

SEC Newsletter



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Welcome

Welcome to the latest edition of the fortnightly newsletter from the Smart Energy Code. We would love to hear from you - get in touch by emailing secas@gemserv.com if you have any feedback.



SMKI Certificate Management: Preparing for 2026 Expiries and SEC Compliance

This story is of interest to all SEC Parties

The end-to-end smart metering security architecture includes a range of security controls that are subject to regular independent assessments to provide assurance to all SEC Parties. As the smart metering landscape continues to evolve, it's crucial for SMKI Subscribers and DCC Users to stay ahead of certificate management obligations. With many SMKI Certificates issued in 2016 set to expire in 2026, proactive action is needed to maintain compliance and ensure uninterrupted smart services.



Why This Matters

SMKI Certificates are foundational to the security and trust of the smart metering system. They support cryptographic functions that ensure message authenticity, integrity, confidentiality, non-repudiation, and service availability. Failure to manage these certificates properly risks non-compliance with the SEC, particularly around Post Commissioning Obligations and the handling of revoked or expired certificates.

The recent [SEC Modification MP268, Certificate rotation and expired Certificates](#) (effective 06 November 2025) also reinforces these responsibilities by requiring Subscribers to replace certificate data before expiry.

Key Actions

Post Commissioning Obligations (SEC Appendix AC 5.3)

- Energy Suppliers must ensure they meet their Post Commissioning Obligations within 7 days of Commissioning a Device, as per SEC Appendix AC section 5.3. Suppliers must ensure that the correct Network Operator SMKI Organisation Certificate is installed.

Revoked and Expired Certificates (SEC Appendix AC 5.22–5.23)

- SMKI Subscribers to replace SMKI Organisation Certificates that expire in 2025/2026 and beyond.
- These obligations are now part of the annual User Security Assessment under SEC Section G8.3(f)(iii), as amended by MP268.

Network Operator Certificates

- If a Gas Network Operator lacks a certificate in the SMKI Repository, you should use the DCC ACB Certificate.
- For Network Operators, refer to the ENA's "EREC M31" table published on the SEC Website for the correct certificates.

As Chairs of the Security Sub-Committee (SSC) and the Performance Assurance Board (PAB), we urge all SMKI Subscribers and DCC Users to take proactive steps in managing certificate renewals and meeting SEC obligations. Staying compliant ensures the continued integrity and security of the smart metering system and protects consumers and stakeholders alike.

Thank you for your continued commitment to security and compliance.

Gordon Hextall, SSC Chair and Beth Procter, PAB Chair.

SEC Sub-Committee Nominations and Elections Result

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Smart Meter Device Assurance Sub-Committee (SMDASC) Nominations Now Open!

December 2025 signals the end of the term for several SMDASC members. The 2025 SMDASC nominations are now open, and the following seats are up for nomination:

- 1 Electricity Network
- 1 Other SEC Party ESME Manufacturer
- 1 Other SEC Party GSME Manufacturer
- 1 Other SEC Party In Home Display Manufacturer
- 1 Other SEC Party Meter Asset Provider



In addition, the following seats remain vacant and are available for nomination:

- 1 Large Supplier
- 2 Small Suppliers
- 1 Other SEC Party In Home Display Manufacturer

SEC Parties are invited to make a nomination for their Party category using the [online form](#) by **Friday, 21 November 2025**. You will need to be [logged in](#) to access the form.

The purpose of the SMDASC is to manage the Smart Meter Device Assurance (SMDA) Scheme efficiently and in accordance with its objective of providing assurance of the interoperability and interchangeability of smart meter Devices, as well as overseeing the development of potential changes to the test specifications and test scripts. Learn more about the roles and responsibilities of the [SMDASC](#) on the SEC website.

How to make a nomination: You may nominate a prospective candidate or nominate yourself if you wish to contribute to key industry developments.

Nominee Requirements: As outlined in the SEC, nominees must be eligible to become and remain a Member under SEC Section C6 at the time of nomination. You may use the nomination form's text box to provide relevant experience, though this is optional.

Voting Process: If nominations exceed available seats in a Party Category, a vote will take place. Each Voting Group within that category will be entitled to cast one vote for its preferred nominee. Eligible candidates will be notified after the nomination window closes. If voting is required, it will open on Friday, 28 November 2025, and voting forms will be distributed to the relevant Voting Groups. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email SECAS@gemserv.com.

TABASC Election Results 2025

We recently held the annual Technical Architecture and Business Architecture Sub-Committee (TABASC) elections for several seats. Following the nominations received, the results are as follows:

Large Supplier Parties

There were three nominations for the three available seats, which were Alastair Cobb from British Gas, Emslie Law from OVO and Mahfuzar Rahman from Scottish Power. Alastair, Emslie, and Mahfuzar will each be taking on a consecutive term.

Small Supplier Parties

There was one nomination for the one available seat, which was Daniel Davies from ESG Global Ltd. Daniel will be taking on a consecutive term.

Other SEC Parties

There were two nominations for the two available seats, which were Ian Lovatt from Chameleon Technology and Matthew Hallchurch from Honeywell / Elster. Ian and Matthew will each be taking on a consecutive term.

Network Operators (Electricity)

There was one nomination for the one available seat, which was Alan Creighton from Northern Powergrid. Alan will be taking on a consecutive term.

Network Operators (Gas)

No nominations were received for this seat, so it remains vacant. If you are a Gas Network Party and would like to submit a nomination, please contact SECAS@gemserv.com.

The new term begins on Monday, 01 December 2025, so the first TABASC meeting with new membership will be TABASC 120, on Tuesday, 09 December 2025. The online membership list is now updated to reflect this election.

Thank you to those of you who participated, by nominating a candidate. If you have any questions or feedback on the elections process, please do not hesitate to contact SECAS@gemserv.com.

Privacy Controls Framework V2.15 Published

This story is of interest to Other Users

Following the implementation of [MP246 DCC User access to metadata via the DCC Self-Service Interface \(SSI\)](#), SEC I1.4 is no longer in use. As a result, the [Privacy Controls Framework \(PCF\)](#) has been updated to reflect the SEC changes. Additionally, updates have been made to incorporate new SEC I1.3 Unjoin trigger mechanisms. These changes were approved by the Privacy Sub-Committee (PSC) and consulted on in line with SEC I2.16.

Please note these changes and ensure you are using the latest version (v2.15) of the PCF in preparing for your next Privacy Assessment. If you have any questions, please email PSC@gemserv.com

Did You Know?

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The SEC website uses Google's reCAPTCHA tool on its webforms to protect against spam. For it to function properly, users must enable **Targeting cookies**. Here's how:

- Click the green "**Manage Consent**" tab at the bottom right of any page.
- Toggle "**Targeting**" cookies to green and select "**Save Preferences.**"

Once enabled, the reCAPTCHA checkbox will appear at the end of the form. Tick "**I'm not a robot**" and click **Submit** to complete your entry. [Contact us](#) if you experience any issues or have questions.

Upcoming Online Events

SEC Security & Privacy Assessment Drop-In Session

Who: SEC Parties

What: Join us as we introduce EY as the new delivery partner for Security and Privacy Assessments, share early transition and Assessment insights, and invite your input to help shape future processes and engagement.

How to Register for a Session:

Microsoft Teams. Please use the link below to register.

[17 November 2025; 10:00 – 11:00](#)

We encourage SEC Parties to submit any questions or feedback you may have before the session by emailing secas@gemserv.com.

Introduction to the SEC Webinar

Who: SEC Parties, especially new joiners, those transitioning into relevant roles, or recently acceded Parties.

What: An "Introduction to the SEC" webinar on Wednesday, 19 November 2025, from 10:00 to 12:00. The session will provide key insights into the SEC and include opportunities for Q&A and discussion with our subject experts.

How to Register for a Session:

- Microsoft Teams. Register [here](#).
- Feel free to share this invite with colleagues or industry peers who may benefit.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Industry News and Consultations

[Financing arrangements for DCC1 and DCC2 during Business Handover |](#)

[Ofgem](#)

Ofgem is consulting on establishing financial and cost-recovery arrangements to support the operational handover between Smart DCC Ltd (DCC1) and its successor (DCC2) during the business transition period.

You are invited to submit your feedback by **24 November 2025**.



[Future of gas transporter traditional metering obligations post-2025 |](#)

[Ofgem](#)

This consultation by Ofgem proposes moving from mandatory traditional gas metering obligations for gas transporters post 2025 to a voluntary commercial market model starting January 2026, while keeping essential consumer protections. You are invited to submit your feedback by **01 December 2025**.

[DCC Consultation on BCDR Tests | Smart DCC](#)

The DCC proposes a schedule of business-continuity and disaster recovery (BCDR) tests for April 2026 - March 2027, while emphasising efforts to minimise test impact on live services. You are invited to submit your feedback by **05 December 2025**.

[DSP consultation on the regulatory changes for DCC Connect | Smart DCC](#)

The DCC seeks your views on rule changes needed to move smart-meter communications from the old Gamma network to the new "DCC Connect" system, and on updates to service charges for the year ending March 2026. You are invited to submit your feedback by **12 December 2025**.

[DSP Consultation on the SEC Variation Testing Approach Document for Future DSP | Smart DCC](#)

The DCC seeks your feedback over a draft document which sets out how testing should be carried out whenever the SEC needs to be varied for its future DSP arrangements. You are invited to submit your feedback by **19 December 2025**.

Upcoming Events and SEC Meetings

Date	Event	Who can attend?
17 November, 11:00	SCRIS Meeting 47	Members
17 November, 13:00	Communications Transition Group 33	Members
17 November, 14:00	SEC Security and Privacy Drop-in Session	Open to SEC Parties
18 November, 10:00	Change Sub-Committee Meeting 81	Members
18 November, 10:00	Customer Challenge Group 06	Members
19 November, 10:00	Introduction to the SEC Webinar	Open to SEC Parties
20 November, 09:30	TABASC Meeting 119X	Members
20 November, 10:00	Privacy and Sub-Committee Meeting 20	Members
21 November, 10:30	Other SEC Parties Issues Call	Open to Party Type
24 November, 10:30	Large Supplier Engagement Call	Open to Party Type
24 November, 12:20	Operations Group Meeting 153	Members
25 November, 09:30	SEC Panel 146	Members
25 November, 14:00	SECCo Board 146	Members
26 November, 09:45	Testing Advisory Group 132	Members
26 November, 10:00	Change Board Meeting 108	Members
27 November, 15:00	Small Supplier Engagement Call	Open to Party Type

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