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SEC Change Board Meeting 59

27 October 2021, 10:00 – 10:30

Teleconference

SECCB_59_2710- Draft Minutes

Attendees:

Category	Change Board Members
Change Board Chair	David Kemp (DK)
Large Suppliers	David Rodger (DR)
	Sarah-Jane Russell (S-JR)
	Paul Saker (PS) (<i>alternate for Alex Hurcombe</i>)
	Tim Larcher (TL)
	Robert Johnstone (RJ)
Small Suppliers	Daniel Davies (DD) (<i>alternate for Carolyn Burns</i>)
	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)

Representing	Other Participants
Data Communications Company (DCC)	David Walsh (DW)
Ofgem	Grace Royall (GR)
	Michael Walls (MW)
	Holly Burton (HB) (<i>Meeting Secretary</i>)

Smart Energy Code Administrator and Secretariat (SECAS)	Ali Beard (AB)
	Mike Fenn (MF)

Apologies:

Representing	Participant
Large Suppliers	Emslie Law (EL)
Consumers	Ed Rees (ER)

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 29 September 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.
<p>It was noted that there is a current delay with the Impact Assessment. The DCC will present the position along with the Impact Assessment response to the Working Group and subsequently the Change Board once ready.</p> <p>A Change Board member (GS) questioned the completion timescales associated with this action and if the Impact Assessment is not ready to present to the Working Group at the December 2021 session, then a timeline should be brought back to the Change Board. The DCC (DW) clarified this request is currently with its Service Providers for assessment, and the DCC will provide a more detailed update at the next Change Board meeting.</p> <p>Status: Open.</p>	

3. MP128B 'Incorrect Gas Network Operator Certificates' Change Board vote

The Change Board was invited to perform the final vote on [MP128B 'Incorrect Gas Network Operator Certificates'](#).

The SEC does not require Gas Network Operators (GNOs) to become DCC Users. Several Gas Network Operators who do not wish to be DCC Users have experienced difficulty and disproportionate costs in obtaining Smart Metering Key Infrastructure (SMKI) Organisation Certificates. These Parties see no benefit to their organisations or wider smart metering by being compelled to make their SMKI Organisation Certificate available in the SMKI Repository. The original modification MP128 has been split into two parts following a Preliminary Assessment undertaken by

the DCC. The Proposed Solution to this MP128B is that the Post Commissioning obligations be amended so that Suppliers can leave the Access Control Broker (ACB) Certificate in the GNO slot of the Gas Proxy Function (GPF). It will also be optional instead of mandatory for GNOs to become Subscribers for SMKI Organisation Certificates.

Three responses were received as part of the Modification Report Consultation in which all were supportive of this change. Two respondents believed this modification better facilitated SEC Objective (d)¹ with the third respondent believing this modification better facilitated both SEC objectives (d) and (g)². The CSC has agreed an implementation approach of one Working Day following approval due to the nature of the rising instances of incorrect Certificates.

A Change Board member (PS) questioned whether, if ACB keys were left on a Device because the Gas Network Operator had not provided any and later became a DCC User, would it be able to place its SMKI certificates on without the need for the Supplier to do anything. This process is currently followed as part of Install and Commissioning but if this is delayed, would Suppliers need to be included as part of this process. SECAS (MF) advised if the GNO does become a DCC user then the obligation is placed on them to ensure the certificate is placed on the Device.

A Change Board member (GS) believed GNOs did not have the option to replace ACB certificates. SECAS advised this process would be covered as part of [MP128A 'Gas Network Operator SMKI Requirements'](#).

The Change Board proceeded to vote.

Change Board Vote – MP128B 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	3	0	0	Approve
Consumers	0	0	0	-
Overall conclusion:				Approve

The view of the Change Board is that MP128B will better facilitate SEC Objective (d) for the reasons given by the Proposer in the Modification Report. One member also considered that this modification would better facilitate SEC Objective (g) for the reasons given by a consultation respondent. One member felt this modification would better facilitate SEC Objective (a) instead, as it relates to the efficient installation of Devices.

The Change Board:

- **AGREED** that MP128B should proceed to vote;
- **AGREED** that MP128B should be **APPROVED** under Self-Governance; and
- **PROVIDED** rationale for this recommendation against the General SEC Objectives.

¹ Facilitate effective competition between persons engaged in, or in commercial activities connected with, the supply of energy

² Facilitate the efficient and transparent administration and implementation of the SEC

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 10 November 2021**.

If no referrals are received by this date, then MP128B will be implemented on 11 November 2021, **one Working Day following approval**.

4. MP185 'Additional controls to support the SoLR process' Change Board Vote

The Change Board was invited to perform the final vote on [MP185 'Additional controls to support the SoLR process'](#).

MP134A was implemented to provide protection for consumers in the event of a Supplier of Last Resort (SoLR) situation. The MP134A solution was to allow the SMKI Policy Management Authority (PMA) to delay the revocation of the SMKI Certificates. This would allow a Shared Resource Provider (SRP), on instruction from Ofgem to put prepayment customers into a 'safe mode' where they would not lose supply if they ran out of credit. The MP185 Proposed Solution is to allow the SMKI PMA the authority to delay, where appropriate, the transfer of the MPIDs. The transfer of the MPIDs to the SoLR would need to be agreed with the SMKI PMA and DCC by the SoLR once they have an agreed set of information.

Four responses were received to the industry consultation, all from Large Suppliers. Three believed that the modification should be implemented, and one did not, although it was supportive of the intent of the modification.

A Change Board member (PS) noted it was not clear what it was around the MPID reassignment that was causing the process to fail and why Service Requests would be rejected. SECAS (AB) clarified when the SRP sends the Service Request, it has to pass authentication, which includes ensuring the MPID is with the Supplier that has sent the message. The member asked if this was the only remaining barrier to full implementation of MP134A. SECAS is not aware of any other issues that would prevent the MP134A solution from being fully realised.

The Change Board proceeded to vote.

Change Board Vote – MP185 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	3	0	0	Approve
Consumers	0	0	0	-
Overall conclusion:				Approve

The view of the Change Board is that MP185 will better facilitate SEC Objective (a)³ for the reasons given by the Proposer in the Modification Report.

³ Facilitate the efficient provision, installation, operation and interoperability of smart metering systems at energy consumers' premises within Great Britain

The Change Board:

- **AGREED** that MP185 should proceed to vote;
- **AGREED** to recommend to the Authority that MP185 should be **APPROVED**; and
- **PROVIDED** rationale for this recommendation against the General SEC Objectives.

MP185 will be submitted to the Authority for determination. If a decision to approve is received this modification will be implemented **one Working Day following approval**.

5. Any Other Business

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

Next scheduled meeting date: 24 November 2021