

SEC Newsletter



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Welcome to the latest edition of the fortnightly newsletter from the Smart Energy Code.

We would love to hear from you, so get in touch by [emailing the SECAS Helpdesk](#) if you have any feedback.



Thank You for Joining the SEC Party Engagement Day on 01 July 2025

This story is of interest to all SEC Parties

Thank you for attending the SEC Party Engagement Day. Whether in person or remotely—we truly appreciate your participation.

It was a great day of collaboration, insight, and strategic discussions.

Key highlights included:

- An engaging look ahead to SECCo's plans for 2025/26
- Insightful updates from Ofgem and Smart DCC
- Strategic and operational updates from the SECCo Executive covering Code and regulatory strategy, Industry operations, service management and Sub-Committee Management
- Breakout sessions exploring the SEC Performance Assurance Framework, Consumer Consent with Retail Energy Code Company and the work of Alt HAN Co Ltd.



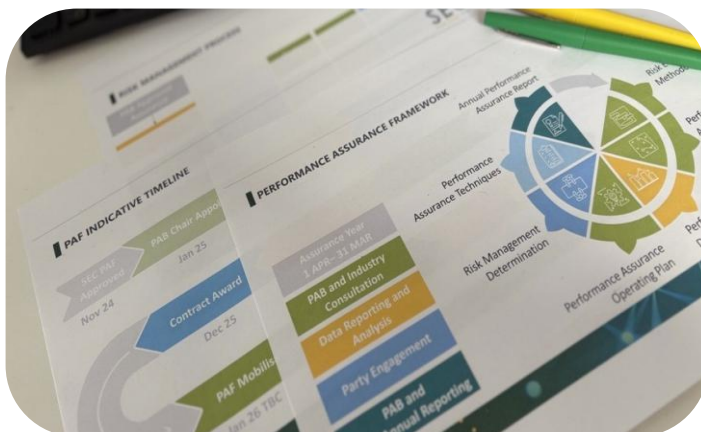
A big thank you to all our speakers and breakout presenters — your contributions helped drive meaningful conversation around the evolving smart energy landscape.

The presentation [slides](#) and [event recording](#) are now available. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to reach out, we're here to help.

Performance Assurance Board (PAB) Strategy Now Available

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We're pleased to announce the publication of the PAB Strategy. This document outlines the PAB's strategic approach for the year ahead, supporting the development of the Performance Assurance Framework (PAF), management of performance risks and issues within the SEC, industry transparency, and alignment with [MP224 'SEC Performance Assurance Framework'](#) and SEC general objectives.



The strategy is available on the [PAB Committee page](#) of the SEC website and will be reviewed annually, serving as a key reference for stakeholders and committee members alike. SEC Parties will need to be logged in to view the document.

We encourage all stakeholders to familiarise themselves with the strategy and engage with the PAB's direction for the year ahead.

If you have any questions on the strategy, please contact the PAB chair at PAB@seccoltd.com.



SMDA Future Dated Tariff Price Update

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Smart Meter Device Assurance (SMDA) has introduced an addition to its suite of tests that caters specifically for the inclusion of critical future dated functionality used by Energy Suppliers. This is to update the tariff pricing elements of smart meters via the Service Request 1.2.1 - Update Price (Primary Element).

This test has been implemented following a review by the SMDA Sub-Committee and driven by the quarterly price change events in Great Britain which now reinforces the Scheme's test coverage for future dated testing.

The SMDA Baselines and Test Specification Library have been updated and are available on the [SMDA website](#).

Devices submitted for SMDA assurance testing will now be tested against this new testing scope.

Have Your Say: 4G – What Would You Like to Hear About?

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We've heard your requests for a session on 4G, and we'd like your input to help ensure you're getting the information you want. Here's some potential topics we can cover:

- Why the transition to 4G is needed
- What's happening now with 4G
- What's the next milestones
- Where to find further information and resources
 - The Terms of Reference (ToR), Factsheets (GREEN), and the Plan on a Page (POAP) are available on the [SEC website](#)
 - The Overall Transition Plan (OTP) and Factsheets (AMBER) are accessible on request or via the CTG Teams channel for SEC Parties.



Are there specific areas you'd like us to explore in more detail? Please send your suggestions to the [SECAS Helpdesk](#) as your feedback will help us tailor the communications to your needs.



Keep Your SEC Party Details Up to Date!

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Did you know that keeping your SEC Party Details current is more than just helpful—it's a formal requirement under [SEC Section M6.2](#). Beyond compliance, it's how we make sure you never miss out on relevant and important updates, including SEC Panel, Sub-Committee updates, event invitations and other relevant news.

How to Update Your Details

Changing your details is quick and easy. Just fill out our online [Change in Party Details](#) form. The form allows SEC Parties to securely update their nominated Primary and Secondary Contact information. These details are not published on the publicly available pages of the website as this is for use by SECAS. Once it's submitted, a member of the SECAS team will review your update and either process it or reach out for more information if required.

Quick Tips

- Avoid using personal mobile numbers when updating your contact information.
- When assigning a new Primary Contact, please ensure it's a single named individual. The associated email address should be unique and not a shared mailbox.

Staying connected is easier when your details are current. Help us help you by keeping your SEC Party Details accurate and complete.



Modifications Update

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New Modifications

Title	Issue	Solution
DP296 'Alignment with updated ISO standards'	The SEC section L14.7 and Appendix AT refer to a specific control (A.10 and A.10.1) of ISO 27001 (2013) and ISO 27002 (2013). These ISO standards have been updated to ISO27001 (2022) and ISO27002 (2022) and the A.10 controls have been replaced by control A.8.24. To align with the agreed transition period, the change to compliance with the new standards is required to be implemented by October 2025.	Amending the SEC to align with updated ISO standards.

Modification Report Consultations:

Title	Closing Date	Impacted Parties	Link
MP288 'Erroneous Section J Default Notices'	09 Jul 2025	Large Suppliers, Small Suppliers, Network Parties, DCC	DOWNLOAD
MP290 'Incorporation of Category 3 Issue Resolution Proposal into the SEC – Batch 11 and GBCS Changes'	09 Jul 2025	Large Suppliers, Small Suppliers, DCC, Electricity Network Parties	DOWNLOAD
MP295 'Amendment to SMETS1 Cache Solution'	09 Jul 2025	Large Suppliers, Small Suppliers, DCC	DOWNLOAD
MP288 proposes to place an obligation within the SEC preventing the DCC from raising an Event of Default Notice against a Party on the grounds of the DCC's late Direct Debit collection.			
MP290 proposes a text only change to emphasise that Certification Path Validation (CPV) only applies to the replacement Certificates and does not apply under any circumstance to existing Certificates held as credentials in Trust Anchor Cells.			



MP295 proposes to enable the cache to store 24 hours plus an additional three hours up to 03:00AM of the current day. This will better facilitate Supplier behaviour as analysed since the original cache solution was implemented through SEC Modification MP256 on 27 June 2024. This amendment to the current solution will allow industry to further realise the benefits of the cache by reducing the amount of DCC System traffic required to support Market-Wide Half Hourly Settlement (MHHS).

Industry News and Consultations

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[DCC Review Phase 2: Objectives, operational model and future role of DCC | Ofgem](#)

Ofgem is consulting on the future DCC licence framework ahead of 2027. You are invited to submit feedback on this consultation by 14 July 2025.

[Draft Regulatory Instructions and Guidance \(Successor Licensee\) | Ofgem](#)

Ofgem is requesting feedback on how the next company running smart metering communications should plan and report its costs. You are invited to submit feedback by 15 July 2025.

[DCC Consultation: Out-of-Region Communications Hub Installations | Smart DCC](#)

DCC is consulting on the issue of Communications Hubs (CHs) being installed in the North Region using technology meant for other regions. You are invited to submit feedback by 18 July 2025.

[Communications Hubs & Networks Consultation on Changes to the Intimate Communications Hub Interface Specification \(ICHIS\) 2025 | Smart DCC](#)

DCC is consulting on updates to the Intimate Communications Hub Interface Specification (ICHIS). You are invited to submit feedback by 30 July 2025.

[Data Best Practice as a Code Obligation - Ofgem](#)

Ofgem is consulting on making its Data Best Practice (DBP) Guidance a mandatory requirement across the energy sector, not just for network companies. Ofgem is seeking feedback on this move and any improvements needed to the guidance. You are invited to submit feedback by 11 August 2025.



Upcoming Events and SEC Meetings

- 15 July, 10:00 – [Change Sub-Committee Meeting 77](#) (Members)
- 17 July, 09:30 – [TABASC 115X](#) (Members)
- 17 July, 10:00 – [Privacy Sub-Committee 16](#) (Members)
- 18 July, 10:30 – [Other SEC Party Engagement Call](#) (Open to Party Type)
- 21 July, 10:30 – [Large Supplier Engagement Call](#) (Open to Party Type)
- 21 July, 13:00 – [Communications Transitions Group 29](#) (Members)
- 22 July, 09:30 – [SEC Panel 142](#) (Members)
- 22 July, 14:00 – [SECCo Board 142](#) (Members)
- 23 July, 10:00 – [Change Board 104](#) (Members)
- 23 July, 10:00 – [Security Sub-Committee 220](#) (Members)
- 24 July, 15:00 – [Small Supplier Engagement Call](#) (Open to Party Type)
- 28 July, 12:20 – [Operations Group 145](#) (Members)
- 30 July, 09:45 – [Testing Advisory Group 128](#) (Members)

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