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SECMP0039 ‘Communication Hub returns notification mechanism for Other SEC Parties’ Change Board vote

About this document

This document summarises the discussions of the Change Board on SECMP0039 and the outcome of the vote.

This vote forms a decision on SECMP0039 under Self-Governance.

1. Change Board discussions

Views and discussions on the proposal

The Change Board had no comments on this modification.

Views against the General SEC Objectives

Objective (a)¹

The majority of the Change Board believes that SECMP0039 will better facilitate SEC Objective (a) as it will allow a complete order, delivery and return service for Communication Hubs and also bring this process in line with the rest of the industry processes in allowing a 'managed service' to be provided to Suppliers who chose it.

Objective (d)²

The majority of the Change Board believes that SECMP0039 will better facilitate SEC Objective (d) by allowing Suppliers to choose a 'managed service'.

Objective (h)³

Three members of the Change Board believe that SECMP0039 will better facilitate SEC Objective (h) by allowing Suppliers to choose a 'managed service' which would support a co-ordinated installation approach within the Alt HAN arrangements, the rest were neutral.

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

² Facilitate effective competition between persons engaged in, or in Commercial Activities connected with, the Supply of Energy.

³ Facilitate the establishment and operation of the Alt HAN Arrangements.

2. Change Board vote

Change Board decision

The Change Board voted to **approve** SECMP0039 under Self-Governance.

The vote breakdown is summarised below.

Change Board vote				
Party Category	Approve	Reject	Abstain	Outcome
Large Suppliers	4	0	3	Approve
Small Suppliers	2	0	0	Approve
Network Parties	0	0	2	-
Other SEC Parties	3	0	0	Approve
Consumer Representative	-	-	-	-
Overall outcome:				APPROVE

Three Large Suppliers abstained. Two of these, while they supported the intent of the modification, believed the cost outweighed the benefits. The third believed the modification would introduce duplication into the process as some Suppliers already have a returns mechanism for Communications Hubs. All Network Parties abstained as they believed the modification did not impact them.

The Consumer Representative was not present for the vote.