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# SECMP0060 ‘Amend Requirements to remove ‘Pending’ devices from SMI’ Change Board vote

## About this document

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This document summarises the discussions of the Change Board on SECMP0060 and the outcome of the vote.

This vote forms a decision on SECMP0060 under Self-Governance.

## Change Board vote

### Change Board recommendation

The Change Board voted to **approve** SECMP0060 under Self-Governance.

The vote breakdown is summarised below.

Change Board vote [Proposed Solution]				
Party Category	Approve	Reject	Abstain	Outcome
Large Suppliers	6	0	0	<b>Approve</b>
Small Suppliers	1	0	0	<b>Approve</b>
Network Parties	0	0	3	-
Other SEC Parties	3	0	0	<b>Approve</b>
Consumer Representative	0	0	0	-
<b>Overall outcome:</b>				<b>APPROVE</b>

All Supplier Party representatives voted in to approve the modification and found them in favour of the General SEC Objectives presented, with the exception of one Large Supplier representative who believed the modification was neutral against General SEC Objective (f)<sup>1</sup> but agreed with the other two.

Network Party representatives elected to abstain in this vote. This was due to believing the modification had no effect on Network Parties, and therefore felt a vote in favour or against would not be beneficial.

The Consumer Representative was absent.

### Views against the General SEC Objectives

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

The Change Board believes that SECMP0060 will better facilitate SEC Objective (a) by improving the conditions in which communication hubs and other smart metering devices are provided and keeping an accurate inventory of the devices.

#### Objective (b)<sup>3</sup>

The Change Board believes that SECMP0060 will better facilitate SEC Objective (b) by updating the current obligations placed on the DCC to better reflect the situation faced by delays in the SMETS 2 rollout so that the DCC will comply with said obligations in this new scenario.

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

<sup>2</sup> (a) Facilitate the efficient provision, installation, operation and interoperability of smart metering systems at energy consumers' premises within Great Britain

<sup>3</sup> (b) Enable the DCC to comply at all times with the objectives of the DCC and to discharge the other obligations imposed upon it by the DCC License

**Objective (f)**

The majority of the Change Board believes that SECMP0060 will better facilitate SEC Objective (f) by ensuring devices are being kept in the inventory for a longer duration temporarily and that data is being accurately recorded in line with good business practices.

## Comments and discussions

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### Consultation responses

We received five responses to the Modification Report Consultation, with four responses (three Large Suppliers and one Small Supplier) in support of SECMP0060 and one respondent (a Small Supplier) against.

The respondents in support of SECMP0060 generally agreed with the Proposer's views that this modification better facilitated SEC Objectives (a)<sup>4</sup>, (b)<sup>5</sup> and (f)<sup>6</sup>.

The respondent who was against SECMP0060 felt the issue hadn't been fully explored and that this modification had gone straight to a solution. They recommended a series of actions to be taken to investigate this further. We facilitated a meeting to discuss their queries with the modification and explained that the Security Sub-Committee (SSC) had reviewed the solution and had flagged no risks. This led to an enquiry over the SSC obligation to remove 'pending' Devices from the SMI if there are no security risks associated with Devices remaining in the inventory for extended periods of time. A verbal update was given at the meeting to explain this outcome where the issue was resolved.

Another respondent, although voting to approve, also had a number of comments on the modification seeking further clarification, ranging from firmware being impacted under this modification to testing costs. We contacted the DCC to seek answers to these queries ahead of the Change Board vote. The DCC provided this information, which we sent back to the respondent.

### Change Board discussions

One Change Board member raised a query as to what would be done in the interim between the modification's solution being implemented and the present time with a number of devices that as it stood would be removed from the SMI due to being kept in a 'pending' state for more than 12 months. We provided this member the information previously provided from the DCC that they would be manually resetting values on devices until the solution is approved and implemented. This convinced the Change Board member in question.

Another Change Board member asked, in light of SSC comments, would another modification be required to revert the requirement in the SMI to keep 'pending' devices back to 12 months from 36 months. We confirmed that this would require another modification in future once the issue this modification was raised for had been dealt with, but that this future modification would not need to go through the DCC for Preliminary/Impact Assessment due to the proposed solution being a configurable one and could instead go straight to report.

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