

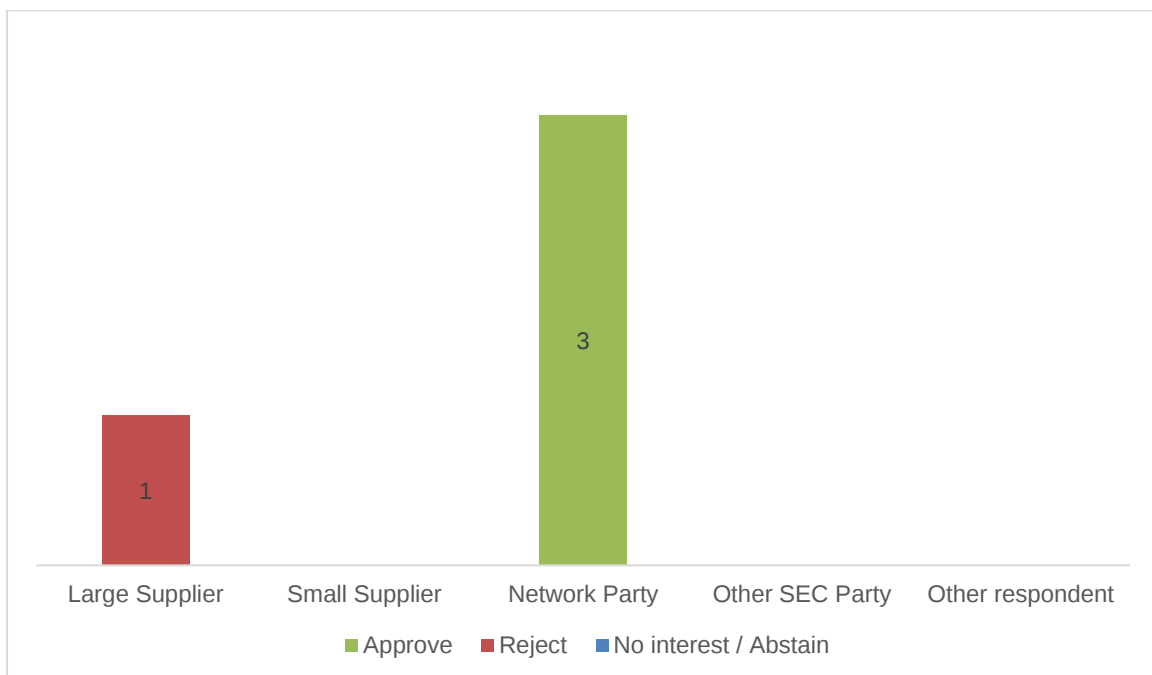
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MP277 ‘Virtual Gateway Connection’ Modification Report Consultation responses

About this document

This document contains the full collated responses received to the MP277 Modification Report Consultation.

Summary of responses



Question 1: Do you believe that MP277 should be approved or rejected?

Question 1			
Respondent	Category	Response	Rationale
British Gas	Large Supplier	Reject	We agree with the move to cloud based connections. However, based on the confirmation (in the Mod report section on the 2025 TABASC update) that the new DSP will aim to deliver virtual connectivity to DCC Users by November 2025 anyway, without MP277, we don't see a business case for this modification for just 9 months of benefit.
ENWL	Network Party	Approve	The modification is a sensible evolvement of the DCC Gateway Connection and would better facilitate SEC Objective by enabling optionality in connection whilst not requiring DCC users to move to the virtual connection.
NGED	Network Party	Approve	We believe MP277 should be approved as it would allow many more new and prospective DCC users the ability to make use of its services. The more users that are able to benefit from using these services, the more chances there are for communicative collaboration in terms of information being shared across the network. This is a positive step towards growth and innovation which aligns with Sec Objective (d) – 'Facilitate effective competition between persons engaged in, or in Commercial Activities connected with, the Supply of Energy.' In addition to this, existing DCC users would be given the opportunity to co-ordinate their DCC Gateway Connection with their cloud-based IT infrastructure by way of a virtual connection wherever applicable. This meets SEC objective (a) by 'facilitating the efficient provision, installation, and operation, as well as interoperability, of Smart Metering Systems at Energy Consumers premises within Great Britain', and SEC objective (e) by 'facilitating such innovation in the design and operation of Energy Networks (as defined in the Data Communications Company Licence) as will best contribute to the delivery of a secure and sustainable Supply of Energy'.
UKPN	Network Party	Approve	UK Power Networks agrees with the proposed solution because it delivers an option for new and existing DCC Users to request DCC to provide either a physical or a virtual DCC Gateway connection.

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			We therefore believe MP277 will better facilitate the General SEC as set out in Section C1, in particular, sections A, D and E: A. Facilitate the efficient provision, installation, operation and interoperability of smart metering systems at energy consumers' premises within Great Britain. D. Facilitate effective competition between persons engaged in, or in commercial activities connected with, the supply of energy. E. Facilitate innovation in the design and operation of energy networks to contribute to the delivery of a secure and sustainable supply of energy. This modification will benefit all new and existing parties because it will offer a quicker and cost-efficient virtual DCC Gateway connection fostering innovation and delivering new services to energy consumers. It also allows current DCC Users to leverage additional functionalities such as higher data throughput, built-in resilience and redundancy.

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

Question 2		
Respondent	Category	Comments
British Gas	Large Supplier	-
ENWL	Network Party	-
NGED	Network Party	-
UKPN	Network Party	-