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SEC Change Board Meeting 45

26 August 2020, 10:00 – 10:40

Teleconference

SECCB_45_2608- Draft Minutes

Attendees:

Category	Change Board Members
Change Board Chair	David Kemp
Large Suppliers	Emslie Law
	Simon Trivella
	Tim Larcher
	David Rodger
	Paul Saker
	Rachel Norberg *(Alternate for Jenny Smith)*
Small Suppliers	Daniel Davies *(Alternate for Carolyn Burns)*
	Gareth Evans
Network Parties	David Mitchell
	Paul Fitzgerald
Other SEC Parties	Gerdjan Busker
	Alastair Cobb

Representing	Other Participants
DCC	Mari Toda
	David Walsh (part meeting)
	Charlotte Semp (part meeting)
	Gary Bailey (part meeting)
Ofgem	Michael Walls
SECAS	Holly Burton (Meeting Secretary)

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	Harry Jones
	Joe Hehir
	Bradley Baker
	Ali Beard

Apologies:

Representing	Other Participants
Large Supplier	Jenny Smith
Small Supplier	Carolyn Burns
Network Party	Gemma Slaney

1. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The Secretary confirmed no comments had been received on the minutes from the previous Change Board meeting held on Wednesday 22 July 2020. The Change Board **APPROVED** the minutes as written.

2. Actions Outstanding

Action Ref	Action
40/02	SECAS to clarify how the costs provided for completing an Impact Assessment are monitored for MP078.
SECAS is awaiting the DCC to return the updated Preliminary Assessment to include revised costs for carrying out the Impact Assessment (IA). The DCC has received the Impact Assessment costs from their Service Providers but are challenging these costs. SECAS is working with the DCC to see if it can get actual IA costs following the IA. The Chair highlighted that conversations had been held with the DCC this week which stressed the need to provide associated costs as soon possible so that this modification can be implemented as part of the November 2021 SEC Release. Status: **Open**	
41/01	SECAS, the MP127 Proposer and the Network Party Representative (GS) to hold an offline discussion to clarify the legal text for MP127 before bringing back to the Change Board to vote in August 2020.
A discussion was held between the Proposer, the respondent and SECAS, and a conclusion reached. MP127 was voted upon under Agenda Item 3. Status: **Closed**	

3. SECMP0067 'Service Request Traffic Management' Change Board vote

The Change Board was invited to perform the final vote on SECP0067 'Service Request Traffic Management'.

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This modification had previously been submitted to the Authority for decision. The Modification Report sent back due to elements of the assessment needing further clarification. A Working Group session had convened which discussed the impacts for postponing the implementation date to the June 2021 SEC Release. SECMP0067 was presented to the TABASC before being issued for second Refinement Consultation, which closed on Monday 3 August 2020.

A Change Board member (ST) questioned whether Ofgem had provided confirmation that it was happy with work that has been undertaken since sending the report back. It was confirmed that Ofgem had received sight of the latest Modification Report which provided more information than the version previously submitted.

One Change Board member noted there was no explicit prioritisation of prepayment meters in the Proposed Solution's mechanism. They were supportive of the principle of traffic management, but without the measures to prioritise prepayment they felt there is a risk a further modification would be needed later, which would be more costly and detrimental to efficiency of the arrangements. They also requested to be given information on their capacity allocation compared to the DCC Total System Capacity and for this to be updated regularly.

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

Change Board Vote – SECMP0067 decision:

The voting outcome is shown below:

Party Category	Approve	Reject	Abstain	Conclusion
Large Suppliers	2	4	0	**REJECT**
Small Suppliers	0	2	0	**REJECT**
Network Parties	0	2	0	**REJECT**
Other SEC Parties	0	1	1	**REJECT**
Consumers	0	0	0	**-**
			Overall conclusion:	**REJECT**

The view of the Change Board is that SECMP0067 would not better facilitate SEC Objective (e)[1] in it's current format. Members considered that the solution needed to go further, and were concerned a further modification, at additional cost, would be needed in the future to pick these areas up. Members felt further work is needed to develop a complete solution before this is implemented, although a couple of members considered the proposed solution would go some way to resolving the issue. Members noted it would better facilitate SEC Objective (a)[2] for the reasons given in the Modification Report, but felt that the detrimental impact against SEC Objective (e) outweighed these benefits.

The Change Board:

- **AGREED** that SECMP0067 should proceed to vote;
- **AGREED** to recommend to the Authority that SECMP0067 should be **REJECTED**; and
- **PROVIDED** rationale for this decision against the General SEC Objectives.

[1] Facilitate innovation in the design and operation of energy networks to contribute to the delivery of a secure and sustainable supply of energy

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

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SECMP0067 will be submitted to the Authority for determination. If a decision to approve is received on or before 30 September 2020 then SECMP0067 will be implemented on **24 June 2021** as part of the June 2021 SEC Release. If a decision is received after 30 September 2020, then SECMP0067 will be implemented on **4 November 2021** as part of the November 2021 Release.

The Change Board:

- **AGREED** that SECMP0067 should proceed to vote;
- **RECOMMENDED** to the Authority that the SECMP0067 Proposed Solution should be **REJECTED**; and
- **PROVIDED** rationale for this recommendation against the General SEC Objectives.

MP127 'SMKI RAPP Security Screening Clarification' Change Board vote

The Change Board was invited to perform the final vote on MP127 'SMKI RAPP Security Screening Clarification'.

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

Change Board Vote – MP127 decision:

The voting outcome is shown below:

Party Category	Approve	Reject	Abstain	Conclusion
Large Suppliers	6	0	0	**APPROVE**
Small Suppliers	2	0	0	**APPROVE**
Network Parties	2	0	0	**APPROVE**
Other SEC Parties	2	0	0	**APPROVE**
Consumers	0	0	0	**-**
			Overall conclusion:	**APPROVE**

The view of the Change Board is that MP127 will better facilitate SEC Objective (g)[3] for the reasons given in the Modification Report.

The Change Board:

- **AGREED** that MP127 should proceed to vote;
- **DETERMINED** that MP127 should be **APPROVED** under Self-Governance; and
- **PROVIDED** rationale for this decision against the General SEC Objectives.

There will now be 10 Working Days for any SEC Party who wishes to refer the Change Board's decision to the SEC Panel to do so. This referral period will close at **5pm** on **Thursday 10 September 2020.**

If no referrals are received by this date, then MP127 will be implemented on 29 November 2020 as part of the November 2020 SEC Release.

[3] Facilitate the efficient and transparent administration and implementation of the SEC

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MP131 'Default maximum demand configuration conflict' Change Board vote

The Change Board was invited to perform the final vote on MP131 'Default maximum demand configuration conflict'.

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

Change Board Vote – MP131 decision:

The voting outcome is shown below:

Party Category	Approve	Reject	Abstain	Conclusion
Large Suppliers	6	0	0	**APPROVE**
Small Suppliers	2	0	0	**APPROVE**
Network Parties	2	0	0	**APPROVE**
Other SEC Parties	2	0	0	**APPROVE**
Consumers	0	0	0	**-**
			Overall conclusion:	**APPROVE**

The view of the Change Board is that MP131 will better facilitate SEC Objectives (a) and (c)[4] for the reasons given in the Modification Report.

The Change Board:

- **AGREED** that MP131 should proceed to vote;
- **DETERMINED** that MP131 should be **APPROVED** under Self-Governance; and
- **PROVIDED** rationale for this decision against the General SEC Objectives.

MP131 has been progressed as a Self-Governance Modification, and so there will now be 10 Working Days for any SEC Party who wishes to refer the Change Board's decision to the SEC Panel to do so. This referral period will close at **5pm** on **Thursday 10 September 2020.**

If no referrals are received by this date, then MP131 will be implemented on 29 November 2020 as part of the November 2020 SEC Release.

MP133 'Consequential changes to SEC Section G' Change Board vote

The Change Board was invited to perform the final vote on MP133 'Consequential changes to SEC Section G'.

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

Change Board Vote – MP133 decision:

[4] Facilitate energy consumers' management of their use of electricity and gas through the provision of appropriate information via smart metering systems

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The voting outcome is shown below:

Party Category	Approve	Reject	Abstain	Conclusion
Large Suppliers	6	0	0	**APPROVE**
Small Suppliers	2	0	0	**APPROVE**
Network Parties	2	0	0	**APPROVE**
Other SEC Parties	2	0	0	**APPROVE**
Consumers	0	0	0	**-**
			Overall conclusion:	**APPROVE**

The view of the Change Board is that MP133 will better facilitate SEC Objective (g) for the reasons given in the Modification Report. A minority also believed this modification would better facilitate SEC Objective (f)[5].

The Change Board:

- **AGREED** that MP133 should proceed to vote;
- **DETERMINED** that MP133 should be **APPROVED** under Self-Governance; and
- **PROVIDED** rationale for this decision against the General SEC Objectives.

MP133 has been progressed as a Self-Governance Modification, and so there will now be 10 Working Days for any SEC Party who wishes to refer the Change Board's decision to the SEC Panel to do so. This referral period will close at **5pm** on **Thursday 10 September 2020.**

If no referrals are received by this date, then MP133 will be implemented on 29 November 2020 as part of the November 2020 SEC Release.

4. Change Board 2021 Meeting Dates

SECAS presented the Change Board with the proposed meeting dates for 2021.

The Change Board **AGREED** the proposed meeting schedule for 2021.

5. Any Other Business

The Chair raised an item of business relating to MP122 'Operational Metrics', noting that this modification is due to be presented at the SEC Panel meeting in September 2020. Due to the timescales for this change, SECAS is looking to undertake an expedited Modification Report Consultation (MRC) before the next scheduled Change Board meeting in September. It is likely that the MRC will close less than five Working Days before the Change Board meeting in September meaning, meaning the consultation responses will be available after paper day. Members were asked whether they felt two Working Days would be enough time to review the consultation responses before voting at the next meeting, or whether they would like to hold an additional ad-hoc meeting. Change Board members were happy with the proposed timescales and agreed to vote upon this modification at the next scheduled Change Board meeting in September 2020.

5 Ensure the protection of data and the security of data and systems in the operation of the SEC

An additional item of business was raised in relation to MP106 'CHISM update for Unknown WAN Variant'. The Change Board previously approved the Impact Assessment request with a cost of roughly £19,480, with the DCC having estimated that the costs to implementation this modification is roughly £150,000 (but could potentially decrease). Three Refinement Consultation responses have since been received, all highlighting that this modification seemed costly given the minor change, and one respondent suggesting providing guidance instead. SECAS agreed to circulate an email post-meeting seeking views as to whether the DCC Impact Assessment request was still valid, or whether the Change Board would like the alternative option to be explored before reconsidering the request at the next Change Board meeting in September.

Action 45/01: SECAS (BB) to circulate an email informing Change Board member of the current situation with MP106 and asking whether members feel it necessary to review the alternative options before reconsidering the Impact Assessment request at the next Change Board meeting in September 2020.

There was no further business and the Chair closed the meeting.

Next scheduled meeting date: 23 September 2020

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