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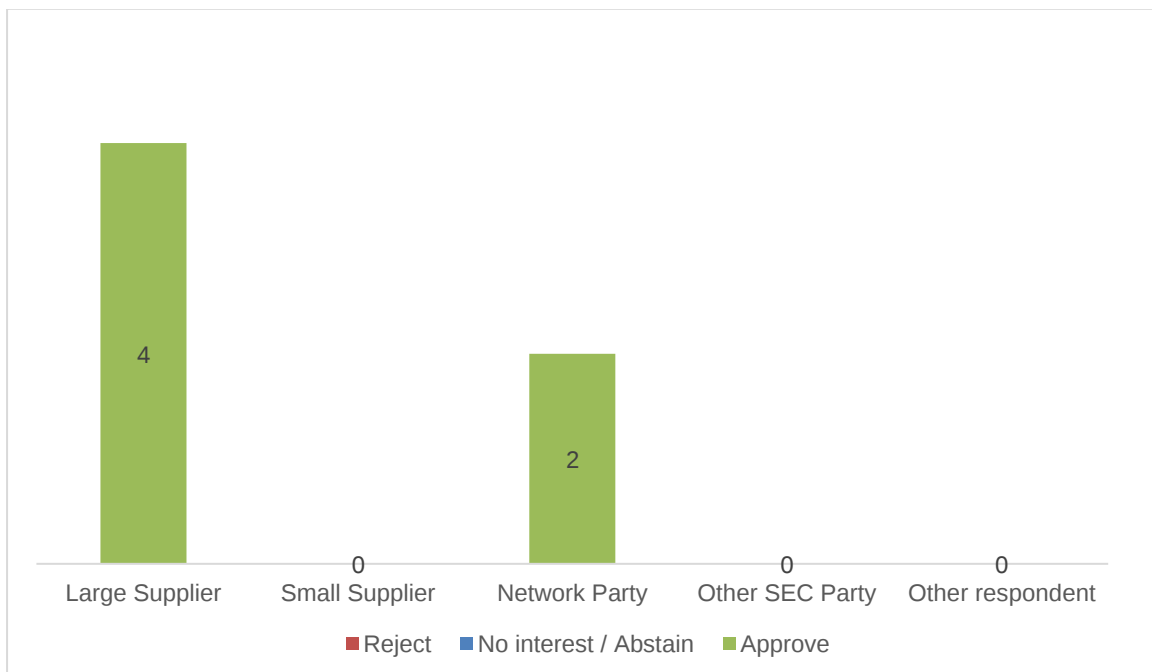
MP263 ‘Improving transparency of DCC indicative costs’

Modification Report Consultation responses

About this document

This document contains the full collated responses received to the MP263 Modification Report Consultation.

Summary of responses



Question 1: Do you believe that MP263 should be approved or rejected?

Question 1			
Respondent	Category	Response	Rationale
British Gas	Large Supplier	Approve	It would better facilitate General SEC Objective (g).
E.ON	Large Supplier	Approve	The additional information will benefit budgeting / decision making and will facilitate SEC Objective (g) to facilitate the efficient and transparent administration and implementation of the SEC.
National Grid Electricity Distribution	Network Party	Approve	-
UK Power Networks	Network Party	Approve	We believe the proposed solution will provide further detailed information helping UK Power Networks and other SEC Parties to understand the costs underlying the DCC's Charging Statement and budgets. This additional information will enable us and other DCC users to more accurately estimate the Service Charges providing an ability to monitor and scrutinise the DCC costs being levied. We believe this proposal will better facilitate SEC General Objective (g), '<i>Facilitate the efficient and transparent administration and implementation of the SEC</i>'. Providing the following information will enhance transparency, on how the DCC estimates its charges levied to their customers: • An explanation of why any costs or Charges have changed from the previous indicative statement. • An acknowledgement of any errors and re-upload of corrected indicative Charging Statements and budgets within five working days of noticing the error. On this point we believe there may be merit in determining a materiality threshold for what constitutes an "error" requiring a corrected indicative Charging Statement and budget to be re-uploaded. Depending on the significance of any such error, whilst prompt resolution is welcome, a material error warranting

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			re-uploading must be done accurately, and as such there may be instances where the proposed five-day timeline is extended. A process to facilitate this such that all parties are aware of an issue and the resolution timeframe would be helpful. - Any assumptions made by the DCC around inflation. - A reference to any new projects or programmes included in the statement resulting in a change to the Charges.
EDF	Large Supplier	Approve	We believe this change should be approved.
Utilita	Large Supplier	Approve	We agree that this modification will better facilitate Genera Objection (g) as outlined in the modification report.

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

Question 2		
Respondent	Category	Comments
British Gas	Large Supplier	
E.ON	Large Supplier	A potential improvement to the legal text may be to future-proof the text and generalise the information required to include any DCC delivered devices (that currently consist of Communication Hubs).
National Grid Electricity Distribution	Network Party	-
UK Power Networks	Network Party	None
EDF	Large Supplier	-
Utilita	Large Supplier	DCC charges are a central cost for any Supplier operating in the Smart space, therefore any additional information that can be given to help make better budgeting decisions is very welcome.