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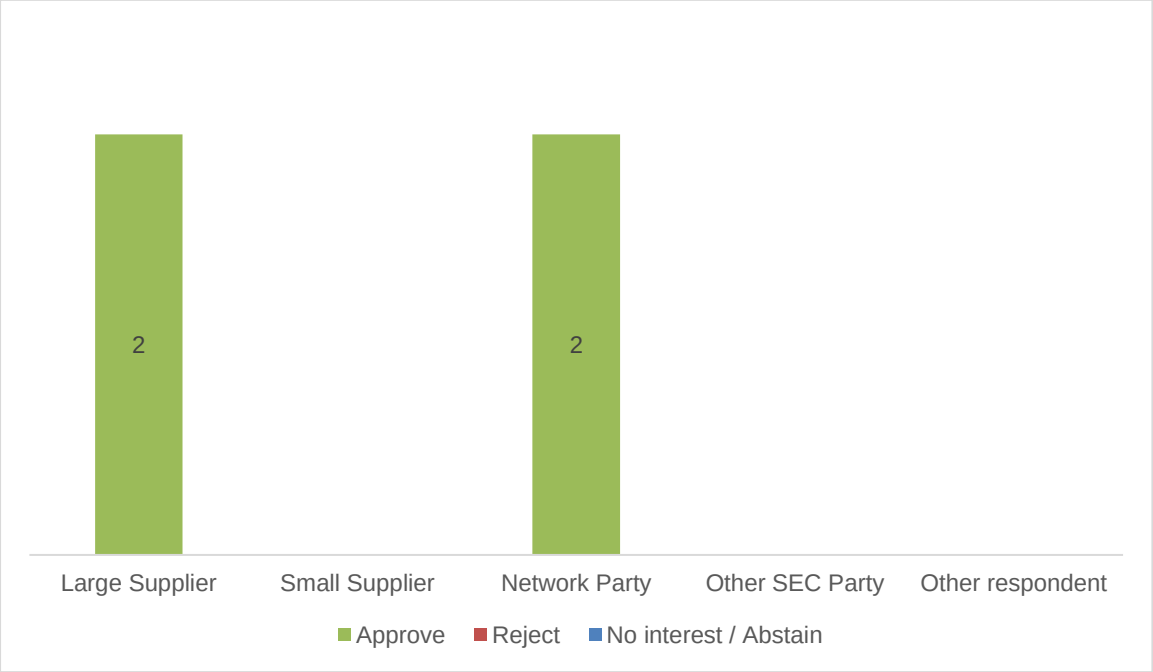
MP179 'DCC Boxed'

Modification Report Consultation responses

About this document

This document contains the full collated responses received to the MP179 Modification Report Consultation.

Summary of responses



Question 1: Do you believe that MP179 should be approved or rejected?

Question 1				
Respondent	**Category**	**Response**	**Rationale**	**SECAS Response**
Electricity North West Limited	Networks Party	Approved	Currently, a User wishing to test its systems or Devices against the DCC Systems must do so through remote or in-situ testing as set out in SEC Section H 'Testing Services' and SEC Appendix J 'Enduring Testing Approach Document', with a range of associated User-entry and connectivity steps which take time and incur cost. DCC Boxed made available as a testing Product will help Suppliers, Device Manufacturers, and other SEC and non-SEC Parties test their systems and Devices earlier in the development process increasing the quality of any new products and services. Providing DCC Boxed as a testing product with an Explicit Charge will allow the DCC to recover the development costs and potentially, over time, provide a means for the DCC to reduce its fixed costs to its customers.	
Western Power Distribution	Networks Party	Approved	We believe that this modification would better facilitate SEC Objectives (a) and (b).	
EDF	Large Supplier	Approved	We agree that this Modification Proposal better facilitates SEC General Objective (a), as this will help to better	

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			facilitate the efficient provision and installation of smart metering systems by avoiding costs and environmental wastage through stock write-offs.	
British Gas	Large Supplier	Approved	Would better facilitate SEC Objective (a).	

Question 2: Please provide any further comments you may have

Question 2			
Respondent	**Category**	**Comments**	**SECAS Response**
Electricity North West Limited	Networks Party	None	
Western Power Distribution	Networks Party	None	
EDF	Large Supplier	None	
British Gas	Large Supplier	Whilst we believe this mod should be approved, we need to ensure it is not used as a short-cut option for testing products or system changes that should go through the standard rigorous testing process. For example, Comms Hub firmware updates need to be tested properly in PIT/SIT/UIT etc, and not just using DCC Boxed.	This concern has been noted. It will be included in the Conclusions Report and relayed to the Proposer.