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MP252 ‘Amending the process for Communications Hub returns’ Conclusions Report – version 0.1

About this document

This document summarises the responses received to the Modification Report Consultation regarding approval or rejection of this modification.

Summary of conclusions

Modification Report Consultation

SECAS received one response to the Modification Report Consultation. The respondent believed that the modification should be approved. They considered the modification better facilitated SEC Objectives (a)¹ and (b)².

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

² enable the Data Communications Company to comply at all times with the General Objectives of the Data Communications Company (as defined in the Data Communications Company Licence), and to efficiently discharge the other obligations imposed upon it by the Data Communications Company Licence.

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Modification Report Consultation responses

Summary of responses

SEC Objectives

One respondent (Large Supplier) noted difficulty in finding a clear SEC Objective for this modification to be attributed to. However, they noted the modification would resolve a significant bottleneck in capabilities to return Communications Hubs efficiently. This would reduce the potential waste if Communications Hubs cannot be returned, including any manual work to avoid this from occurring. They added that they believe the SEC objectives of closest relevance would be (a) and (b), particularly (b) as this links to the DCC's First Enduring General Objective *"...to carry on the Mandatory Business in the manner that is most likely to ensure the development, operation, and maintenance of an efficient, economical, co-ordinated, and secure system for the provision of Mandatory Business Services under the Smart Energy Code and where relevant the Retail Energy Code."*

DUIS Schema uplift

One respondent (Large Supplier) noted that they had no preference as to when the update to DUIS Schema change would be implemented, as their organisation are able to support them from November 2025, as this would not impact their ability to return Communication Hubs. They added that it would be valuable to have the messages/error codes, although this is not significant enough to pose an impact on other DCC Users. They noted that their organisation would prefer the changes to be incorporated into the earliest SEC Release and DUIS Schema uplift, as this would avoid an extended period without the appropriate messages/error codes from this modification. The Respondent also noted that their Adapter Provider are confident that their organisation can update to the new DUIS Schema if it was introduced in November 2025, as the changes are fairly minimal.