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MP149 'Effecting Changes to the Smart Energy Code efficiently'

Conclusions Report – version 0.1

About this document

This document summarises the responses received to the Modification Report Consultation.

Summary of conclusions

Modification Report Consultation

SECAS received seven responses to the Modification Report Consultation. Six believed that the modification should be approved. Five respondents considered the modification better facilitated SEC Objective (g)[1] whereas one respondent believed the modification better facilitated SEC Objective (a)[2]. One respondent believed the modification should be rejected.

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

[2] Facilitate the efficient provision, installation, and operation, as well as interoperability, of Smart Metering Systems at Energy Consumers' premises within Great Britain

Modification Report Consultation responses

Summary of responses

Six respondents considered that the modification better facilitated the SEC Objectives. Five considered MP149 would better facilitate SEC Objective (g) as it would improve the efficient administration of the Modification Process. One respondent believed it better facilitated SEC Objective (a) as it would improve efficiency and operation of smart metering systems.

One respondent (the Consumer Representative) noted that the previously raised modifications that relied on volunteer Proposers was clear evidence that this was an issue and was likely to continue. They believed the solution would provide improved efficiency within the Modification Process and that the Change Sub-Committee review offered sufficient safeguards.

One Network Party supported the solution but felt that there could be some guidance placed around situations where modifications could be raised using this proposed solution. Another Network Party agreed with the principle of the modification but felt that the issue did not justify allowing the SEC Panel to raise modifications in any circumstances. They noted support for a solution that defined the situations where SEC Panel would be able to raise modifications. Since there are two separate Sub-Committees (Change Sub-Committee and Change Board) that will be the stage gate for the progression and approval or rejection of any modification, SECAS agrees with the Working Group's view that this will give sufficient checks and balances within the process.