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MP123 ‘IVP Realignment of SMETS2 v2.0 and v3.1’

Conclusions Report – version 1.0

About this document

This document summarises the responses received to the Modification Report Consultation and the decision of the Change Board regarding approval or rejection of this modification.

Summary of conclusions

Change Board

The Change Board voted to **approve** MP123 under Self-Governance. It believed the modification better facilitates SEC Objective (a).

Modification Report Consultation

SECAS received 19 responses to the Modification Report Consultation. All respondents believe the modification should be approved. They considered the modification better facilitates SEC Objectives (a) and one respondent believed it also better facilitates SEC Objective (d).

Modification Report Consultation responses

Summary of responses

All of the respondents believed that this modification should be approved to enable Suppliers to use stocks of SMETS2 v2.0 and v3.1 Devices and avoid scrappage costs and impacts. They also believed it would avoid disruption to the supply of SMETS2 v4.2 Devices due to the delays with Commercial Product Assurance (CPA) testing.

Three respondents also noted that there are a large number of CHTS v1.0 Communications Hubs currently in the supply chain (it is advised that these are not installed with SMETS2 v4.2 Devices) compounding the problem with the SMETS2 v2.0 and v3.1 IVP end dates.

Several respondents believed that six months would not be a long enough extension given the uncertainty as to when social distancing guidance would end. They noted that there would also then be a 'ramp up' period to establish full scale installation volumes to pre-COVID 19 levels. Four respondents said the date should be kept under review and extended further if necessary. Other respondents suggested alternative extensions as set out in the table below.

Suggested Alternatives	
Alternative dates	Number of Respondents
Keep under review	4
9 months	1
12 months	5
No end date to be specified	1

Change Board vote

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The Change Board voted to **approve** MP123 under Self-Governance.

The vote breakdown is summarised below.

Change Board vote				
Party Category	Approve	Reject	Abstain	Outcome
Large Suppliers	6	0	0	Approve
Small Suppliers	2	0	0	Approve
Network Parties	3	0	0	Approve
Other SEC Parties	2	0	0	Approve
Consumer Representative	0	0	0	-
Overall outcome:				APPROVE

The consumer representative was not present for the vote.

Views against the General SEC Objectives

Objective (a)¹

The Change Board unanimously believes that MP123 will better facilitate SEC Objective (a) as it would allow the current stocks of SMETS2 v2.0 and v3.1 meters to be used instead of scrapped, which would incur a financial and environmental cost. Additionally, it would ensure a smoother roll-out allowing time for the CPA certification issues to be resolved.

Change Board discussions

The Change Board had no further comments.

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