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SEC Change Board Meeting 93

21 August 2024, 10:00 – 10:35

Teleconference

SECCB_93_2108 – Draft 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
71/01	The DCC to provide a view on the share of the MP162 costs.
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 MP162 'SEC changes required to deliver MHHS' 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. Status: Closed	

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 ¹	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)² 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 GBCS v1.1'](#) to the CSC, which was brought to the CSC

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

² 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