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## SEC Change Board Meeting 93

21 August 2024, 10:00 – 10:35

Teleconference

### SECCB\_93\_2108 – Final Minutes

#### Attendees:

| Representing       | Change Board Members                   | Organisation                           |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Change Board Chair | Ali Beard                              | Change Board Chair                     |
| Large Suppliers    | Alex Hurcombe (AH)                     | EDF                                    |
|                    | Joey Manners (JM)                      | Octopus Energy                         |
|                    | David Rodger (DR)                      | Scottish Power                         |
|                    | Emslie Law (EL)                        | OVO                                    |
|                    | Emma Johnson (EJ)                      | British Gas                            |
|                    | Kevin Clark (KC)                       | Utilita                                |
|                    | Sharon Armitage (SA)                   | E.ON                                   |
| Small Suppliers    | Andrew Green (AG) ( <i>Alternate</i> ) | Waters Wye                             |
|                    | Christie Thomson (CT)                  | SSE                                    |
| Network Parties    | Jacqueline D'Angelo (JDA)              | UK Power Networks                      |
|                    | Kelly Kinsman ( <i>Alternate</i> )     | National Grid Electricity Distribution |
|                    | Tom Stuart (TS)                        | WW Utilities                           |
| Other SEC Parties  | Ian Lovatt (IL)                        | Chameleon Technology                   |
|                    | Nick Winfield (NW)                     | Landis+Gyr                             |
|                    | Patrick Caiger-Smith (PCS)             | GEO Together                           |
| Consumers          | Faye Brookes-Lewis                     | Citizens Advice                        |

| Other Participants                    |                 |                          |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| DCC                                   |                 |                          |
| David Walsh (DW)                      |                 |                          |
| Ofgem                                 |                 |                          |
| Ian Chalfon (IC)                      |                 |                          |
| SECAS                                 |                 |                          |
| Rachel Black (RB) (Meeting Secretary) | Ben Giblin (BG) | Mohammedanwar Sumro (MS) |

## Apologies:

| Representing    | Change Board Members | Organisation                           |
|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Small Suppliers | Carolyn Burns        | ESG Global                             |
|                 | Gareth Evans         | Waters Wye                             |
| Network Parties | Rachael Prosser      | National Grid Electricity Distribution |

## 1. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The Meeting Secretary (RB) 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                                                     |
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| 71/01                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | The DCC to provide a view on the share of the MP162 costs. |
| <p>The Chair advised that the DCC presented an item in yesterday's Change Sub-Committee (CSC) meeting that explained why there is a difference between testing costs of whole SEC Releases and the cost of SEC Modifications in the SEC Release. They advised that the DCC will present this at the next Change Board meeting. They stated that the costs associated with <a href="#">MP162 'SEC changes required to deliver MHHS'</a> and the capacity uplifts are £13.5 million. The DCC (DW) added that the capacity uplifts are part of MP162. The member (EL) advised that a breakdown of the costs was not given at the CSC meeting, which they would like to see. However, the member advised that they agreed to close this action and follow up on the issue outside of this forum.</p> <p><b>Status:</b> Closed</p> |                                                            |

### 3. Change Board Votes

#### MP248 'Requirements for DCC Gateway Connection'

The Change Board was invited to perform the final vote on [MP248 'Requirements for DCC Gateway Connection'](#).

No comments were received from the Change Board.

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

| Party Category               | Approve | Reject | Abstain | Conclusion |
|------------------------------|---------|--------|---------|------------|
| Large Suppliers              | 7       | 0      | 0       | Approved   |
| Small Suppliers              | 2       | 0      | 0       | Approved   |
| Network Parties <sup>1</sup> | 2       | 0      | 0       | Approved   |
| Other SEC Parties            | 3       | 0      | 0       | Approved   |
| Consumers                    | 1       | 0      | 0       | Approved   |
| Overall conclusion:          |         |        |         | Approved   |

The Change Board unanimously believed that MP248 will better facilitate SEC Objective (d)<sup>2</sup> for the reasons given in the Modification Report Consultation responses.

The Change Board:

- **AGREED** that this Modification Proposal should proceed to vote
- **APPROVED** the 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 Change Sub-Committee (CSC). This referral period will close at **5pm on Thursday 5 September 2024**. If no referrals are received, the decision will be final.

### 4. SEC Modification Timetable

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

The member (AH) expressed concern regarding the [MP169 'Managing SEC Obligations and the Consumer's Right to refuse a Smart Meter'](#) Request for Information (RFI) closing date being 3 September 2024. They advised it was a tight deadline, and they would like more time to discuss with their colleagues and provide feedback. A member (EJ) agreed with this. The Chair acknowledged the concerns raised and advised that the aim was to present MP169 at the September CSC meeting, and then present it to the Change Board for final vote before November, and potentially get it included in the November 2025 SEC Release. However, they asked if it would be more beneficial to change the RFI closing date to 9 September. Both members agreed with this.

The Chair discussed the referral of the Change Board decision to recommend [MP262 'Extending the Installation End Date for CHTS v1.0 and GBOS v1.1'](#) to the CSC, which was brought to the CSC

<sup>1</sup> One of the Network Party representatives had technical difficulties during the meeting and was not able to vote at the time.

<sup>2</sup> Facilitate effective competition between persons engaged in, or in commercial activities connected with, the supply of energy

yesterday. At this meeting, the CSC members agreed to uphold the Change Board's decision. A member (SA) asked what would have been the next steps if the CSC agreed to overturn the Change Board's decision. The Chair advised that MP262 would have been approved and implemented, despite the Change Board voting for rejection. They stated that this was previously the responsibility of the SEC Panel, but when the CSC was set up they were delegated responsibility from the SEC Panel. While making their decision, the Chair advised that the CSC expressed concern with this governance process, and that this responsibility should be with the SEC Panel. The Chair advised that there is a ten Working Day referral window following on from the CSC's decision. If the decision is appealed in this timeframe, the decision will be brought before Ofgem for final decision.

The Change Board:

- **NOTED** the update

## 5. Any other business

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

**Next scheduled meeting date: 25 September 2024**