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SEC Change Board Meeting 65

20 April 2022, 10:00 – 10:40

Teleconference

SECCB_65_2004 - Draft Minutes

Attendees:

Category	Change Board Members
Change Board Chair	David Kemp (DK)
Large Suppliers	David Rodger (DR)
	Emma Johnson (EJ)
	Alex Hurcombe (AH)
	Emslie Law (EL)
	Robert Johnstone (RJ)
Small Suppliers	Daniel Davies (DD) (<i>alternate for Carolyn Burns</i>)
	Gareth Evans (GE)
Network Parties	Gemma Slaney (GS)
	Andy Clasper (ACI)
	Stephen Charlton (SC)
Other SEC Parties	Alastair Cobb (ACo)
	Mike Woodhall (MW)
	Patrick Caiger-Smith (PC-S)
Consumers	Ed Rees (ER)

Representing	Other Participants
Data Communications Company (DCC)	David Walsh (DW)
	Tom Rothery (TR) (<i>part meeting – items 1,2</i>)
Ofgem	Grace Royall (GR)
SECAS	Ali Beard (AB)

Representing	Other Participants
	Holly Burton (HB) (Meeting Secretary)
	Rebecca Sawyer (RS)
	Bradley Baker (BB)
	Kev Duddy (KD)
	Khaleda Hussain (KH)
	Elizabeth Woods (EW)

Apologies:

Representing	Participant
Large Suppliers	Izzy Smith (IS)
Large Suppliers	Sharon Armitage (SA)
Small Suppliers	Carolyn Burns (CB)
Ofgem	Grace Royall
SECAS	Mike Fenn (MF)

1. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The Meeting Secretary (HB) confirmed no comments were received on the minutes from the previous Change Board meeting held on Wednesday 23 March 2022. The Change Board **APPROVED** the minutes as final.

2. Change Board Votes for Decision

MP143 'Incorporating IRPs into GBCS v3 series' Change Board Vote

The Change Board was invited to perform the final vote on [MP143 'Incorporating IRPs into GBCS v3 Series'](#).

SECAS (KD) provided an update on the issue and proposed solution of MP143 before providing estimated costs, benefits and targeted release date associated with MP143.

There was one response to the Modification Report Consultation (MRC) from a Large Supplier which was supportive of the change. One Technical Architecture and Business Architecture Sub-Committee (TABASC) member had also noted the Modification Report undersold the benefits of incorporating IRP589 and IRP596.

No comments were raised, and the Change Board proceeded to vote.

Change Board Vote – MP143 decision:

The voting outcome is shown below:

Party Category	Approve	Reject	Abstain	Conclusion
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
Consumers	1	0	0	Approve
Overall conclusion:				Approve

The view of the Change Board is that MP143 would better facilitate SEC Objective (a)¹ for the reasons given in the Modification Report.

The Change Board:

- **AGREED** that MP143 should proceed to vote;
- **AGREED** that MP143 should be **APPROVED** under Self-Governance; and
- **PROVIDED** rationale for this decision against the General SEC Objectives.

There will now be 10 Working Days for any SEC Party who wishes to refer the Change Board's decision to the Change Sub-Committee (CSC) to do so. This referral period will close at **5pm** on **Thursday 5 May 2022**.

If no referrals are received by this date, then MP143 will be implemented on 3 November 2022 as part of the November 2022 SEC Release.

MP195 'Security Sub Committee guidance on Device Assurance'

The Change Board was invited to perform the final vote on [MP195 'Security Sub Committee Guidance on Device Assurance'](#).

SECAS (KD) provided an update on the issue and proposed solution of MP195 before providing estimated costs, benefits and targeted release date of June 2022.

There were six respondents in total to the MRC all of which were supportive of the change.

One Change Board member (GS) asked for further clarification on where to find the guidance, which SECAS (KD) confirmed can be accessed through this [link](#) and in the download section of the [SEC Website](#).

The Change Board proceeded to vote.

Change Board Vote – MP195 decision:

The voting outcome is shown below:

Party Category	Approve	Reject	Abstain	Conclusion
Large Suppliers	5	0	0	Approve
Small Suppliers	2	0	0	Approve
Network Parties	3	0	0	Approve

¹ Facilitate the efficient provision, installation, operation and interoperability of smart metering systems at energy consumers' premises within Great Britain

Party Category	Approve	Reject	Abstain	Conclusion
Other SEC Parties	3	0	0	Approve
Consumers	1	0	0	Approve
Overall conclusion:				Approve

The view of the Change Board is that MP195 would better facilitate SEC Objectives (a) and (f)² for the reasons given in the Modification Report.

The Change Board:

- **AGREED** that MP195 should proceed to vote;
- **AGREED** that MP195 should be **APPROVED** under Self-Governance; and
- **PROVIDED** rationale for this decision against the General SEC Objectives.

There will now be 10 Working Days for any SEC Party who wishes to refer the Change Board's decision to the CSC to do so. This referral period will close at **5pm on Thursday 5 May 2022**.

If no referrals are received by this date, then MP195 will be implemented on 30 June 2022 as part of the June 2022 SEC Release.

MP200 'Faster Switching consequential changes to the SEC'

The Change Board was invited to perform the final vote on [MP200 'Faster Switching consequential changes to the SEC'](#).

SECAS (BB) provided an update on the issue and proposed solution of MP200 before providing estimated costs, benefits and targeted release date associated with MP200.

There were three responses to the industry consultation with all respondents supportive of this change.

One Change Board member (GS) queried whether their comments regarding the paragraph lettering references in SEC Appendix X section 2.11 had been addressed. SECAS (BB) agreed to check and confirm this offline.

Post-meeting note – SECAS confirmed this clarification had been included in the legal text.

The Change Board proceeded to vote.

Change Board Vote – MP200 decision:

The voting outcome is shown below:

Party Category	Approve	Reject	Abstain	Conclusion
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
Consumers	1	0	0	Approve
Overall conclusion:				Approve

² Ensure the protection of data and the security of data and systems in the operation of the SEC

The view of the Change Board is that MP200 would better facilitate SEC Objectives (a) (d)³ and (g)⁴ for the reasons given in the Modification Report.

The Change Board:

- **AGREED** that MP200 should proceed to vote;
- **AGREED** to recommend to the Authority that MP200 should be **APPROVED**; and
- **PROVIDED** rationale for this decision against the General SEC Objectives.

MP200 will be submitted to the Authority for determination. If the Authority decides to approve this proposal then it will be implemented on the Central Switching Service (CSS) Go-Live Date (as defined by the Retail Energy Code (REC)), which is currently expected to be 18 July 2022. The Authority shall designate the CSS Go-Live Date in due course.

3. Impact Assessment Requests for Decision

MP134B 'Use of SMKI Certificates relating to a SoLR event – Part 2'

The Change Board was updated on the DCC Impact Assessment request for [MP134B 'Use of SMKI Certificates relating to a SoLR event – Part 2'](#).

SECAS (KH) provided an update on the issue and proposed solution of MP134B before providing an assessment of the change. It was noted that seven responses were received as part of the Refinement Consultation (RC), none of which were supportive of this change. It was noted that Industry Parties would incur charges with a need for further debt management processes. Parties suggested the costs should not be expended on the DCC Impact Assessment. Following further discussions since the Change Board papers were issued, SECAS recommended to the Change Board that the Impact Assessment should not be requested and that MP134B should be returned to the Working Group to further assess the business case and any potential alternative solutions.

One Change Board member (EJ) felt the current solution as part of MP134A was working for them and are making good progress with the solution with no issues reported.

SECAS (AB) clarified that the temporary solution delivered by [MP134A 'Use of SMKI Certificates relating to a SoLR event'](#) placed responsibility on the Security Sub-Committee (SSC) Chair to monitor their emails for Supplier of Last Resort (SoLR) events 24 hours a day seven days a week, which was not tenable over a longer period and creates a single point of failure. The SSC also noted concerns that this solution was in breach of the Security Trust Model; in which if a Supplier's licence is revoked the Shared Resource Provider (SRP) does not have authorisation to use the failed Supplier's SMKI Certificates.

SECAS (KH) advised that after receiving feedback from Sub-Committees, Suppliers and Shared Resource Providers (SRPs) many were not supportive of the currently Proposed Solution due to the costs, and that alternative solutions need to be looked into. As such, SECAS is in the process of setting up a meeting with the DCC and the Data Service Provider (DSP) to discuss the solutions and future route of this modification.

³ Facilitate effective competition between persons engaged in, or in commercial activities connected with, the supply of energy

⁴ Facilitate the efficient and transparent administration and implementation of the SEC

The possible implementation date was also questioned to which the Chair noted that the implementation date will be reviewed in line with any alternative solutions that arise.

The Change Board **AGREED** that MP134B should be returned to the Working Group for further work to explore alternative solutions and the business case before proceeding to DCC Impact Assessment.

MP176 'Customer Analytics Reporting'

The Change Board was invited to vote on [MP176 'Customer Analytics Reporting'](#).

SECAS (KD) provided an update on the issue and proposed solution of MP176. Four responses were received as part of the Refinement Consultation, all of which were supportive of the change.

The Change Board noted that estimated costs up to and including Pre-Integration Testing (PIT) totalled £130,000 with the Impact Assessment costing £30,000.

No comments were raised.

The Change Board **AGREED** that a DCC Impact Assessment should be requested for MP176.

4. Any Other Business

The Chair noted that this was HB's final meeting as Change Board Secretary and thanked her for her support over the last two years. The Chair also welcomed RS, who will be taking over this role from next month.

There was no further business, and the Chair closed the meeting.

Next scheduled meeting date: 25 May 2022