments you may have.

| Question 2     |                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| Respondent     | Category       | Comments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| British Gas    | Large Supplier | <p>This is an urgent modification to facilitate the timely start to mass 4G roll-out, and we do not want to see it delayed by a send-back decision. We remain supportive of the proposal and request that the modification report contains all the information required for authority determination.</p> <p>Our support is based on the DCC forecasts for the expected costs for the 4G rollout, and assumes these costs will be subject to regular reviews throughout the year in line with its Licence obligation so as not to over-recover its Allowed Revenue. We look forward to DCC being transparent on any changes to assumptions or improved forecasts as the 4G rollout commences to ensure that costs remain efficient for consumers.</p> <p>MP275 is required regardless of the outcome of the upcoming SEC Panel recommendation to DESNZ on Financing vs Funded for 4G.</p> |
| EDF            | Large Supplier | <p>The introduction of 4G comms hubs and increased costs have necessitated a review of Comms hub charging methodology due to the nature of the device and the associated costs to the DCC.</p> <p>The scale of the costs increases are significant and the end user will ultimately have to pay those charges. We urge the DCC to be mindful of the impact on consumers and consider appropriate mechanisms for spreading the cost of the impact.</p> <p>Notwithstanding our concerns on cost, we agree that the changes proposed in this modification need to go ahead.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Octopus Energy | Large Supplier | <p>We acknowledge and welcome the DCC making costs available to parties in January 2025 however, as this is expected after the end date of this consultation, we do not feel adequately informed to make a decision regarding approval or rejection at this time.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |