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MP102B ‘Power Outage Alerts triggered by an OTA firmware upgrade - enduring solution’

Conclusions Report – version 1.0

About this document

This document summarises the responses received to the Modification Report Consultation and the decision of the Change Board regarding approval or rejection of this modification.

Summary of conclusions

Change Board

The Change Board voted to **approve** MP102B. It believed the modification better facilitates SEC Objective (a)¹.

Modification Report Consultation

SECAS received five responses to the Modification Report Consultation. All five believed that the modification should be approved. They considered the modification better facilitated SEC Objectives (a) and (e)².

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

² Facilitate innovation in the design and operation of energy networks to contribute to the delivery of a secure and sustainable supply of energy.

Modification Report Consultation responses

Summary of responses

The Smart Energy Code Administrator and Secretariat (SECAS) received five responses to the consultation (one Large Supplier and four Network Parties).

Three Network Party respondents stated that this modification will better facilitate SEC Objective (a). This is due to the Proposed Solution reducing non-genuine AD1 'Power Outage Event' Alerts and thus having a positive impact on the quality of services. The modification will also have a positive impact on safety and reliability, as Network Parties will have better visibility of genuine power outages, as erroneous Power Outage Alerts (POAs) will be mitigated because of the solution.

One of these respondents also believed the modification better facilitates SEC Objective (e) as filtering non-genuine AD1 Alerts will contribute to the delivery of a secure and sustainable supply of energy.

The Large Supplier commented that due to the charging statement, Large Suppliers have to pay for the majority of the change. This is despite Suppliers not seeing any benefit from this modification. They still acknowledged however, that there is a benefit for Network Parties through implementing this modification. The Large Supplier also commented that it would be beneficial to make public how the cost of modifications is paid for per Party category. SECAS has advised that a modification that will investigate current SEC charging processes is due to be raised and will look at what can be done in the meantime.

Change Board vote

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The Change Board voted to **approve** MP102B under Self-Governance.

The vote breakdown is summarised below.

Change Board vote				
Party Category	Approve	Reject	Abstain	Outcome
Large Suppliers	5	0	0	Approve
Small Suppliers	1	0	0	Approve
Network Parties	2	0	1	Approve
Other SEC Parties	3	0	0	Approve
Consumer Representative	1	0	0	Approve
Overall outcome:				APPROVE

A Network Party member representing Gas Network Parties chose to abstain as this modification relates specifically to the electricity supply at consumers' premises.

Views against the General SEC Objectives

Objective (a)

The Change Board believes that MP096 will better facilitate SEC Objective (a) as reducing the non-genuine AD1 Alerts will better facilitate the efficient operation and interoperability of smart metering systems at energy Consumers' premises within Great Britain.

Change Board discussions

The Consumer representative commented that the modification will reduce Distribution Network Operator (DNO) costs as they will no longer have to respond to these non-genuine Alerts. They also considered this modification will have a positive environmental impact due to the reduction in site visits.