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MP196 'Further IVP Extension for pre SMETs 2 v4.2 Devices'

Conclusions Report – version 0.1

About this document

This document summarises the responses received to the Modification Report Consultation.

Summary of conclusions

Modification Report Consultation

SECAS received nine responses to the Modification Report Consultation. All respondents believed that the modification should be approved. They considered the modification better facilitated SEC Objective (a)[1], and one respondent believed the modification also better facilitated SEC Objectives (c)[2] and (e)[3].

[1] To facilitate the efficient provision, installation, and operation, as well as interoperability, of Smart Metering Systems at Energy Consumers' premises within Great Britain.

[2] To facilitate Energy Consumers' management of their use of electricity and gas through the provision to them of appropriate information by means of Smart Metering Systems.

[3] To facilitate such innovation in the design and operation of Energy Networks (as defined in the DCC Licence) as will best contribute to the delivery of a secure and sustainable Supply of Energy.

Modification Report Consultation responses

Summary of responses

All nine respondents agreed that this modification should be approved as it would be sensible to give SEC Parties additional time to resolve supply chain issues to prevent stock write-off. The respondents noted that if the modification is not implemented it would result in a significant number of Devices being scrapped at a huge financial and environmental cost. One respondent believed scrapping Devices could lead to negative press coverage and reputational damage.

One respondent also believed that as SMETS v2.0 Devices are easily upgraded over the air after installation and have no lasting deficiencies compared to SMETS v4.2 Devices, and as SMETS v4.2 Communication Hubs are not ready for mass manufacture, there was no urgency to make SMETS v2.0 Devices obsolete and that it was therefore sensible to extend the Installation Validity Period end-date.