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SEC Change Board Meeting 34

18 September 2019, 10:00 – 10:15

Gemserv, 8 Fenchurch Place, London, EC3M 4AJ

SECCB_34_1809 - Final Minutes

Attendees:

Category	Change Board Members
Change Board Chair	David Kemp
Large Suppliers	Simon Trivella (<i>teleconference</i>)
	Sharon Armitage (<i>alternate</i>) (<i>teleconference</i>)
	Paul Saker (<i>teleconference</i>)
	David Rodger (<i>teleconference</i>)
	Sam Cannons (<i>teleconference</i>)
Small Suppliers	Karen Lee (<i>alternate</i>) (<i>teleconference</i>)
Network Parties	Shanna Barr (<i>teleconference</i>)
	Jeremy Meara (<i>teleconference</i>)
	Paul Fitzgerald (<i>teleconference</i>)
Other SEC Parties	Mike Woodhall (<i>teleconference</i>)
	Elias Hanna (<i>teleconference</i>)
	Gerdjan Busker (<i>teleconference</i>)

Representing	Other Participants
SECAS	Joe Hehir
	Veronica Asantewaa (Meeting Secretary)
	Ali Beard (<i>teleconference</i>)

1. MP076 ‘Pursuing Non-Payment in Events of Default’

The Change Board was invited to perform the final vote on [MP076 ‘Pursuing Non-Payment in Events of Default’](#), which seeks to amend Section J2.6(b) to oblige the DCC to undertake all reasonable steps to gain agreement from the Panel for their approach to pursuing non-payment.

No comments were raised, and the Change Board proceeded to vote.

Change Board Vote – MP076 decision:

The voting outcome is shown below:

Party Category	Approve	Reject	Abstain	Conclusion
Large Suppliers	4	1	0	Approve
Small Suppliers	1	0	0	Approve
Network Parties	2	0	1	Approve
Other SEC Parties	3	0	0	Approve
Consumers	0	0	0	–
Overall conclusion:				APPROVE

The majority view of the Change Board is that MP076 will better facilitate SEC Objectives (b¹), (d²) and (g³) for the reasons given in the Modification Report. One Large Supplier Member voted to reject on the basis that this modification would be detrimental against SEC Objectives (b) and (g), for the reasons given in the corresponding Modification Report Consultation response. One Network Party Member voted to abstain, noting that this modification has minimal impact to their Party Category, and they were unable to confirm whether there would be a benefit overall from this change.

The Change Board:

- **AGREED** that MP076 should proceed to vote;
- **AGREED** to recommend to the Authority that MP076 should be **APPROVED**; and
- **PROVIDED** rationale for this recommendation against the General SEC Objectives.

MP076 will be submitted to the Authority for determination. If a decision to approve is received on or before 24 October 2019 then MP076 will be implemented on **7 November 2019** as part of the November 2019 SEC Release. If a decision received after 24 October 2019, but on or before 12 February 2020, then MP076 will be implemented on **27 February 2020** as part of the February 2020 SEC Release.

2. 2020 Meeting Dates

SECAS presented the Change Board with the proposed meeting dates for 2020.

¹ To enable the DCC to comply at all times with the General Objectives of the DCC (as defined in the DCC Licence), and to efficiently discharge the other obligations imposed upon it by the DCC Licence.

² To facilitate effective competition between persons engaged in, or in Commercial Activities connected with, the Supply of Energy.

³ To facilitate the efficient and transparent administration and implementation of this Code.

The Change Board **AGREED** the proposed meeting schedule for 2020.

3. Change Status Report – September 2019

The Change Board **NOTED** the Change Status Report.

4. Any Other Business

SECAS provided an update on [SECMP0007 'Firmware updates to IHDs and PPMIDs'](#) which is currently undergoing a DCC Impact Assessment.

It was noted that the cost of the DCC Impact Assessment had increased from the original estimated cost. The DCC had informed SECAS that to support the delivery of Release 2.0, the DCC had funded and ring-fenced a core team at one of their Service Providers to secure key resources. This enabled the DCC to use any spare capacity (without any additional charge) to support other changes including the production of Impact Assessments for modifications.

The Service Provider's core team has recently been significantly reduced as it is no longer required to the same extent as under Release 2.0. As a result, the DCC is no longer able to benefit from this resource and is now having to fund all resources for Impact Assessments.

The original Impact Assessment cost of £187,703 has now risen to £392,785.

The Change Board noted the update. SECAS noted it will raise the increase in costs with the Authority.