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## Modification Decision

# SECMP0057:

# Users to notify SSC of a second or subsequent User System

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## Summary

This modification seeks to ensure that Users inform the Security Sub-Committee (SSC) when they are seeking to procure (or have already employed) a second or subsequent User System which may or may not be provided or operated by a Shared Service Provider.

## Change Board Decision



- The Change Board believe that SECMP0057 does better facilitate the SEC Objectives. The Change Board therefore **approved** this Modification Proposal under Self-Governance.

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## About this Document

This is the Modification Decision document for SECMP0057. This document provides a summary of the Change Board discussions and conclusions.

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## 1. Change Board discussions

The view of the Change Board is that SECMP0057 does better facilitate General SEC Objectives (f) and (g) and should be **approved**.

### Change Board discussions

The Change Board questioned what would happen in a Supplier of Last Resort (SoLR) scenario, and it was agreed that this would be taken away and raised with the Proposer and the SSC. Additionally, some members agreed the legal text, as currently drafted, could be open to interpretation about what would need to be notified to the SSC. However, those members noted they would still be able to vote and approve the modification as long as sufficient consideration was made on how to ensure the legal text was interpreted correctly, both now and in the future. SECAS highlighted that the legal text would be clarified in the Agreed Interpretations and the Security Controls Framework to assist Users in knowing when to notify the SSC and what needed to be notified.

Members queried whether there could be a typing error in the documentation meaning that the SEC Objectives the Proposer believed the modification had been stated to better facilitate could be incorrect. The Change Board believed the General SEC Objectives better facilitated were (f) and (g) rather than (a), (e) and (g), for the reasons outlined below.

### Views against the General SEC Objectives

#### Objective (f)<sup>1</sup>

The view of the Change Board is that the modification would better facilitate SEC Objective (f) as it would mean that all second or subsequent User Systems would need to be notified to the SSC in order for an appropriate assessment to be made. This would allow the necessary security controls and approvals to be implemented.

#### Objective (g)<sup>2</sup>

The view of the Change Board is that the modification would better facilitate SEC Objective (g) as it would provide clarity in the SEC on the User Security Assessment process and its application to Users who were looking to utilise a second or subsequent User System. This would enable SECAS to advise Users and the User CIO accordingly.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Change Board believe that SECMP0057 is neutral against all other Objectives.

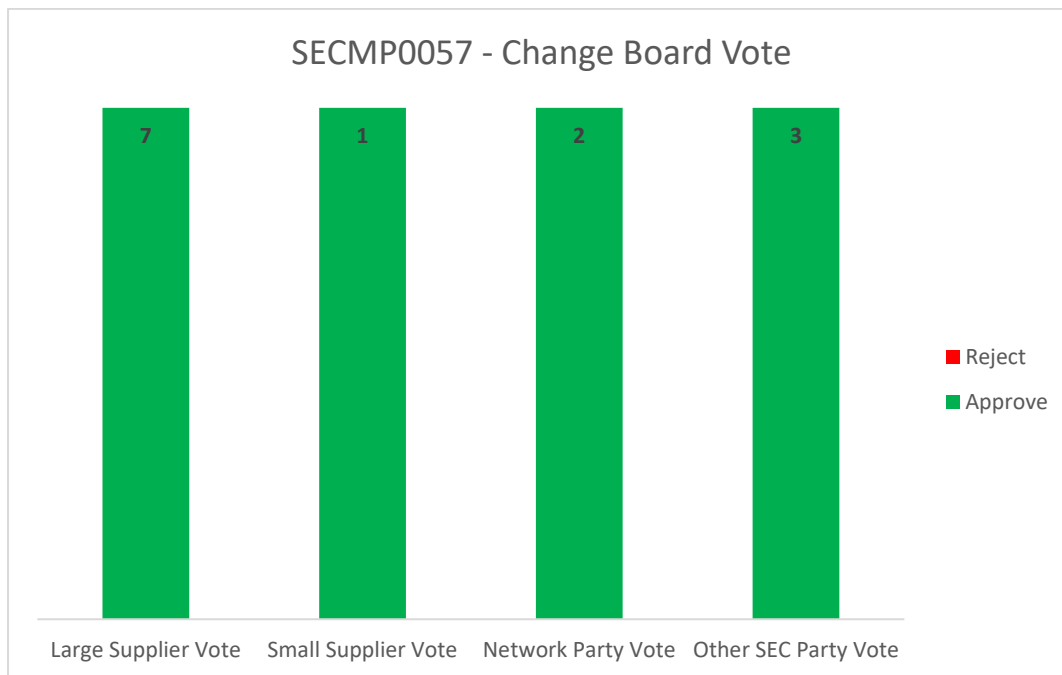
<sup>1</sup> Ensure the protection of data and the security of data and systems in the operation of the SEC

<sup>2</sup> Facilitate the efficient and transparent administration and implementation of the SEC

## 2. Change Board Vote

This section sets out the breakdown of the Change Board’s vote.

The Change Board voted to approve SECMP0057.



One Large Supplier member abstained as, while they supported the intent of the modification, they felt further guidance was required around what needed to be notified to the SSC.

One Network Party representative abstained as they did not believe SECMP0057 would impact on Gas Transporters.

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### 3. Change Board decision

The Change Board:

- **CONSIDERED** the Final Modification Report and Modification Report Consultation responses for SECMP0057;
- **APPROVED** SECMP0057 under Self-Governance for implementation on 28 February 2019; and
- **PROVIDED** rationale as to why SECMP0057 better facilitates the General SEC Objectives.

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