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MP074 ‘Clarity on Obtaining SMKI Device Certificates’

Change Board vote

About this document

This document summarises the discussions of the Change Board on [MP074 ‘Clarity on Obtaining SMKI Device Certificates’](#) and the outcome of the vote.

This vote forms a decision on MP074 under Self-Governance.

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Change Board decision

The Change Board voted to **approve** MP074 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	2	0	0	Approve
Consumer Representative	0	0	0	-
Overall outcome:				APPROVE

Views against the General SEC Objectives

Objective (a)¹

Four members of the Change Board believe that MP074 will better facilitate SEC Objective (a). They felt that the modification would provide more accurate information for Parties on the process of obtaining Device Certificates. The remaining members believed MP074 was neutral against this objective.

Objective (f)²

The majority of the Change Board believe that MP074 will better facilitate SEC Objective (f). They believed that the modification would ensure that the SEC reflect the security procedures Parties are required to follow when obtaining Device Certificates. The remaining members believed MP074 was neutral against this objective.

Objective (g)³

The Change Board believes that MP074 will better facilitate SEC Objective (g). The Change Board felt that the modification will ensure that the SEC accurately reflects the security procedures to be followed in the process of obtaining Device Certificates.

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

² Ensure the protection of data and the security of data and systems in the operation of the SEC.

³ Facilitate the efficient and transparent administration and implementation of the SEC.

Comments and discussions

Consultation responses

Five responses were received in the Modification Report Consultation, and the full responses can be found in Appendix B. The responses included two from Large Suppliers, one from an Other SEC Party, one from a Network Party and one from the Smart Metering Key Infrastructure (SMKI) Policy Management Authority (PMA).

All five of the respondents felt that MP074 should be approved and gave their rationales on their decisions. A Large Supplier felt that this modification would help to better facilitate SEC Objectives (f) and (g), while the second Large Supplier believed that SEC Objectives (a) and (f) are better facilitated. The Network Party agreed with the proposed changes to the legal text, stating that it aligned to the agreed interpretation. They felt that there will be clarity and consistency in the process of obtaining device certificates. Although they supported MP074, the Other SEC Party did not make any comments.

The SMKI PMA added that the risks will be reduced in the end-to-end Smart Metering System, but made further comments regarding the legal text, which they noted could result in an unintended consequence which will need to be corrected. These amendments in SEC Appendix D section 5, have now been made to remove any misinterpretation and the legal text has now been updated.

The Proposer has also suggested including some further changes to the legal text, in order to correct typographical errors identified in the SEC Appendices affected by MP074. These changes have also been reflected in the amended legal text.

Change Board discussions

The Change Board noted the changes to the legal text following the Modification Report Consultation and had no further comments on this proposal.