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SEC Change Board Meeting 56

28 July 2021, 10:00 – 10:35

Teleconference

SECCB_56_2807- Final Minutes

Attendees:

Category	Change Board Members
Change Board Chair	David Kemp (DK)
Large Suppliers	Rachel Norberg (RN)
	David Rodger (DR)
	Sharon Armitage (SA) (<i>alternate for Tim Larcher</i>)
	Alex Hurcombe (AL)
Small Suppliers	Carolyn Burns (CB)
	Gareth Evans (GE)
Network Parties	Gemma Slaney (GS)
	Paul Fitzgerald (PF)
	Hilary Chapman (HC) (<i>alternate for David Mitchell</i>)
Other SEC Parties	Gerdjan Busker (GB)
	Mike Woodhall (MW)
	Alastair Cobb (AC)
Consumers	Ed Rees (ER)

Representing	Other Participants
Data Communications Company (DCC)	David Walsh (DW)
	Easton Brown (EB)
	Richard Collard (RC) (<i>part</i>)
Smart Energy Code Administrator and Secretariat (SECAS)	Holly Burton (HB) (<i>Meeting Secretary</i>)
	Harry Jones (HJ)

	Bradley Baker (BB)
	Joe Hehir (JH)

Apologies:

Representing	Participant
Large Suppliers	Emslie Law
	Sarah-Jane Russell
	Tim Larcher
Network Parties	David Mitchell
SECAS	Ali Beard
	Khaleda Hussain

1. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The Secretary confirmed no comments were received on the minutes from the previous Change Board meeting held on Wednesday 23 June 2021. The Change Board **APPROVED** the minutes as written.

2. Actions Outstanding

Action Ref	Action
55/01	The DCC (ST) to draw out the effort and costs of manually inputting Communications Hub Stock Transfers, to support the cost benefit assessment for MP140.
It was noted that this information will be presented to the Working Group as part of the Impact Assessment, before coming back to the Change Board. Action: Open .	

3. MP134A 'Use of SMKI Certificates relating to a SoLR event' Change Board vote

The Change Board was invited to perform the final vote on [MP134A 'Use of SMKI Certificates relating to a SoLR event'](#).

SECAS (JH) noted three responses were received in regard to the Modification Report Consultation (MRC), two of which were supportive of this change. Since the MRC, SECAS identified a misspelling in the legal text which will be rectified post-meeting and incorporated into the final version. The third respondent believed this solution was not in a fit state to support to the implementation. Although the solution to the problem is in relation to a Supplier of Last Resort (SoLR) where a pre-payment customer is found, there is concern that the obligations on Shared Resource Providers have not been clearly defined in the SEC. In addition, they noted the enduring solution is [MP134B 'Use of SMKI Certificates relating to a SoLR event – Part 2'](#) which is yet to be established. MP134A is meant to provide the interim solution but could become a permanent solution.

A Change Board member (RN) agreed with the comments made by the third respondent, noting that although the principles of this modification are positive, they expected to see this modification more robust. However, they recognised the need for a solution so agreed with the recommendation to proceed to vote.

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

Change Board Vote – MP134A decision:

The voting outcome is shown below:

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

The view of the Change Board is that MP134A will better facilitate SEC Objectives (a)¹ and (b)² for the reasons given in the Modification Report.

The Change Board:

- **AGREED** that MP134A should proceed to vote;
- **AGREED** to recommend to the Authority that MP134A should be **APPROVED**; and
- **PROVIDED** rationale for this recommendation against the General SEC Objectives.

MP134A will be submitted to the Authority for determination. If a decision to approve is received then MP134A will be implemented one Working Day after this decision is made, as part of an ad-hoc SEC Release.

4. MP138 ‘DCC Service Testing in ETAD’ Change Board vote

The Change Board was invited to perform the final vote on [MP138 ‘DCC Service Testing in ETAD’](#).

SECAS (BB) has engaged with the Testing Advisory Group (TAG) Chair who stated on behalf of the TAG that they agree with the approach for the modification. The TAG has also seen examples in the past of Users using specific services more frequently than others, yet those that do not use the services are still paying through fixed charges.

In addition, three responses were received to the Modification Report Consultation (MRC), all of which were supportive of this change.

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

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

² Enable the DCC to comply at all times with the objectives of the DCC and to discharge the other obligations imposed upon it by the DCC License

Change Board Vote – MP138 decision:

The voting outcome is shown below:

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

The view of the Change Board is that MP138 will better facilitate SEC Objectives (a) and (b) for the reasons given in the Modification Report.

The Change Board:

- **AGREED** that MP138 should proceed to vote;
- **AGREED** that MP138 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 Change Sub-Committee (CSC) to do so. This referral period will close at **5pm on Wednesday 11 August 2021**.

If no referrals are received by this date, then MP138 will be implemented on 4 November 2021 as part of the November 2021 SEC Release.

5. MP157 'Removal of DUIS v1.1 and v2.0' Change Board vote

The Change Board was invited to perform the final vote on [MP157 'Removal of DUIS v1.1 and v2.0'](#).

A Change Board member (GS) suggested, moving forward, that when end-dating DUIS versions these dates should be aligned with an uplift that brings in a new DUIS version. The concept of this modification is removing onus on the DCC to support multiple DUIS services and testing any changes. Currently in November 2021, five DUIS versions will be in effect for a few weeks; if there is a defect or change then the DCC will have to test against all five. SECAS supported this approach. No further comments were raised, and the Change Board proceeded to vote.

Change Board Vote – MP157 decision:

The voting outcome is shown below:

Party Category	Approve	Reject	Abstain	Conclusion
Large Suppliers	4	0	0	Approve
Small Suppliers	2	0	0	Approve
Network Parties	3	0	0	Approve
Other SEC Parties	3	0	0	Approve
Consumers	1	0	0	Approve

Party Category	Approve	Reject	Abstain	Conclusion
Overall conclusion:				Approve

The view of the Change Board is that MP157 will better facilitate SEC Objectives (a) and (g)³ for the reasons given in the Modification Report.

The Change Board:

- **AGREED** that MP157 should proceed to vote;
- **AGREED** that MP157 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 CSC to do so. This referral period will close at **5pm** on **Wednesday 11 August 2021**.

If no referrals are received by this date, then MP157 will be implemented on 4 November 2021 as part of the November 2021 SEC Release.

6. MP158 'Incorporation of multiple Issue Resolution Proposals into the SEC – Batch 5' Change Board vote

The Change Board was invited to perform the final vote on [MP158 'Incorporation of multiple Issue Resolution Proposals into the SEC – Batch 5'](#).

SECAS (JH) noted two responses were received to the Modification Report Consultation, both of which were supportive of this change.

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

Change Board Vote – MP158 decision:

The voting outcome is shown below:

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

The view of the Change Board is that MP158 will better facilitate SEC Objective (a) for the reasons given in the Modification Report.

The Change Board:

- **AGREED** that MP158 should proceed to vote;

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

- **AGREED** that MP158 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 CSC to do so. This referral period will close at **5pm on Wednesday 11 August 2021**.

If no referrals are received by this date, then MP158 will be implemented on 4 November 2021 as part of the November 2021 SEC Release.

7. Any Other Business

The Chair raised one item of business regarding the Change Board meeting scheduled for September 2021. A few months ago, the SEC Panel delegated the oversight of modifications to the CSC and following the CSC, there is a window for Modification Report Consultations which will lead to the Change Board vote.

SECAS is proposing to delay the CB meeting in September 2021 by one week to Wednesday 29 September 2021, to allow enough time following the August CSC meeting to complete an MRC on any relevant modifications and ensure it can be voted upon in September.

Change Board members were asked to raise any objections or concerns to sec.change@gemserv.com by **close of play Thursday 29 July**. After this date and subject to no objections SECAS will re-arrange the invite for September 2021.

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

Next scheduled meeting date: 25 August 2021