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Modification Decision

SECMP0019:

ALCS/HCALCS Description Labels

Summary

This Modification seeks to introduce SEC naming conventions to be used when defining Auxiliary Load Control Switches (ALCS) or Home Area Network (HAN) Connected Auxiliary Load Control Switches (HCALCS).

Change Board Decision



- The Change Board believes that SECMP0019 better facilitates the SEC Objectives. It has therefore **approved** this Modification Proposal under Self-Governance.

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About this Document

This is the Modification Decision document for SECMP0019. This document provides a summary of the Change Board discussions and conclusions.

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1. Change Board discussions

The **unanimous** view of the Change Board is that SECMP0019 better facilitates General SEC Objective(s) (a), (c) and (d) and should be **approved**.

Change Board discussions

Change Board members considered that, although they were supportive of the modification, they had concerns that Suppliers may struggle with applying the correct label if they undertook the new standardised list.

A Change Board Member raised the issue of the list's non-mandatory status. They questioned the effectiveness of the modification where there was a choice to act on the change or not despite the time, effort and resources that has gone into the Modifications Process to reach this outcome. This opinion was seconded by another Change Board Member, raising what assurances could be given to ensure the list was properly maintained, updated and enforced by SECAS.

A Change Board Member mentioned that, despite the issues raised, they would be supportive of the modification. They would want to see it implemented, so long as there is a high uptake of Suppliers choosing to adhere to the standardised list set out on the website.

Finally, a Change Board Member raised concerns over the costing of the modification. Although the cost of the proposed solution is £1,200, they questioned why this non-mandatory list option cost as little as this while the mandatory list option was quoted at £432,000 - £622,000 for seemingly little change to the modification detailing. Given that the cost was very influential over the choice to make the list non-mandatory, the member wanted future modifications to include a specific financial breakdown as to the reasons and causes of expense in solution designs. They noted that they would have preferred a mandatory list and expressed concerns that this modification's solution had been weakened due to the high costs to amend the DCC Systems.

Views against the General SEC Objectives

Objective (a)¹

The **majority** view of the Change Board is that the modification better facilitates General SEC Objective (a), as it will increase efficiency through avoidance of customer service issues related to different ALCS naming conventions.

A minority of the Change Board believe that this modification is neutral against General SEC Objective (a) due to the solution being non-mandatory and therefore not ensuring the proposed efficiency gains.

¹ Facilitate the efficient provision, installation, and operation, as well as interoperability, of Smart Metering Systems at Energy Consumers' premises within Great Britain



Objective (c)²

The **majority** view of the Change Board is that this modification will better facilitate General SEC Objective (c) through improving the Energy Consumer experience by having a clear and consistent means of identifying the ALCS across different energy Suppliers.

A minority of the Change Board believe that this modification will be neutral against General SEC Objective (c), citing that this will only apply depending on the number of Suppliers that uptake this solution, due to the solution being a recommendation rather than enforced.

Objective (d)³

The **unanimous** view of the Change Board is that this modification will better facilitate General SEC Objective (d) through the Change of Supplier process being easier and less complex to administer. This is due to consumers being less likely to be confused between the different naming conventions used between different Suppliers, and the gaining Supplier better understanding what is attached to each ALCS or HCALCS.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Change Board believe that SECMP0019 is neutral against all other General SEC Objectives.

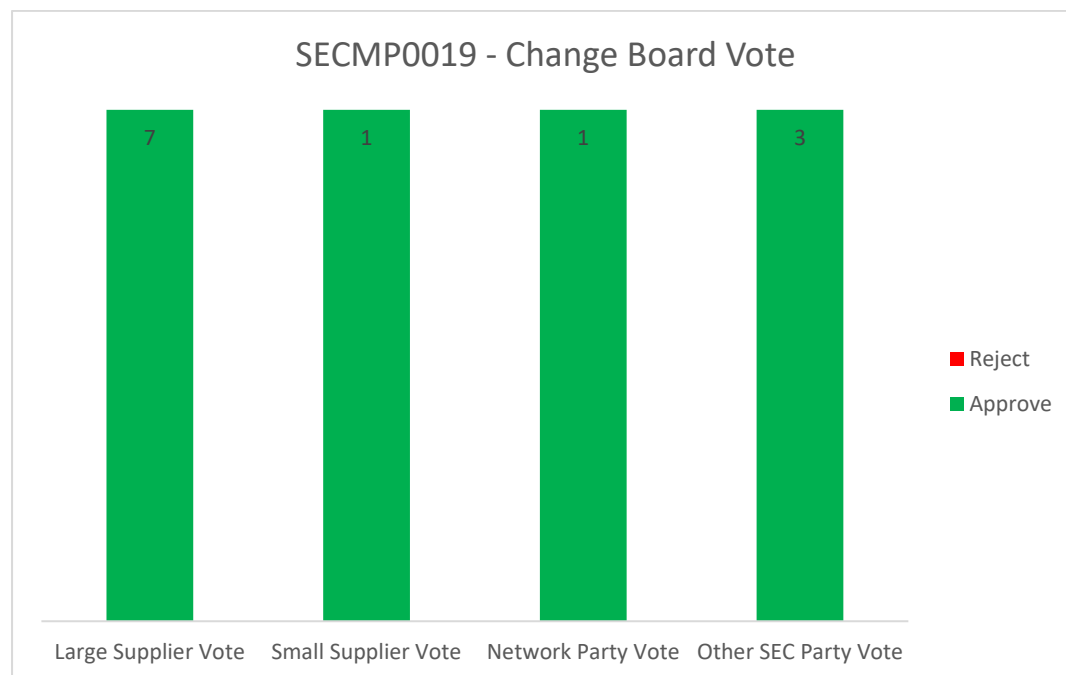
² Facilitate Energy Consumers' management of their use of electricity and gas through the provision to them of the appropriate information by means of Smart Metering Systems

³ Facilitate effective competition between persons engaged in, or in Commercial Activities connected with, the Supply of Energy

2. Change Board Vote

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

The Change Board voted to approve SECMP0019



One Networks member abstained as they did not believe this modification would impact on Gas Transporters.

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3. Change Board Decision

The Change Board:

- **CONSIDERED** the Final Modification Report and Modification Report Consultation responses for SECMP0019;
- **APPROVED** SECMP0019 under Self-Governance for implementation on 1st November 2018; and
- **PROVIDED** rationale as to why SECMP0019 better facilitates the General SEC Objectives.

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