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MP121 'Commissioning non-commissioned Devices after CoS' 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 six responses to the Modification Report Consultation: Four Large Suppliers, One Small Supplier and a Network Party. Five respondents believed the modification should be approved. They considered the modification better facilitated SEC Objectives (a)[1] and (c)[2]. One respondent (a Small Supplier) believed the modification should be rejected and the obligation be placed upon Meter Asset Providers (MAPs).

[1] Facilitate the efficient provision, installation, and operation, as well as 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 to them of appropriate information by means of Smart Metering Systems.

Modification Report Consultation responses

Summary of responses

Five of the six respondents believed the modification should be approved, considering that the modification better facilitated SEC Objective (a) as it would improve the operation and interoperability of the Smart Metering Systems. They also felt that it would better facilitate SEC Objective (g) as it would help to provide those affected consumers with the appropriate information to manage their use of electricity and gas.

One Small Supplier believed the modification should be rejected. They felt that the obligation was burdensome to Suppliers and should be placed upon Meter Asset Providers (MAPs) to provide the install codes.

One Large Supplier also highlighted that the solution makes sense for new Devices installed going forward, but should not be applied to the backlog of Devices already in situ. This is due to the potential of not being able to meet a defined Service Level Agreement (SLA) in instances of large amounts of requests following implementation of the obligation.

Accompanying guidance

One respondent believed that there would need to be accompanying guidance that detailed templates and contact lists to be used for the process.

In addition, the Chairs of the Technical Architecture and Business Architecture Sub-Committee (TABASC) and the Security Sub-Committee (SSC) noted that only the Device ID should be provided in the email and not coupled with anything that would allow it to be associated with an address, such as an MPxN. They also advised that Suppliers need to confirm that the requesting Party is a SEC Party.

In order to aid the successful implementation of the modification SECAS will provide written guidance on the SEC website alongside the Operational Contact list that can cover these points. This guidance will be produced as part of the modification's implementation.

Legal text

The Chair of the TABASC noted that the legal text (v1.0) was specific for Type 1 Devices. They noted that the aim of the modification was to commission meters, and these are not Type 1 Devices. The legal text has since been amended by the SEC Lawyer removing reference to Type 1 Devices and replacing it with "the Smart Metering System". The updated version (v1.1) has been included within the Modification Report.