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SEC Change Board Meeting 14_2308

23rd August 2017, 14.00 – 16.00

Gemserv, 8 Fenchurch Place, London, EC3M 4AJ

Final Minutes

Attendees:

Category	Change Board Members
Change Board Chair	Talia Addy
Large Suppliers	Oorlagh Chapman (Teleconference)
	Paul Saker
	Tim Newton (Teleconference)
	Jeremy Guard (Teleconference)
	David Smith (Teleconference)
	Alys Davies (Teleconference)
	Gordon Millar
	Samantha Cannons (Teleconference)
Small Suppliers	Rachael Mottram (Teleconference)
	Steve Bradford (Teleconference)
	Carolyn Burns (Teleconference)
Networks	-
	Leigh Page (Teleconference)
	David Lane (Alternate, Teleconference)
Other SEC Parties	-
	Mike Woodhall (Teleconference)
	Gerdjan Busker (Teleconference)

Representing	Other Participants
SECAS Modification Support	Samuel Browne
SECAS Modification Support/Meeting Secretary	Selin Ergiden
DCC	Amanda Rooney
BEIS	Mili Malic

Representing	Other Participants
BEIS	Chris Thompson
BEIS	Alexander Wallis
Ofgem	Raymond Elliott

Apologies:

Category	Representative
Large Supplier	Duncan Carter
Large Supplier	Ashton Berkhauser
Network	Martin White
Network	Paul Fitzgerald
Other SEC Parties	Elias Hannan
Citizens Advice	Morgan Wild

1. SECMP0004 'Inclusion of Device Serial Number data item in the Smart Metering Inventory'

SECAS provided the Change Board Members with the Final Modification Report (FMR) and Modification Report Consultation Responses for **SECMP0004 'Inclusion of Device Serial Number data item in the Smart Metering Inventory'**.

Change Board Vote on SECMP0004

Views for

The Change Board Members who voted to approve SECMP0004 noted that SEC **Objective (a)** and **(d)** were better facilitated by this modification. They noted that including the Device Serial Number (DSN) into the Smart Metering Inventory (SMI) will improve the overall data quality of the UK's energy industry. In particular, SECMP0004 will improve triangulation during a Change of Supplier (CoS) event.

A Change Board member wished to note that this change is crucial for the enrolment of SMETS1 meters. Supplier's systems run based on Meter Serial Numbers (MSNs) not Globally Unique Identifiers (GUIDs) therefore the approval and implementation of SECMP0004 will enable the identification of devices. Also, the implementation will help facilitate the delivery of Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC) Modification Proposal P302 'Improve the Change of Supplier Meter read and Settlement process for smart Meters'.

Views against

Those who chose to vote against SECMP0004 stated that the cost of implementing this modification goes against the efficiency described in SEC **Objective (a)**. The Members noted that manual workarounds are available to Parties. Those who voted to reject SECMP0004 also noted that the

delays in implementing SECMP0004 negatively impact the benefits of this modification. By the time SECMP0004 would be released, it is likely that Parties would have workarounds already in place.

Outcome

The Change Board Members did not reach the majority needed to approve SECMP0004. Therefore, the Change Board recommendation is that this modification should be **REJECTED** on the basis that the modification does not better facilitate the General SEC Objectives.

The voting outcome is shown below:

Party Category	Approve	Reject	Abstain
Large Suppliers	7	2	0
Small Suppliers	2	0	0
Networks	1	1	0
Other	1	1	0

The Change Board:

- **CONSIDERED** the FMR (including the Modification Report Consultation Response and legal text) for SECMP0004;
- **CONSIDERED** that the FMR should not be returned to SEC Panel for further clarification and/or analysis;
- **VOTED** that SECMP0004 should be rejected; and
- **PROVIDED** rationale as to whether the Modification Proposal will better facilitate the SEC Objectives.

2. SECMP0008 'Provision of a DCC Alert for Quarantined Service Requests'

SECAS provided the Change Board Members with the FMR and Modification Report Consultation Responses for **SECMP0008 'Provision of a DCC Alert for Quarantined Service Requests'**.

Change Board Vote on SECMP0008

Views for

Change Board Members who voted to approve noted that the automation of (?) SECMP0008 will lead to faster response times when dealing with quarantined Service Requests (SRs) and a more efficient service which benefits **SEC Objectives (a) and (b)**.

Some Change Board Members who voted to approve the modification noted concerns over the high cost for the Data Communications Company (DCC) to deliver the required systems changes. However, when weighing costs against the benefits these Members still believe that SECMP0008 should be approved.

Views against

Change Board members who voted to reject noted that the costs for implementing SECMP0008 outweigh its potential benefits, and therefore does not better SEC **Objective (a)**. There is already a process in place which has the same result as SECMP0008.

Change Board members who voted to reject noted that the delays to implement SECMP0008 also negatively impacted potential benefits that this modification could bring. A Change Board Member also noted that this modification goes against **SEC Objective (f)**.

Outcome

The Change Board Members by majority voted that SECMP0008 should be **APPROVED** on the basis that the modification better facilitates General SEC **Objectives (a), (b) and (f)**.

The voting outcome is shown below:

Party Category	Approve	Reject	Abstain
Large Suppliers	5	4	0
Small Suppliers	2	0	0
Networks	0	2	0
Other	2	0	0

The Change Board:

- **CONSIDERED** the FMR (including the Modification Report Consultation Response and legal text) for SECMP0008;
- **CONSIDERED** that the FMR should not be returned to SEC Panel for further clarification and/or analysis;
- **VOTED** that SECMP0008 should be approved; and
- **PROVIDED** rationale as to whether the Modification Proposal will better facilitate the SEC Objectives.

3. SECMP0006 ‘Specifying the number of digits for device display’

SECAS provided the Change Board Members with the FMR and Modification Report Consultation Responses for **SECMP0006 ‘Specifying the number of digits for device display’**.

Change Board Discussions

Extending the 6-digit display requirement

A Change Board Member advised that, whilst they are voting for the modification to be approved, they did have a concern that they wanted to note.

The SECMP0006 solution requires:

- A Single Element or Twin Element Electricity Smart Metering Equipment (ESME) to display, on its User Interface, each value in an Active Import and Active Export Register as five decimal digits, representing a value in whole numbers of kilowatt hour (kWh), with the most significant decimal digits beyond five not displayed.
- A Polyphase ESME to display, on its User Interface, each value in an Active Import and Active Export Register as six decimal digits, representing a value in whole numbers of kWh, with the most significant decimal digits beyond six not displayed.

One member feels that the solution could have been improved by extending the 6-digit User Interface display requirement to Single Element and Twin ESME. The member understands that the rationale for requiring 5-digits is because Meter Manufacturers are already developing ESME equipment to this standard.

Although the member believes that the solution could have been made better by extending the 6-digit display requirement, they still feel that the modification as it stands better facilitates the General SEC Objectives and should be approved.

Meter memory

A Change Board member raised a concern regarding meter memory. They advised that data stored in a meter's memory will always be stored in Wh. However, the SECMP0006 solution requires data to be displayed on a meter in kWh. The member asked whether the potential discrepancy in data was considered by the Working Group (WG).

Another member (who was on the WG) confirmed that this was considered as a potential issue. However, the WG agreed that this would have been an issue regardless of this modification as data will always be stored and submitted into settlement at a more detailed level to what is displayed on a device. Therefore, the implementation of SECMP0006 will neither address nor exacerbate the issue.

Having considered this clarification, the Change Board member who raised the concern advised that they believe the modification will better facilitate the General SEC Objectives and should be approved.

Change Board Vote on SECMP0006

The Change Board Members unanimously voted that SECMP0008 should be **APPROVED** on the basis that the modification will benefit **SEC Objectives (a) and (c)** for the following reasons:

Objective (a)

- support the Change of Supplier (CoS) process;
- improve interoperability; and
- introduce consistency across User Interface displays.

Objective (c)

- help consumers to better manage their electricity and gas usage; and
- reduce consumer confusion and the number of support calls due to conflicting read information.

The voting outcome is shown below:

Party Category	Approve	Reject	Abstain
Large Suppliers	9	0	0
Small Suppliers	2	0	0
Networks	2	0	0
Other	2	0	0

The Change Board:

- **CONSIDERED** the FMR (including the Modification Report Consultation Response and legal text) for SECMP0006;
- **CONSIDERED** that the FMR should not be returned to SEC Panel for further clarification and/or analysis;
- **VOTED** that SECMP0006 should be approved; and
- **PROVIDED** rationale as to whether the Modification Proposal will better facilitate the SEC Objectives

4. SECMP0036 'Single User ID for Users acting in one or more User Roles'

SECAS provided the Change Board Members with the FMR and Modification Report Consultation Responses for **SECMP0036 'Single User ID for Users acting in one or more User Roles'**.

Change Board Vote on SECMP0036

The Change Board unanimously **APPROVED** SECMP0036. Change Board Members believe that the modification will benefit **SEC Objectives (a) and (g)** for the following reasons:

Objective (a)

- facilitates the more efficient operation of Smart Metering Systems.

Objective (g)

- facilitates the transparent administration of the SEC and removes an unnecessary restriction.

The voting outcome is shown below:

Party Category	Approve	Reject	Abstain
Large Suppliers	9	0	0
Small Suppliers	2	0	0
Networks	2	0	0
Other	2	0	0

The Change Board:

- **CONSIDERED** the FMR (including the Modification Report Consultation Response and legal text) for SECMP0036;
- **CONSIDERED** that the FMR should not be returned to SEC Panel for further clarification and/or analysis;
- **VOTED** to approve SECMP0036; and
- **PROVIDED** rationale as to whether the Modification Proposal will better facilitate the SEC Objectives

5. Modification Status Report – February 2017

SECAS presented the Change Board Members with the August 2017 Modification and Release Status Report.

The Change Board **NOTED** the contents of this paper.

6. Any Other Business

No other matters were raised and the chair closed the meeting.