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## SEC Change Board Meeting 64

23 March 2022, 10:00 – 10:35

Teleconference

### SECCB\_64\_2303 - Draft Minutes

#### Attendees:

| Category           | Change Board Members                                         |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Change Board Chair | David Kemp (DK)                                              |
| Large Suppliers    | David Rodger (DR)                                            |
|                    | Emma Johnson (EJ)                                            |
|                    | Alex Hurcombe (AH)                                           |
|                    | Emslie Law (EL)                                              |
|                    | Sharon Armitage (SA)                                         |
|                    | Robert Johnstone (RJ)                                        |
| Small Suppliers    | Carolyn Burns (CB)                                           |
|                    | Gareth Evans (GE)                                            |
| Network Parties    | Gemma Slaney (GS)                                            |
|                    | Gurvinder Dosanjh (GD) ( <i>alternate for Andy Clasper</i> ) |
| Other SEC Parties  | Nick Winfield (NW) ( <i>alternate for Alastair Cobb</i> )    |

| Representing                      | Other Participants                    |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Data Communications Company (DCC) | David Walsh (DW)                      |
|                                   | David Rollason (DR)                   |
| Ofgem                             | Grace Royall (GR)                     |
| SECAS                             | Ali Beard (AB)                        |
|                                   | Holly Burton (HB) (Meeting Secretary) |
|                                   | Joe Hehir (JH)                        |
|                                   | Bradley Baker (BB)                    |

## Apologies:

| Representing      | Participant                 |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Large Suppliers   | Izzy Smith (IS)             |
| Network Parties   | Stephen Charlton (SC)       |
| Network Parties   | Andy Clasper (AC)           |
| Other SEC Parties | Alastair Cobb (ACo)         |
| Other SEC Parties | Mike Woodhall (MW)          |
| Other SEC Parties | Patrick Caiger-Smith (PC-S) |
| Consumers         | Ed Rees (ER)                |

## 1. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The Chair (DK) confirmed one set of comments had been received by a CSC member (GS) on the minutes from the previous Change Board meeting held on Wednesday 23 February 2022. The Change Board **APPROVED** the minutes as modified.

## 2. Actions Outstanding

| Action Ref   | Action                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| <b>62/01</b> | SECAS to inform the Panel and industry of the Change Board's agreed stance on how it will account for Parties that have not submitted a response to consultations when performing the final vote.                                                               |
|              | SECAS advised that the Panel was updated with this information as part of the SEC Operations Report which was circulated on Friday 11 February 2022. The Industry was informed of the stance as part of the February 2022 SEC newsletter. Status: <b>Closed</b> |

## 3. MP140 'CH Stock Transfer' Change Board vote

The Change Board was invited to perform the final vote on [MP140 'CH Stock Transfer'](#).

SECAS (JH) provided an update on the issue and proposed solution of MP140 before providing estimated costs associated with MP140. There were five responses to the Modification Report Consultation (MRC), all of which were supportive of this change. One respondent noted concern about the lack of a disputes process being in place but recognised the desire to implement MP140 as soon as possible.

No comments were raised, and the Change Board proceeded to vote.

### Change Board Vote – MP140 decision:

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   | 1       | 0      | 0       | Approve    |
| Consumers           | 0       | 0      | 0       | -          |
| Overall conclusion: |         |        |         | Approve    |

The view of the Change Board is that MP078 would better facilitate SEC Objective (a)<sup>1</sup> for the reasons given in the Modification Report.

The Change Board:

- **AGREED** that MP140 should proceed to vote;
- **AGREED** that MP140 should be **APPROVED** under Self-Governance; and
- **PROVIDED** rationale for this decision against 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 CSC to do so. This referral period will close at **5pm on Wednesday 6 April 2022**.

If no referrals are received by this date, then MP140 will be implemented on 3 November 2022 as part of the November 2022 SEC Release.

#### 4. MP159 'Credit Cover Review' Change Board vote

The Change Board was invited to perform the final vote on [MP159 'Credit Cover Review'](#).

SECAS (BB) provided an update on the issue and proposed solution of MP159 before providing an assessment of the change. Three responses were received as part of the MRC, all of which were supportive of this change.

A CSC member (GS) appreciated it is SEC Parties' responsibilities to be aware of any necessary changes but questioned whether the DCC will be reaching out to potential impacted Parties to ensure the Credit Cover is changed where required. SECAS (BB) advised only three Parties would be required to update their Credit Cover and the DCC will notify these Parties before implementation in June 2022.

No further comments were raised, and the Change Board proceeded to vote.

#### Change Board Vote – MP159 decision:

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    |

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

| Party Category      | Approve | Reject | Abstain | Conclusion |
|---------------------|---------|--------|---------|------------|
| Other SEC Parties   | 1       | 0      | 0       | Approve    |
| Consumers           | 0       | 0      | 0       | -          |
| Overall conclusion: |         |        |         | Approve    |

The view of the Change Board is that MP159 would better facilitate SEC Objectives (b)<sup>2</sup> and (g)<sup>3</sup> for the reasons given in the Modification Report, and one member suggesting that it would also better facilitate SEC Objective (d)<sup>4</sup>.

The Change Board:

- **AGREED** that MP159 should proceed to vote;
- **AGREED** to recommend to the Authority that MP159 should be **APPROVED**; and
- **PROVIDED** rationale for this decision against the General SEC Objectives.

This is an Authority Determined Modification, and so the Modification Report will now be passed to the Authority for final decision. If the Authority approves MP159 by 2 June 2022, it will be implemented on 30 June as part of the June 2022 SEC Release, or if approved later it will fall back to the November 2022 SEC Release.

## 5. MP200 'Faster Switching consequential changes to the SEC' Change Board vote

[MP200 'Faster Switching consequential changes to the SEC'](#) was deferred to the April 2022 meeting, to allow time for clarifications to be made against the legal text before proceeding to vote.

## 6. MP201 'CHTS v1.1 and GBCS v2.0 Applicability End Date' Change Board vote

The Change Board was invited to perform the final vote on [MP201 'CHTS v1.1 and GBCS v2.0 Applicability End Date'](#).

SECAS (JH) provided an update on the issue and proposed solution for MP201 before noting the assessment of change. It was advised that three responses were received as part of the MRC, all of which were supportive of this change.

A CSC member (GS) recognised the DCC had raised this modification and [MP191 'Extending CHTS v1.0 & v1.1 IVP and MVP end dates'](#) on behalf of industry, but raised concerns regarding this date being missed from the original change. They asked if an investigation should take place to avoid missing elements such as this in future. SECAS (AB) responded SECAS will be proactively monitoring to ensure modifications related to extending these dates are raised much earlier in future. MP191 had been raised much too close to the relevant end-dates in the Technical Specification Applicability Tables (TSAT), and a process is now being put into place to monitor upcoming end-dates.

No further comments were raised, and the Change Board proceeded to vote.

<sup>2</sup> Enable the DCC to comply at all times with the objectives of the DCC and to discharge the other obligations imposed upon it by the DCC License

<sup>3</sup> Facilitate the efficient and transparent administration and implementation of the SEC

<sup>4</sup> Facilitate effective competition between persons engaged in, or in commercial activities connected with, the supply of energy

## Change Board Vote – MP201 decision:

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   | 1       | 0      | 0       | Approve    |
| Consumers           | 0       | 0      | 0       | -          |
| Overall conclusion: |         |        |         | Approve    |

The view of the Change Board is that MP201 would better facilitate SEC Objective (a) for the reasons given in the Modification Report.

The Change Board:

- **AGREED** that MP201 should proceed to vote;
- **AGREED** that MP201 should be **APPROVED** under Self-Governance; and
- **PROVIDED** rationale for this decision against 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 CSC to do so. This referral period will close at **5pm on Wednesday 6 April 2022**.

MP201 will be implemented on 24 March 2022 as part of an ad-hoc SEC Release. If any referrals are received and the Change Board's decision subsequently reversed, these changes would then be backed out of the SEC.

## 7. MP102B 'Power Outage Alerts triggered by an OTA firmware upgrade' Impact Assessment Request

The Change Board was invited to approve the DCC Impact Assessment request for [MP102B 'Power Outage Alerts triggered by an OTA firmware upgrade – enduring solution'](#).

SECAS (BB) provided an update on the issue and proposed solution of MP102B before highlighting the associated costs. It was advised that associated costs to implement this modification are estimated between £151k - £350k up to and including Pre-integration Testing (PIT) with a cost of £11,697 to complete the Impact Assessment.

No comments were raised.

The Change Board **AGREED** that a DCC Impact Assessment should be requested for MP102B.

## 8. Any Other Business

There was no further business, and the Chair closed the meeting.

Next scheduled meeting date: 24 April 2022

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