

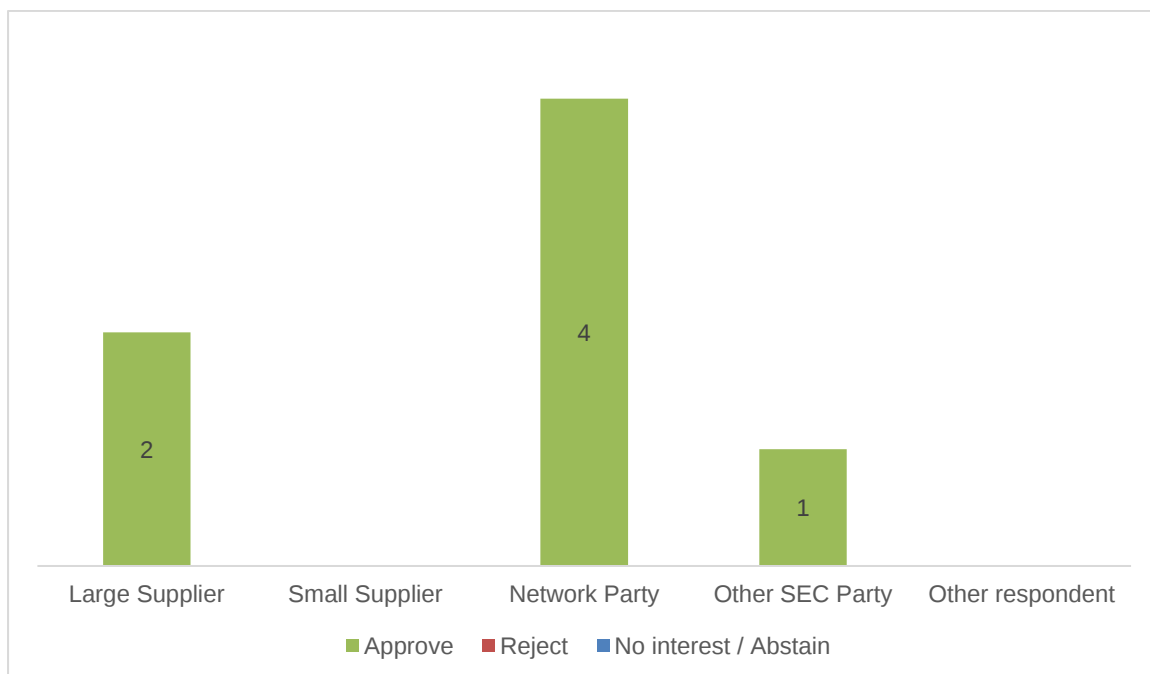
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MP248 ‘Requirements for DCC Gateway Connection’ Modification Report Consultation responses

About this document

This document contains the full collated responses received to the MP248 Modification Report Consultation.

Summary of responses



Question 1: Do you believe that MP248 should be approved or rejected?

Question 1			
Respondent	Category	Response	Rationale
EON	Large Supplier	Approve	RDP traffic is just a one-way file transfer from the RDP to the DCC so using a non-physical, virtual gateway connection does not raise any security concerns. It's a more cost-effective and modern way of providing connectivity.
Energy Potential Tech Solutions Ltd (EPTech)	Other SEC Party	Approve	We assess this modification as better meeting General SEC objective (d) by improving competition through the removal of a possible barrier to entry for potential new entrants.
Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks	Network Party	Approve	We believe moving to a cloud-based connection would provide flexibility in receiving RDP files as well as cost effectiveness going forward as long as the connections provide the same level of security if not more.
Electricity North West Limited	Network Party	Approve	In general, we are supportive of this solution as it enables Parties to employ more modern IT network communications (virtual infrastructure) vs the current physical connections requiring a connection to a physical premises and sets a security precedent for future changes to DUIS connectivity.
National Grid Electricity Distribution	Network Party	Approve	-
UK Power Networks	Network Party	Approve	UK Power Networks agrees with the proposed solution to update the definition of a DCC Gateway Connection so that a virtual cloud-based connection is permissible as this will allow the DCC to share the data flows without the need for a physical connection. This proposal will better facilitate the General SEC Objectives D, E, F and G: This modification will benefit all new and existing parties because of the challenges and costs for establishing and maintaining a connection to the DCC through use of physical infrastructure. In

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			addition, existing participants may wish to benefit from a refresh of their systems and transition to the newly available technology of online cloud-based platforms and applications that could provide efficient and cost-effective operations for the DCC and its customers.
EDF	Large Supplier	Approve	-

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

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Respondent	Category	Comments
Energy Potential Tech Solutions Ltd (EPTech)	Other SEC Party	EPTech are an IT service provider to IDNOs and a relatively new market entrant. The cost of establishing as an RDP using physical infrastructure is high relative to the benefit to IDNOs where only one daily file is received, and the content only relates to whether a smart meter has been installed against an MPAN. A cloud-based solution is a much more efficient solution to providing this data and this change ultimately removes a large barrier to providing the RDP service for IDNOs.
UK Power Networks	Network Party	UK Power Networks has recently carried out a refresh of its DCC gateway system and transitioned to an online cloud-based platform to provide both a scalable and resilient system. However, the DCC gateway connection router currently remains as physical infrastructure as per the existing SEC requirements. If this change is implemented, we would consider transitioning this connection also to a cloud-based platform.