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SEC Change Board Meeting 104_2307

23 July 2025, 10:00 – 11:05

Teleconference

SECCB_104_2307– Final Minutes

Attendees:

Representing	Change Board Members	Organisation
Change Board Chair	Ali Beard	Change Board Chair
Large Suppliers	Emma Johnson (EJ)	British Gas
	Alex Hurcombe (AH)	EDF
	Sharon Armitage (SA)	E.ON
	Joey Manners (JM)	Octopus Energy
	Emslie Law (EL)	OVO
	Kevin Clark (KC)	Utilita
Small Suppliers	Carolyn Burns (CB)	ESG Global
	Gareth Evans (GE)	Waters Wye
Network Parties	Nathan Richardson (NR) (<i>Alternate</i>)	UK Power Networks
	Tom Stuart (TS)	Wales & Western Utilities
Other SEC Parties	Ian Lovatt (IL)	Chameleon
	Nick Winfield (NW)	Landis+Gyr

Other Participants

DCC	
David Walsh (DW)	Bradley Baker (BB)
Graeme Milligan (GM) (<i>part</i>)	

Ofgem		
Ian Chalfon (IC)		Cristina Ullastre (CU)
SECAS		
Sophia Master (SM) <i>(Meeting Secretary)</i>	Georgiana Severin (GS)	Marc Rhodes (MR)
Simon Grimwood (SG)	Khaleda Hussain (KH)	Lydia Bentley (LB)

Apologies:

Representing	Change Board Members	Organisation
Small Suppliers	Christie Thomson (CT)	SSE
Network Parties	Rachael Prosser (RP)	National Grid Electricity Distribution
Consumers	Caroline Farquhar (CF)	Citizens Advice

Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed members to the Change Board meeting.

1. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The Meeting Secretary (SM) informed the Change Board that comments had been received on the previous meeting minutes. The Change Board **APPROVED** the minutes as final.

2. Actions Outstanding

Action Reference	Action
103/01	DCC to provide an update on DP218.
The DCC will be publishing the response to their consultation on the week commencing 28 July. It was agreed to keep this action open until the consultation has been published. Status: Open	

3. Change Board Votes

MP288 'Erroneous Section J Default Notices'

The Change Board were invited to perform the final vote on [MP288 'Erroneous Section J Default Notices'](#).

A member (AH) queried how often the issue had occurred where the default notice has been sent incorrectly. SECAS (LB) confirmed that the issue had occurred several times a year ago which prompted the proposal, although it is not currently happening. The Chair (AB) noted that while the process issue has been resolved, the Proposer was keen to embed the fix in the SEC to prevent recurrence.

The Change Board agreed to proceed to vote. The voting outcome is shown below:

Party Category	Approve	Reject	Abstain	Conclusion
Large Suppliers	6	0	0	Approve
Small Suppliers	2	0	0	Approve
Network Parties	2	0	0	Approve
Other SEC Parties	2	0	0	Approve
Overall conclusion:				Approve

The Change Board unanimously believed that MP288 will better facilitate SEC Objectives (b)¹ and (g)² for the reasons given in the Modification Report Consultation responses.

The Change Board:

- **AGREED** this Modification Proposal should proceed to vote
- **APPROVED** this Modification Proposal under Self-Governance
- **PROVIDED** rationale for this decision relating to the General SEC Objectives

There will now be 10 Working Days for any SEC Party who wishes to refer the Change Board's decision to the Panel. This referral period will close at **5pm on Wednesday 6 August 2025**. If no referrals are received; the decision will be final.

MP290 'Incorporation of Category 3 Issue Resolution Proposal into the SEC – Batch 11 and GBCS Changes'

The Change Board were invited to perform the final vote on [MP290 'Incorporation of Category 3 Issue Resolution Proposal into the SEC – Batch 11 and GBCS Changes'](#)

No comments were received from the Change Board.

Party Category	Approve	Reject	Abstain	Conclusion
Large Suppliers	6	0	0	Approve
Small Suppliers	2	0	0	Approve

¹ Enable the Data Communications Company to comply at all times with the General Objectives of the Data Communications Company (as defined in the Data Communications Company Licence), and to efficiently discharge the other obligations imposed upon it by the Data Communications Company Licence.

² Facilitate the efficient and transparent administration and implementation of this Code.

Party Category	Approve	Reject	Abstain	Conclusion
Network Parties	2	0	0	Approve
Other SEC Parties	2	0	0	Approve
Overall conclusion:				Approve

The Change Board unanimously believed that MP290 will better facilitate SEC Objectives (a)³ for the reasons given in the Modification Report Consultation responses.

The Change Board:

- **AGREED** this Modification Proposal should proceed to vote
- **APPROVED** this Modification Proposal under Self-Governance
- **PROVIDED** rationale for this decision relating to the General SEC Objectives

There will now be 10 Working Days for any SEC Party who wishes to refer the Change Board's decision to the Panel. This referral period will close at **5pm on Wednesday 6 August 2025**. If no referrals are received; the decision will be final.

MP295 'Amendment to SMETS1 Cache Solution'

The Change Board were invited to perform the final vote on [MP295 'Amendment to SMETS1 Cache Solution'](#)

A member (NR) asked whether all SMETS1 meters support this extended caching. The DCC (GM) confirmed that all meters are compatible, regardless of manufacturer or firmware.

The DCC (BB) asked for confirmation on the implementation date of the ad hoc Modifications in August. The Chair (AB) confirmed this will be 10 working days after today, noting this will be the 7 August 2025.

The Change Board agreed to proceed to vote. The voting outcome is shown below:

Party Category	Approve	Reject	Abstain	Conclusion
Large Suppliers	6	0	0	Approve
Small Suppliers	2	0	0	Approve
Network Parties	2	0	0	Approve
Other SEC Parties	2	0	0	Approve
Overall conclusion:				Approve

³ Facilitate the efficient provision, installation, and operation, as well as interoperability, of Smart Metering Systems at Energy Consumers' premises within Great Britain.

The Change Board believed that MP295 will better facilitate SEC Objectives (a)⁴, (b)⁵ and (c)⁶.

The Change Board:

- **AGREED** this Modification Proposal should proceed to vote
- **APPROVED** this Modification Proposal under Self-Governance
- **PROVIDED** rationale for this decision relating to the General SEC Objectives

There will now be 10 Working Days for any SEC Party who wishes to refer the Change Board's decision to the Panel. This referral period will close at **5pm on Wednesday 6 August 2025**. If no referrals are received; the decision will be final.

4. SEC Modification Timetables

SECAS (KH) provided an update on the timetables for Modification Proposals, providing an updated Prioritisation Matrix and summaries of high and on hold modifications.

A member (EJ) expressed confusion on MP169, over the shift from the original Data Service Provider (DSP) based proposal to the agreed procedure route. The Chair (AB) clarified that the change was due to high costs associated with the old DSP solution, prompting exploration of a cheaper alternative. The Chair (AB) advised that they will be continuing to develop the DCC solution. Although the Impact Assessment (IA) for the new DSP may not be available, the IA of the old DSP is available.

A member (AH) added that the agreed procedure lacked technical feasibility and required input from experts familiar with service requests. The DCC (DW) confirmed that a Preliminary Impact Assessment for DSP2 had been completed and shared with the Working Group.

A member (SA) queried the date for implementation for FSM. The DCC (DW) confirmed the current target is March 2026. The Chair (AB) noted that the DCC have advised the business requirements for MP137 are included in the FSM.

The Chair (AB) advised that MP287 has been withdrawn. The Chair (AB) noted that the DCC had amended their reports to include the information that had been requested. The Proposer (Octopus) (JM) explained that MP287 was withdrawn because the DCC extended the Alert reporting window to 90 days, satisfying the original intent without needing a modification.

A member (EJ) raised concerns about the high IA cost becoming standard under DSP2. The DCC (DW) noted this is being reviewed internally at DCC where multiple Service Providers are involved.

The Change Board:

- **NOTED** the updates on the SEC Modification Timetables.

⁴ Facilitate the efficient provision, installation, and operation, as well as interoperability, of Smart Metering Systems at Energy Consumers' premises within Great Britain.

⁵ Enable the DCC to comply at all times with the General Objectives of the DCC (as defined in the DCC Licence), and to efficiently discharge the other obligations imposed upon it by the DCC Licence.

⁶ 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.

Any other business

The Chair (AB) advised MP241 was referred by the DCC to the SEC Panel during the referral window. The referral letter was initially confidential; however, this has now been made public and is available on the SEC website. The SEC Panel will vote on whether to uphold or overturn the Change Board's decision regarding MP241 at the August SEC Panel meeting. A member (EL) raised a concern about how voting weightings differ between the Change Board and the Panel, noting uncertainty about how Supplier views would be represented at Panel level. The Chair (AB) advised that they anticipate that the papers will be sent out early, allowing members time to read through the content prior to the meeting.

A member (SA) asked how the Change Board's views, especially from Suppliers who opposed the modification, would be communicated to the Panel. The Chair (AB) assured that all relevant documentation and perspectives would be included in the presentation.

Next scheduled meeting date: 20 August 2025