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MP128B 'Incorrect Gas Network Operator Certificates' Conclusions Report – version 1.0

About this document

This document summarises the responses received to the Modification Report Consultation and the decision of the Change Board regarding approval or rejection of this modification.

Summary of conclusions

Change Board

The Change Board voted to **approve** MP128B. All members believed the modification better facilitated SEC Objective (d)¹. Two members also believed it better facilitated SEC Objective (g)², and one member believed it better facilitated SEC Objective (a)³

Modification Report Consultation

SECAS received three responses to the Modification Report Consultation. All three believed that the modification should be approved. They considered the modification better facilitated SEC Objectives (d) and one Party believed it also better facilitated SEC Objective (g).

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Modification Report Consultation responses

Summary of responses

All three respondents (one Large Supplier and two Network Parties) agreed that MP128B better facilitated SEC Objective (d), and one Network Party also added that it better facilitated SEC Objective (g). One respondent commented that the modification was sensible in that it will allow amendment of incorrect SMKI Certificates placed within a Device which previously could not be changed where the GNO was a non-DCC User.

There was one minor suggestion for a typographical amendment to the legal text (capitalisation of the 'a' in the term 'access-Control-Broker'), however the nomenclature used is taken directly from the SEC and is a specific technical reference, so this will remain as written.

Change Board vote

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The Change Board voted to approve MP128B under Self-Governance.

The vote breakdown is summarised below:

Change Board vote				
Party Category	Approve	Reject	Abstain	Outcome
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
Consumer Representative	-	-	-	-
Overall outcome:				APPROVE

The Consumer Representative was not present for the vote.

Views against the General SEC Objectives

Objective (d)4

The Change Board believe that MP128B will better facilitate SEC Objective (d) as Gas Network Operators who do not wish to be DCC Users will no longer be required to undertake the cost and effort of making their SMKI Organisation Certificates available in the SMKI Repository.

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Objective (g)5

Two Change Board members believe that MP128B will better facilitate SEC Objective (g) as it removes unnecessary obligations on Gas Network Parties to become SMKI Subscribers where they do not also wish to become DCC Users.

Objective (a)6

One Change Board member believes that MP128B will better facilitate SEC Objective (a) as it reduces the likelihood of Gas Network Operators being unable to communicate with Devices due to incorrect Organisation Certificates.

Change Board discussions

One member highlighted that once MP128B has been implemented, Suppliers will still not be able to replace Access Control Broker (ACB) Certificates with a Gas Network Operator's SMKI Organisation Certificates if they become available. SECAS confirmed that the solution to this requirement is being developed as part of MP128A.

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