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SEC Change Board Meeting 92

24 July 2024, 10:00 – 10:35

Teleconference

SECCB_92_2407 – Draft Minutes

Attendees:

Representing	Change Board Members	Organisation
Change Board Chair	Simon Grimwood	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	Gareth Evans (GE)	Waters Wye
	Carolyn Burns (CB) (<i>Part Meeting – Agenda Items 1 to 3</i>)	ESG Global
	Christie Thomson (CT)	SSE
Network Parties	Jacqueline D'Angelo (JDA)	UK Power Networks
	Rachael Prosser (RP)	National Grid Electricity Distribution
	Tom Stuart (<i>Part Meeting – Agenda Items 1 to 3</i>)	WW Utilities
Other SEC Parties	Ian Lovatt (IL)	Chameleon Technology
	Nick Winfield (NW)	Landis+Gyr
Consumers	Faye Brookes-Lewis	Citizens Advice

Other Participants		
DCC		
Bradley Baker (BB)	David Walsh (DW)	
Drax <u>(Proposer of MP262 and Small Supplier)</u>		
Paul Bedford (PB) <i>(Part Meeting – Agenda Item 3)</i>		
Ofgem		
Grace Royall (GR)		
SECAS		
Rachel Black (RB) (Meeting Secretary)	Ben Giblin (BG)	Mohammedanwar Sumro (MS)
Liz Woods (EW)		

Apologies:

Representing	Change Board Members	Organisation
Other SEC Parties	Patrick Caiger-Smith	GEO Together

1. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The Meeting Secretary (RB) informed the Change Board that no comments had been received on the previous meeting minutes. The Change Board **APPROVED** the minutes as final.

2. Actions Outstanding

Action Reference	Action
71/01	The DCC to provide a view on the share of the MP162 costs. The DCC (DW) advised that this information is now available since the June 2024 SEC Release. The member (EL) asked if this will include regression testing costs, or will it be the end level costs. The DCC advised that the action refers to the Pre Integration Testing (PIT) costs, but has since evolved to focus on the end level costs. They confirmed they will have these costs for the August Change Board meeting. Status: Open
91/01	SECAS to investigate if Communications Hubs will count towards Supplier roll out targets if they are upgraded to a compliant version.

Action Reference	Action
	During the MP262 discussion, the Proposer (PB) advised that Ofgem have confirmed that if the Technical Specification Applicability Table (TSAT) dates are extended, Communications Hubs installations will count towards Suppliers' roll out targets going forward. Status: Closed

3. Change Board Votes

MP262 'Extending the Installation End Date for CHTS v1.0 and GBCS v1.1'

The Change Board was invited to perform the final vote on [MP262 'Extending the Installation End Date for CHTS v1.0 and GBCS v1.1'](#).

A member (EJ) confirmed that since responding to the Modification Report Consultation, they have decided they are no longer in favour of MP262. SECAS (MS) acknowledged this.

The member (IL) asked if there is an associated Maintenance Validity Period (MVP) going with this, as they noted it might encourage a quick update by shortening this window. SECAS (MS) noted that a similar query was raised when [MP221 'CHTS v1.0 and GBCS v1.1 Installation End Date and Maintenance End Date'](#) was implemented. They advised that the MVP date will remain the same, as the DCC have obligations outside of the SEC to upgrade Devices. The member asked what date the MVP for this version is. SECAS advised they were unsure of the exact date but suggested it would be as soon as reasonably practical. The DCC (BB) advised they were also unsure. The member noted that counting the installations in the roll out targets would create an incentive to carry out updates as quickly as possible, and reduce waste. The Chair asked if the member would like SECAS to investigate the MVP date for this version and inform the member offline. The member advised this would not be necessary.

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

Party Category	Approve	Reject	Abstain	Conclusion
Large Suppliers	1	6	0	Reject
Small Suppliers	3	0	0	Approve
Network Parties	0	3	0	Reject
Other SEC Parties	0	2	0	Reject
Consumers	-	-	-	-
Overall conclusion:				Reject

The view of the Change Board is that MP262 will not facilitate SEC Objective (a)¹. Members of the Change Board who voted to reject noted the recommendations from the Technical Architecture and Business Architecture Sub Committee (TABASC) not to extend the end dates when making their decision. It was also noted that having old Communications Hubs (CH) and firmware in the system would cause poor system performance. The members who voted to approve noted that this would be

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

a beneficial change, and that the previous 3-month extension was insufficient. Therefore, they suggested this outweighed the TABASC recommendation.

The Change Board:

- **AGREED** that this Modification Proposal should proceed to vote
- **REJECTED** the Modification Proposal under Self-Governance
- **PROVIDED** rationale for this decision relating to~~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 Change Sub-Committee (CSC). This referral period will close at **5pm on Wednesday 7 August 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 (EL) asked when the next ad hoc Working Group meeting will be held for [DP218 'Review of the SEC Charging Methodology'](#). SECAS (EW) advised that the DCC are currently reviewing the responses to the DCC Request for Information (RFI), and a meeting will be held in early August to confirm a date for the ad hoc Working Group meeting. The DCC (BB) advised that the RFI had 20 questions and 34 responses were received. They noted that due to the volume of responses they had not all yet been assessed which was why a meeting date had not yet been confirmed.

When discussing the DCC Assessments, the DCC (DW) advised that [MP247 'Future Dating of Service Requests for SMETS1 Devices'](#) was returned on 18 July 2024 after 15 Working Days.

The Change Board:

- **NOTED** the update

5. Any other business

The member (JM) advised they had submitted an issue to SECAS on the 4th of July 2024 and was yet to hear back from SECAS. The Chair agreed to reach out to the member outside of the meeting.

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

Next scheduled meeting date: 21 August 2024