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SEC Change Board Meeting 58

29 September 2021, 10:00 – 10:45

Teleconference

SECCB_58_2909- Draft Minutes

Attendees:

Category	Change Board Members
Change Board Chair	David Kemp (DK)
Large Suppliers	Robert Johnstone (RJ)
	David Rodger (DR)
	Sarah-Jane Russell (S-JR)
	Alex Hurcombe (AH)
	Sharon Armitage (SA) (<i>alternate for Tim Larcher</i>)
Small Suppliers	Carolyn Burns (CB)
	Gareth Evans (GE)
Network Parties	Gemma Slaney (GS)
	Paul Fitzgerald (PF)
	David Mitchell (DM)
Other SEC Parties	Gerdjan Busker (GB)
	Alastair Cobb (AC)
	Mike Woodhall (MW)
Consumers	Ed Rees (ER)

Representing	Other Participants
Data Communications Company (DCC)	Sasha Townsend (ST)
	Tosin Adeyoe (TA) (<i>part items 3-7</i>)
Ofgem	Grace Royall (GR)
	Roberta Fernie (RF) (<i>part items 1-4</i>)

	Andy MacFaul (AM)
Smart Energy Code Administrator and Secretariat (SECAS)	Holly Burton (HB) (<i>Meeting Secretary</i>)
	Ali Beard (AB)
	Joe Hehir (JH)
	Bradley Baker (BB)
	Mike Fenn (MF)

Apologies:

Representing	Participant
Large Suppliers	Emslie Law (EL)
	Tim Larcher (TL)
SECAS	Kev Duddy (KD)

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 25 August 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 the DCC Impact Assessment was expected to be returned on 26 August 2021 however, the DCC has advised that this has been delayed. Action: Open .	
57/01	SECAS to update its emails announcing MRCs to highlight the importance of Parties providing their views on the modification to help inform the Change Board when it votes.
It was noted that email templates were updated post-meeting highlighting the importance of Parties providing views and final comments against each modification being consulted on, to help inform the Change Board when it votes.	
A Change Board member (GS) highlighted that the added communication can be easily missed therefore, SECAS should look to include further communication seeking responses against MRCs, and to add an article to the SEC newsletter so that the Industry is aware of the importance. Action: Closed .	

Action 58/01: SECAS to add a news article in the next SEC newsletter, informing Industry on the importance of responding to consultations, noting MRCs in particular.

3. MP121 'Commissioning non-commissioned Devices after CoS' Change Board vote

The Change Board was invited to perform the final vote on [MP121 'Commissioning non-commissioned Devices after CoS'](#).

Six responses were received to the Modification Report Consultation (MRC), five of which were supportive of this change. A Small Supplier who rejected felt the obligation would be better placed on the Meter Asset Provider (MAP) instead. Another comment was received highlighting this modification would apply moving forward but not necessarily for the backlog of Devices. This is down to Parties not being able to meet Service Level Agreements (SLAs) for bulk Service Requests.

Another respondent requested guidance such as a template structure and a contact list to deliver the solution, which SECAS will provide upon implementation.

Following discussion with the TABASC and the SSC Chairs, only the Device ID will be provided by the gaining Supplier when making a request. Installing Suppliers will need to confirm that the request has come from a SEC Party.

A small tweak has been made to the legal text to replace the references to 'Type 1 Devices' with 'Smart Metering Systems'.

A Change Board member questioned whether conversations have been had around using the Secure Data Exchange Portal (SDEP) as Suppliers are trying to avoid exchanging data via email. SECAS agreed to look into this further.

The Change Board proceeded to vote.

Change Board Vote – MP121 decision:

The voting outcome is shown below:

Party Category	Approve	Reject	Abstain	Conclusion
Large Suppliers	5	0	0	Approve
Small Suppliers	0	2	0	Reject
Network Parties	3	0	0	Approve
Other SEC Parties	3	0	0	Approve
Consumers	1	0	0	Approve
Overall conclusion:				Approve

The majority view of the Change Board is that MP121 will better facilitate SEC Objectives SEC Objectives (a)¹ and (c)² for the reasons given in the Modification Report. Members who voted to reject MP121 did not believe this modification facilitated the objectives based on the current solution, and considered the MAP should provide the install codes.

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

The Change Board:

- **AGREED** that MP121 should proceed to vote;
- **AGREED** that MP121 should be **APPROVED** under Self-Governance; and
- **PROVIDED** rationale for this recommendation 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 13 October 2021**.

If no referrals are received by this date, then MP121 will be implemented on 24 February 2022 as part of the February 2022 SEC Release.

4. MP149 'Effecting Changes to the Smart Energy Code efficiently' Change Board Vote

The Change Board was invited to perform the final vote on [MP149 'Effecting Changes to the Smart Energy Code efficiently'](#).

Seven responses were received as part of the MRC, six of which were supportive of this change. Five respondents agreed this modification better facilitated SEC Objective (g) whilst the sixth felt this better facilitated SEC Objective (a) as it would improve efficiency and operation of Smart Metering systems. The remaining respondent did support the principle of the modification but felt the issue did not justify allowing the SEC Panel being able to raise modifications in any circumstances.

The Working Group had felt the Change Board and the CSC overseeing the stage gates for progression and approval provided sufficient check and balances. Another MRC respondent also considered the current provisions in place with the CSC overseeing approvals provides sufficient safeguards.

In light of the MRC responses, SECAS will issue guidance around the situation where SECAS and the Panel may raise modifications, although an exhaustive list will not be made in case unforeseen circumstances later arise.

A Change Board member (GE) noted this is an issue that is shared across all Code Panels and similar discussions had been had around the Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC) Panel being able to raise modifications. They noted that several Code Administrators have raised the issue with Panels being able to raise modifications, but that these modifications have been rejected or withdrawn. SECAS (DK) suggested the BSC Panel does have more scope and power to raise modifications than the SEC Panel currently does.

The Change Board proceeded to vote.

Change Board Vote – MP149 decision:

The voting outcome is shown below:

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

Party Category	Approve	Reject	Abstain	Conclusion
Overall conclusion:				Approve

The majority view of the Change Board is that MP149 will better facilitate SEC Objective (g)³ for the reasons given by the Proposer in the Modification Report. The members who voted to reject noted concerns over the powers the modification proposed to give to the SEC Panel to raise modifications.

The Change Board:

- **AGREED** that MP149 should proceed to vote;
- **AGREED** to recommend to the Authority that MP149 should be **APPROVED**; and
- **PROVIDED** rationale for this recommendation against the General SEC Objectives.

MP149 will be submitted to the Authority for determination. If a decision to approve is received on or before 21 October 2021 then MP149 will be implemented on **4 November 2021** as part of the November 2021 SEC Release. If a decision to approve is received after 21 October 2021 but on or before 10 February 2022, then MP149 will be implemented on **24 February 2022** as part of the February 2022 Release.

5. MP164 'November 2021 SEC Release supporting changes' Change Board Vote

The Change Board was invited to perform the final vote on [MP164 'November 2021 SEC Release supporting changes'](#).

Two responses were received as part of the MRC, both of which were supportive of this change. The Change Board proceeded to vote.

Change Board Vote – MP164 decision:

The voting outcome is shown below:

Party Category	Approve	Reject	Abstain	Conclusion
Large Suppliers	5	0	0	Approve
Small Suppliers	2	0	0	Approve
Network Parties	3	0	0	Approve
Other SEC Parties	2	0	0	Approve
Consumers	1	0	0	Approve
Overall conclusion:				Approve

The view of the Change Board is that MP164 will better facilitate SEC Objective (g) for the reasons given by the Proposer in the Modification Report.

The Change Board:

- **AGREED** that MP164 should proceed to vote;
- **AGREED** that MP164 should be **APPROVED** under Self-Governance; and

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

- **PROVIDED** rationale for this recommendation 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 13 October 2021**.

If no referrals are received by this date, then MP164 will be implemented on 4 November 2021 as part of the November 2021 SEC Release.

6. MP180 'Market-wide Half-Hourly Settlement Implementation' Change Board Vote

The Change Board was invited to perform the final vote on [MP180 'Market-wide Half-Hourly Settlement Implementation'](#).

This is an Authority-Led Variation meaning no MRC had been issued prior to the vote.

The Change Board proceeded to vote.

Change Board Vote – MP180 decision:

The voting outcome is shown below:

Party Category	Approve	Reject	Abstain	Conclusion
Large Suppliers	5	0	0	Approve
Small Suppliers	2	0	0	Approve
Network Parties	3	0	0	Approve
Other SEC Parties	2	0	0	Approve
Consumers	1	0	0	Approve
Overall conclusion:				Approve

The view of the Change Board is that MP180 will better facilitate SEC Objective (g) for the reasons given by the Proposer in the Modification Report. One member also considered it would better facilitate SEC Objective (a).

The Change Board:

- **AGREED** that MP180 should proceed to vote;
- **AGREED** to recommend to the Authority that MP180 should be **APPROVED**; and
- **PROVIDED** rationale for this recommendation against the General SEC Objectives.

MP180 will be submitted to the Authority for determination. If a decision to approve is received on or before 28 October 2021 then MP180 will be implemented on **4 November 2021** as part of the November 2021 SEC Release. If a decision to approve is received after 28 October 2021, then MP180 will be implemented **five Working Days following approval**.

7. Any Other Business

One additional item of business was raised regarding the Change Board 2022 meeting dates.

The Change Board agreed that SECAS should proceed to organise meetings in 2022 at the usual frequency; Wednesday of the fifth week following CSC.

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

Next scheduled meeting date: 27 October 2021

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