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MP125 ‘Correcting Device information for the ESME Variant’ Refinement Consultation responses

About this document

This document contains the full collated responses received to the MP125 Refinement Consultation.

Question 1: Do you agree with the solution put forward?

Question 1			
Respondent	Category	Response	Rationale
Western Power Distribution	Network Party	Yes	-
Utilita Energy Limited	Large Supplier	Yes	The solution provides a means for correcting incorrect ESME Variants.
E.ON	Large Supplier	Yes	-
Octopus Energy	Large Supplier	Yes	The supplier will be able to correct the incorrect SR12.2 data providing they can move the status from 'Pending'.
EDF	Large Supplier	Yes	It is sensible that incorrect entries in the SMI can be corrected to ensure that customers can receive the correct functionality offered by the meter variant installed

Question 2: Do you agree with the proposed implementation approach?

Question 2			
Respondent	Category	Response	Rationale
Western Power Distribution	Network Party	Yes	-
Utilita Energy Limited	Large Supplier	Yes	We would like to see this modification progressed so that it could be implemented in time for the November 2023 SEC Release.
E.ON	Large Supplier	Yes	-
Octopus Energy	Large Supplier	Yes	Happy that the SR8.4 alteration is a sensible way of resolving the issue.
EDF	Large Supplier	Yes	Any change to DUIS requires parties to upgrade to the new version to take advantage of the change. It is not clear whether parties (and specifically suppliers) would be required to upgrade to a new version of the DUIS as a result of these changes, which will have a significant impact on how these changes are implemented. There has always been an assumption that parties would not be 'forced' to upgrade to a new version of the DUIS at the point it was implemented.

Question 3: Will there be any impact on your organisation to implement MP125?

Question 3			
Respondent	Category	Response	Rationale
Western Power Distribution	Network Party	No	There should not be any impact to our organisation.
Utilita Energy Limited	Large Supplier	Yes	We will need to update our processes and systems. These changes will be relatively small as the functionality to send the Service Request is already available.
E.ON	Large Supplier	Yes	We will be able to update the inventory of inherited devices, and an update to enable this may be needed.
Octopus Energy	Large Supplier	Yes	Small amount of impact due to adapter development time.
EDF	Large Supplier	Yes	We would need to upgrade to the new version of DUIS to be able to operate this change

Question 4: Will your organisation incur any costs in implementing MP125?

Question 4			
Respondent	Category	Response	Rationale
Western Power Distribution	Network Party	No costs	-
Utilita Energy Limited	Large Supplier	-	There would be some costs associated with this modification, but they would be outweighed by the benefits.
E.ON	Large Supplier	No Costs	No known costs, but there is a possibility of IT costs to implement a change if we desire to include this feature.
Octopus Energy	Large Supplier	No costs	No additional cost to implement,
EDF	Large Supplier	£100k-£250k	Required if we were to upgrade to the new version of DUIS

Question 5: How long from point of approval would your organisation need to implement MP125?

Question 5			
Respondent	Category	Response	Rationale
Western Power Distribution	Network Party	N/A	-
Utilita Energy Limited	Large Supplier	N/A	November 2023 SEC Release would provide enough time for any changes which would be required.
E.ON	Large Supplier	Almost straight away depending on work required	Any IT change is likely to be minimal, but will be dependant on other priorities if we decide to implement a change to accommodate this.
Octopus Energy	Large Supplier	Up to 2 months	Small amount of time required for adapter development/implementation.
EDF	Large Supplier	12 months	If we were to upgrade to a new version of DUIS

Question 6: Do you believe that MP125 would better facilitate the General SEC Objectives?

Question 6			
Respondent	Category	Response	Rationale
Western Power Distribution	Network Party	N/A	-
Utilita Energy Limited	Large Supplier	Yes	A – modification allow Suppliers to rectify incorrect ESME Variants, in turn allowing for efficient management and operation of those ESMEs in line with their intended use/manufacture.
E.ON	Large Supplier	Yes	We believe it supports objective (a) as it ensures good accuracy of data within the SMI.
Octopus Energy	Large Supplier	Yes	MP125 supports the efficient operation of smart meters by allowing us to correct incorrect inventory data effectively.
EDF	Large Supplier	Yes	We agree with the proposer that the change would better facilitate SEC objective A

Question 7: Do you believe there will be any impacts on or benefits to consumers if MP125 is implemented?

Question 7			
Respondent	Category	Response	Rationale
Western Power Distribution	Network Party	Yes	We believe that this modification could prevent consumers being charged on the incorrect tariffs or could be limited to certain tariff options, therefore consumers could benefit from this modification.
Utilita Energy Limited	Large Supplier	Yes	Modification will allow Suppliers means of rectifying ESME Variant issues so that consumers are correctly offered the tariff/services applicable to their ESME. It also avoids potential issues arising from incorrect firmware upgrades.
E.ON	Large Supplier	No	Customer's not likely to be impacted by information on the SMI
Octopus Energy	Large Supplier	Yes	The major benefit is the ability to correct ESME variant without the need to send SR8.3 and SR12.2 followed by fully commissioning a device to change the single data point. Much lower impact on a supplier's customers.
EDF	Large Supplier	Yes	Improved data quality and the ability to ensure all devices work as intended

Question 8: Noting the costs and benefits of this modification, do you believe MP125 should be approved?

Question 8			
Respondent	Category	Response	Rationale
Western Power Distribution	Network Party	Yes	-
Utilita Energy Limited	Large Supplier	Yes	-
E.ON	Large Supplier	Yes	-
Octopus Energy	Large Supplier	Yes	Low impact with positive reward – overall beneficial.
EDF	Large Supplier	Yes	It is important to ensure incorreced entries on the SMI can be corrected

Question 9: Please provide any further comments you may have

Question 9		
Respondent	Category	Comments
Western Power Distribution	Network Party	-
Utilita Energy Limited	Large Supplier	No further comments.
E.ON	Large Supplier	-
Octopus Energy	Large Supplier	-
EDF	Large Supplier	-