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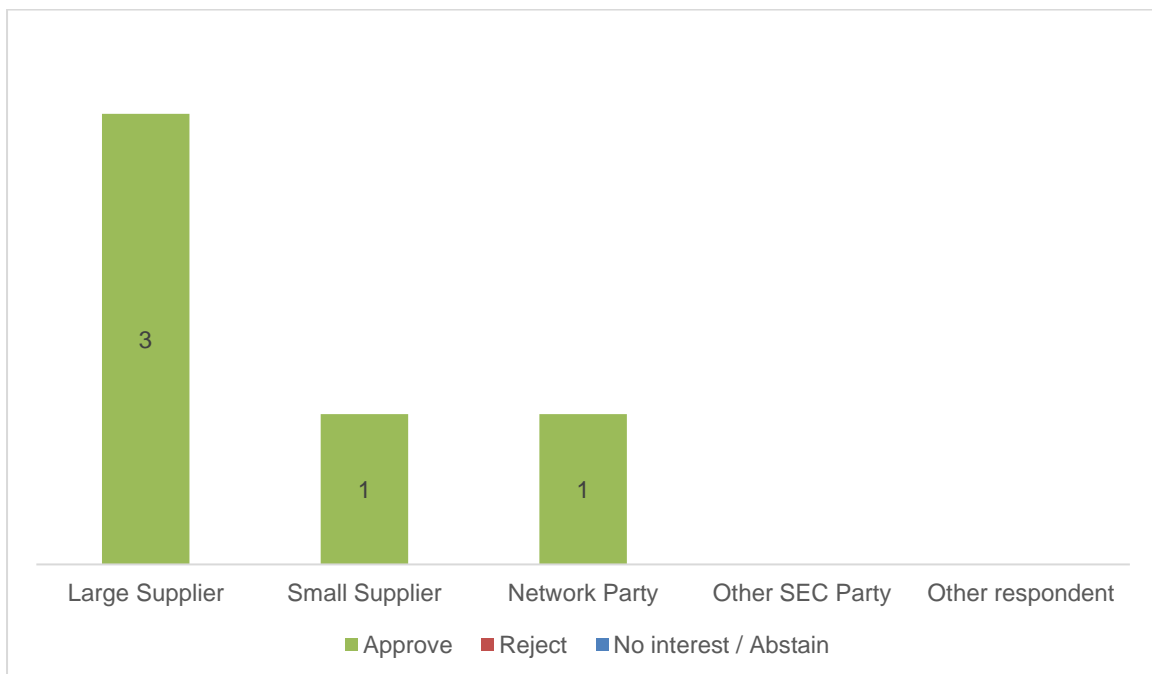
MP140 'CH Stock Transfer'

Modification Report Consultation responses

About this document

This document contains the full collated responses received to the MP140 Modification Report Consultation.

Summary of responses



Question 1: Do you believe that MP140 should be approved?

| Question 1 | | | |
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| Respondent | Category | Response | Rationale |
| Drax Group | Small Supplier | Approve | As a result of Covid-19, many Suppliers have installed fewer Smart meters than forecast over the past 2 years, resulting in excess Comms Hub (CH) stock levels. Conversely, other Suppliers are experiencing a shortage of CHs, due to global supply chain issues. The current option of returning CHs to the DCC leads to significant charges being levied against the Supplier. It also entails costs, time and effort for the DCC. MP140 would introduce a means of allowing SEC Parties to exchange CH units between themselves directly, which has the potential to introduce efficiencies and cost savings. |
| EDF | Large Supplier | Approve | We agree with the Proposer that General SEC Objective (a) would be better facilitated as a result of this Modification Proposal. It would give Supplier Parties a means of exchanging CHs between each other rather than returning them to the DCC and incurring refurbishment and returns costs. This would allow an alternate more efficient means for Supplier Parties who have built up an excess of CH stock to offload it to a willing recipient. |
| Western Power Distribution | Network Party | Approve | We believe that the intent of this modification will better facilitate the General SEC Objectives |
| British Gas | Large Supplier | Approve | We agree that this should better facilitate General SEC Objective (a). |
| E.ON | Large Supplier | Approve | - |

Question 2: Please provide any further comments you may have

| Question 2 | | |
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| Respondent | Category | Comments |
| Drax Group | Small Supplier | Some Suppliers are incurring significant costs by storing or returning excess CHs, while others are struggling to secure orders due to supply chain issues. This issue is one that needs addressing sooner rather than later. If an earlier implementation date is not feasible, we would welcome an interim, manual solution between now and November so that parties can benefit at the earliest opportunity. |
| EDF | Large Supplier | We very much see this as a benefit, and we would support. It increases our flexibility both in terms of under and over ordering, as there's always a reasonable amount of uncertainty in future Smart deployment volumes. There was a 'semi' trial of comms hub stock transferring last year and EDF were able to take advantage of it. |
| Western Power Distribution | Network Party | - |
| British Gas | Large Supplier | We are a bit nervous that this will be launched without a dispute/appeals process in place from day 1, although recognise the desire to get this mod included in the November 22 release if at all possible. |
| E.ON | Large Supplier | - |