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SECMP0015 ‘GPF timestamp for reading instantaneous Gas values’ Working Group Consultation responses

About this document

This document contains the full non-confidential collated responses received to the SECMP0015 Working Group Consultation.

Question 1: Do you agree with the solution put forward?

Question 1			
Respondent	Category	Response	Rationale
Chameleon Technology	Other SEC Party	Yes	The quality of information provided by the display to the consumer will be improved, giving a better experience to the end user.
E.ON	Large Supplier	Yes	EON supports the proposal for the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It will enable EON to age the GSME balance more accurately • It will support identification of communications issues between the GSME and GPF devices i.e. if the source of the instantaneous values is the GSME and the date/time stamp is greater than 30 minutes old, then this could indicate that there has been a loss of comms between the devices • It will support more accurate and timely balance information for PAYG customers
Smartest Energy	Small Supplier	N/A	Smartest currently will not be operating/supplying GSME meters. This means all processes are unfamiliar and would not make a fair response.
Scottish Power	Large Supplier	Yes	This solution is necessary to mitigate the use of misleading read values in various consumer interactions.

Question 2: Will there be any impact on your organisation to implement SECMP0015?

Question 2			
Respondent	Category	Response	Rationale
Chameleon Technology	Other SEC Party	No	Existing implementations work (with limitations on the temporal accuracy of the information) and the change will not break this solution. Implementation of SECMP0015 will allow future products to seamlessly use this extra information as we choose to introduce them.
E.ON	Large Supplier	Yes	EON will be required to schedule the integration of the new Message Mapping Catalogue schema, which will be delivered as part of normal service delivery/support activity. No development effort will be required
Smartest Energy	Small Supplier	N/A	Smartest currently will not be operating/supplying GSME meters
Scottish Power	Large Supplier	Yes	Changes to Parse & Correlate software and changes to meter specifications will have some impacts.

Question 3: Will your organisation incur any costs in implementing SECMP0015?

Question 3			
Respondent	Category	Response	Rationale
Chameleon Technology	Other SEC Party		
E.ON	Large Supplier	No	As above, the internal changes required to deliver the change will form part of normal service delivery/support activity
Smartest Energy	Small Supplier	N/A	Smartest currently will not be operating/supplying GSME meters
Scottish Power	Large Supplier	Yes	As indicated in our response to Q2, implementing changes to Parse & Correlate software and the pass through costs of manufacturers' changes to meter specifications will have some impacts. However, as both are externally sourced, we cannot currently quantify the specific costs associated with these.

Question 4: Do you believe that SECMP0015 would better facilitate the General SEC Objectives?

Question 4			
Respondent	Category	Response	Rationale
Chameleon Technology	Other SEC Party		
E.ON	Large Supplier	Yes	Delivery of this change will better facilitate general SEC objective 3 – To facilitate Energy Consumers' use of electricity and gas by providing information through Smart Metering Systems
Smartest Energy	Small Supplier	N/A	Smartest currently will not be operating/supplying GSME meters
Scottish Power	Large Supplier	Yes	<p>We consider the test for Objectives (a) and (c) to have been met as highlighted:</p> <p>(a) the first General SEC Objective is to facilitate the efficient provision, installation, and operation, as well as interoperability, of Smart Metering Systems at Energy Consumers' premises within Great Britain; and</p> <p>(c) the third General SEC Objective is to facilitate Energy Consumers' management of their use of electricity and gas through the provision to them of appropriate information by means of Smart Metering Systems.</p>

Question 5: Noting the costs and benefits of this modification, do you believe SECMP0015 should be approved?

Question 5			
Respondent	Category	Response	Rationale
Chameleon Technology	Other SEC Party	Yes	The end user can be misled by information on the display if this is not approved – availability of the extra information is a necessary part of making the display more trustworthy.
E.ON	Large Supplier	Yes	The costs appear to be consistent with the changes being delivered and testing required to assure them
Smartest Energy	Small Supplier	N/A	Smartest currently will not be operating/supplying GSME meters
Scottish Power	Large Supplier	Yes	Customers should know whether the data they have is contemporary.

Question 6: How long from the point of approval would your organisation need to implement SECMP0015?

Question 6			
Respondent	Category	Response	Rationale
Chameleon Technology	Other SEC Party		
E.ON	Large Supplier	1 month	Lead time of at least one month required to schedule the MMC Schema/P&C upgrade/changes with EON's service providers
Smartest Energy	Small Supplier	N/A	Smartest currently will not be operating/supplying GSME meters
Scottish Power	Large Supplier	c. 12 months	

Question 7: Do you agree with the proposed implementation approach?

Question 7			
Respondent	Category	Response	Rationale
Chameleon Technology	Other SEC Party	Yes	
E.ON	Large Supplier	No	The implementation timescale is longer than EON would like. A significant proportion of our customer base will have Smart Metering by Q3/4 of 2020, many of which will be in PAYG mode, before this change is delivered. The risks, customer impacts and costs associated with managing them will have to be borne by EON during that period.
Smartest Energy	Small Supplier	N/A	Smartest currently will not be operating/supplying GSME meters
Scottish Power	Large Supplier	Yes	

Question 8: Do you agree that the legal text will deliver SECMP0015?

Question 8			
Respondent	Category	Response	Rationale
Chameleon Technology	Other SEC Party		
E.ON	Large Supplier	Yes	The legal text clearly describes the required behaviour of GSME device and GPF when handling instantaneous values in future
Smartest Energy	Small Supplier	N/A	Smartest currently will not be operating/supplying GSME meters
Scottish Power	Large Supplier	Yes	

Question 9: Do you believe that this modification should be progressed as a Self-Governance Modification?

Question 9			
Respondent	Category	Response	Rationale
Chameleon Technology	Other SEC Party		
E.ON	Large Supplier	Yes	The modification fits within the SEC definition of a Self-Governance Modification as defined in the SEC Section D
Smartest Energy	Small Supplier	N/A	Smartest currently will not be operating/supplying GSME meters
Scottish Power	Large Supplier	Yes	

Question 10: What long term impacts (if any) would you incur if SECMP0015 is not implemented?

Question 10		
Respondent	Category	Response and rationale
Chameleon Technology	Other SEC Party	
E.ON	Large Supplier	Failure to implement the modification would have long term impacts on our ability to provide accurate information to energy consumers, which could adversely affect a proportion of our PAYG customer base. In addition, EON anticipates a need to send unnecessary service requests to both the GPF and GSME devices to validate the accuracy of data held on the GPF whilst the GSME timestamp is not available
Smartest Energy	Small Supplier	N/A
Scottish Power	Large Supplier	Meter reading values may be misleading.

Question 11: Please provide any further comments you may have

Question 11		
Respondent	Category	Comments
Chameleon Technology	Other SEC Party	
E.ON	Large Supplier	
Smartest Energy	Small Supplier	N/A
Scottish Power	Large Supplier	N/A