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MP071 ‘Second-Comer Charging’ Change Board vote

About this document

This document summarises the discussions of the Change Board on [MP071 ‘Second-Comer Charging’](#) and the outcome of the vote.

This vote forms a decision on MP071 under Self-Governance.

Change Board vote

Change Board decision

The Change Board voted to **approve** MP071 under Self-Governance.

The vote breakdown is summarised below.

Change Board vote				
Party Category	Approve	Reject	Abstain	Outcome
Large Suppliers	5	0	0	Approve
Small Suppliers	1	0	0	Approve
Network Parties	2	0	0	Approve
Other SEC Parties	1	0	0	Approve
Consumer Representative	0	0	0	-
Overall outcome:				APPROVE

Views against the General SEC Objectives

Objective (a)¹

Two Large Suppliers in the Change Board believe that MP071 will better facilitate SEC Objective (a). They felt that the modification would ensure that the SEC accurately reflects the practical arrangements with regard to Second-Corner Charging. The remaining members believed MP071 was neutral against this objective.

Objective (g)²

The Change Board believe that MP071 will better facilitate SEC Objective (g). Members felt that the modification better aligns the content of the SEC with the actual operation of the DCC.

¹ Facilitate the efficient provision, installation, operation and interoperability of smart metering systems at energy consumers' premises within Great Britain.

² Facilitate the efficient and transparent administration and implementation of the SEC.

Comments and discussions

Consultation responses

Three responses were received in the Modification Report Consultation.

Two respondents (both Large Suppliers) believed that MP071 should be approved; however each respondent had a different view on which particular SEC Objectives are better facilitated. The first respondent felt that SEC Objective (g) is better facilitated as it aligns the content of the SEC with the actual operation of the DCC. In terms of SEC Objective (a), they felt that the Modification has a neutral effect.

The second Large Supplier felt that Objective (a) would be better facilitated, as there would be an improvement to the efficiency with which a Gateway is provided, resulting in a better operation of Smart Metering Systems. They also agreed that Objective (g) would be better facilitated as they would expect SEC Section K to be more efficiently discharged.

The DCC also commented. They stated that the legal text is a pragmatic solution which provides the best outcomes for the industry. They feel that the proposed solution is an economic, efficient and represents a simplification of the User onboarding process which will provide benefits for all Users and User types, most especially Small Suppliers, IDNOs and iGTs.

SECAS also received comments outside of the consultation regarding potential amendments being needed to SEC Section H. Following an investigation and discussion SECAS concluded that no further amendments are needed.

Change Board discussions

The Change Board made no further comments on this proposal.