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SEC Change Board Meeting 49

18 December 2020, 10:00 – 10:30

Teleconference

SECCB_49_1812- Draft Minutes

Attendees:

Category	Change Board Members
Change Board Chair	David Kemp (DK)
Large Suppliers	Emslie Law (EL)
	Simon Trivella (ST)
	Paul Saker (PS)
	Rachel Norberg (RN) *(alternate for Jenny Smith)*
	David Rodger (DR)
	Tim Larcher (TL)
Small Suppliers	Daniel Davies (DD) *(alternate for Carolyn Burns)*
Network Parties	David Mitchell (DM)
	Gemma Slaney (GS)
Other SEC Parties	Gerdjan Busker (GB)
	Alastair Cobb (AC)

Representing	Other Participants
Data Communications Company (DCC)	Sasha Townsend (ST)
Office of Gas and Electricity Markets (Ofgem)	Jonathan Coe (JC)
Smart Metering Device Assurance (SMDA)	Kunal Sharma (KS)
Smart Energy Code Administrator and Secretariat (SECAS)	Veronica Asantewaa (VA) *(Meeting Secretary)*
	Ali Beard (AB)

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Representing	Other Participants
Large Suppliers	Richard Vernon (RV)
	Carl Whitehouse (CW)
Small Suppliers	Gareth Evans (GE)
	Andrew Margen (AM)
Network Parties	Paul Fitzgerald (PF)
Other SEC Parties	Mike Woodhall (MW)
Consumers	Ed Rees (ER)
SECAS	Holly Burton (HB)

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 25 November 2020. The Change Board **APPROVED** the minutes as written.

2. MP111 'SMDA Budget Amendments' Change Board vote

The Change Board was invited to perform a vote on MP111 'SMDA Budget Amendments'.

Change Board members noted this is an Authority Determined Modification and if approved will be implemented in an ad-hoc SEC Release one Working Day after decision.

A Change Board member (ST) commented on the concerns raised in the Modification Report regarding the scope and implementation costs. On the scope, they acknowledged the concern that this modification won't itself change the SMDA scope but noted that this modification seeks to integrate the SMDA into the wider SEC arrangements. This would then allow the scope to be further reviewed and developed by the wider industry later on. On the costs, they highlighted the SEC has an agreed charging methodology, and changing that would be a significant piece of work that would require wider debate. For past modifications that only benefitted a subset of Party Categories, Change Board members have looked at whether the change is beneficial for the arrangements as a whole; they encouraged Change Board members to do the same here. Another Change Board member (EL) echoed these sentiments.

A Change Board member (GS) understood the comments around the costs but didn't feel that Network Parties had received any benefits from the SMDA to date. Network Parties have approached the SMDA to highlight what testing they require, but these were pushed back. They were also concerned that any change in the scope would require a further modification. However, SECAS assured the Change Board that any change in scope would not require a modification, only an update to the corresponding terms of reference documents.

Another member (ST) reiterated that this modification will integrate the SMDA into SEC governance and did not believe the scheme would then carry on as-is. He emphasised that members should vote

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on how the modification aligns with the SEC Objectives and not individual requirements from SEC Parties.

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

Change Board Vote – MP111 decision:

The voting outcome is shown below:

Party Category	Approve	Reject	Abstain	Conclusion
Large Suppliers	6	0	0	**Approve**
Small Suppliers	1	0	0	**Approve**
Network Parties	0	2	0	**Reject**
Other SEC Parties	2	0	0	**Approve**
Consumers	0	0	0	**–**
			Overall conclusion:	**Approve**

The view of the Change Board is that MP111 will better facilitate SEC Objective (a)[1] and (c)[2] for the reasons given in the Modification Report. Two members also noted that MP111 will better facilitate SEC Objective (d)[3] and (e)[4].

The Network Parties voted to reject this modification on the basis that it would be detrimental to SEC Objectives (a) and (c) for the reasons given in the Modification Report.

The Change Board:

- **AGREED** that MP111 should proceed to vote;
- **AGREED** to recommend to the Authority that MP111 should be **APPROVED**; and
- **PROVIDED** rationale for this decision against the General SEC Objectives.

This is an Authority Determined modification, and so the Modification Report will now be passed to the Authority for final decision. If the Authority approves MP111, it will be implemented one Working Day following decision.

3. Any Other Business

The Chair (DK) reminded members that the deadline for Change Board nominations for 2021/22 expires today, and encouraged members to send their nominations to sec.change@gemserv.com.

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

Next scheduled meeting date: 20 January 2021

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

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

3 Facilitate effective competition between persons engaged in, or in commercial activities connected with, the supply of energy;

4 Facilitate innovation in the design and operation of energy networks to contribute to the delivery of a secure and sustainable supply of energy;

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