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SECMP0018 ‘Standard Electricity Distributor Configuration Settings’ Change Board vote

About this document

This document summarises the discussions of the Change Board on SECMP0018 and the outcome of the vote.

This vote forms a decision on SECMP0018 under Self-Governance.

1. Change Board discussions

Views and discussions on the proposal

The Change Board noted comments from one consultation respondent, who believed SECMP0018 should be rejected, noting multiple reasons for this view on the basis that they were unconfident where this solution would provide cost savings. They also noted that because only two Network Parties had responded that this might not be a sample large enough to represent all Network Parties and that only these two may benefit.

SECAS had responded to these comments, explaining that the Network Parties who had responded were not the only Network Parties who would benefit as a result of this modification, rather all Electricity Network Parties (ENPs) would benefit as per the proposed standardisation of configuration settings as it should allow for a more efficient provision of services. The solution had been put forward to the ENA Smart Metering Group by the Proposer to request the opinions of all ENPs. The result had been positive, stating that they desired the solution to be implemented on the rationale of ensuring the behaviour of meters would be known to all parties and consistent.

Another respondent had believed that whilst SECMP0018 should be approved, they stated that creating a new version of GBCS and including it in the Technical Specification (TS) Applicability Tables needed consideration, stating that this issue could be solved by introducing it as part of a major SEC Release when this work would be undertaken regardless.

SECAS had responded to this comment by confirming the approach in the Modification Report that the TS Applicability Tables would be developed as part of the modification's implementation and that the Technical Architecture and Business Architecture Sub-Committee (TABASC) would be consulted on the updates to ensure accuracy. Lessons have been learnt from the implementation of GBCS version 1.1, and the DCC has confirmed it can accommodate the new version of GBCS as a standalone change.

The Change Board noted the comments that had been raised by consultation respondents and SECAS's responses, and raised no further comments or discussion on this change.

Views against the General SEC Objectives

Objective (a)¹

The Change Board believes that SECMP0018 will better facilitate SEC Objective (a), as it will better enable Electricity Network Parties (ENPs) to define network events to provide operational and planning related information. This is due to parameters, particularly the voltage thresholds and measurement periods, being pre-configured to the default settings sought by ENPs. It will also reduce the traffic in DCC systems and allow the traffic to be scheduled to reduce the overall impact on the DCC systems. One member commented that this modification was a step in the right direction.

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

2. Change Board vote

Change Board decision

The Change Board voted to **approve** SECMP0018 under Self-Governance.

The vote breakdown is summarised below.

Change Board vote				
Party Category	Approve	Reject	Abstain	Outcome
Large Suppliers	7	0	0	Approve
Small Suppliers	1	0	0	Approve
Network Parties	2	0	1	Approve
Other SEC Parties	3	0	0	Approve
Consumer Representative	0	0	0	-
Overall outcome:				APPROVE

One Network Party member abstained from the vote as they felt this change would have no impact on Gas Transporters.

The Consumer Representative was absent from this vote.