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Modification Decision

SECMP0034:

Changes to the SEC Section D for DCC analysis provisions

Summary

Currently, the Smart Energy Code (SEC) does not recognise the Data Communication Company's (DCC's) Preliminary Assessment (PA) and Impact Assessment (IA) processes. This modification seeks to update SEC Section D 'Modification Process' to ensure:

- the DCC PA and IA processes are recognised;
- there are clear delivery timescales and/or methods for setting such timescales; and
- associated progress reporting to the SEC Panel.

Change Board Decision



The Change Board believes unanimously that SECMP0034 does better facilitate the SEC Objectives. The Change Board therefore believe that this Modification Proposal should be approved. What stage is this document in the process?

01 Initial Assessment

02 Refinement Process

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About this Document

This is the Modification Decision document for SECMP0034. This document provides a summary of the Change Board discussions and decision under Self-Governance on this modification.



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1. Change Board discussions

The **unanimous** view of the Change Board is that SECMP0034 does facilitate General SEC Objectives (b) and (g) and should be **approved**.

Change Board discussions

The Change Board noted the views that DCC had raised in its consultation response regarding the implementation approach. However, members noted that it is the Panel that determines the modification's implementation approach when it approves the Modification Report, and the Change Board is unable to change this as part of its decision.

One member highlighted a consultation comment seeking further clarity on how the assessment timescales would be applied if there was any delay in convening a Working Group or Panel meeting to discuss issues raised by DCC during an Assessment. SECAS highlighted that this level of process would not be captured in the legal text, but that if an issue was raised that required the Working Group or the Panel to convene to discuss, then all relevant timescales would be halted for the duration it took to convene the relevant group.

Views against the General SEC Objectives

Objective (g)¹

The **unanimous** view of the Change Board is that SECMP0034 will better facilitate Objective (g). Members believe that SECMP0034 will improve the DCC Assessment arrangements, allowing for more efficient management of DCC submission timescales, better ensuring the efficient progression of Modification Proposals.

Objective (b)²

The majority view of the Change Board is that SECMP0034 is neutral to Objective (b).

One member believes that SECMP0034 will better facilitate Objective (b) in ensuring the development of a System for the provision of Mandatory Business under the SEC.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Change Board believes that SECMP0034 is neutral against the remaining Objectives.

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¹ Facilitate the efficient and transparent administration and implementation of this Code

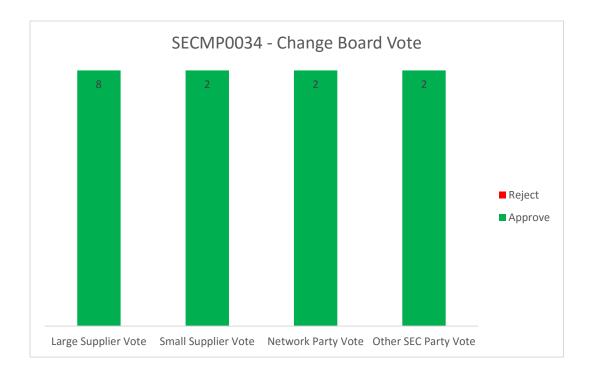
² Enable the DCC to comply at all times with the General Objectives of the DCC (as defined in the DCC Licence), and to efficiently discharge the other obligations imposed upon it by the DCC Licence



2. Change Board Vote

This section sets out the breakdown of the Change Board's vote.

The Change Board unanimously voted to approve SECMP0034.



One Network member (who operates as a Gas Network Party) abstained from the vote, as they did not believe this change will have a notable impact on gas transporters.



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3. Change Board decision

The Change Board:

- CONSIDERED the Final Modification Report (FMR) and Modification Report Consultation (MRC) responses for SECMP0034;
- AGREED not to send the FMR back to the Panel for further clarification;
- APPROVED SECMP0034 under Self-Governance for implementation on 1st November 2018 as part of the November 2018 SEC Release; and
- PROVIDED rationale as to why SECMP0034 better facilitates the General SEC Objectives.

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