

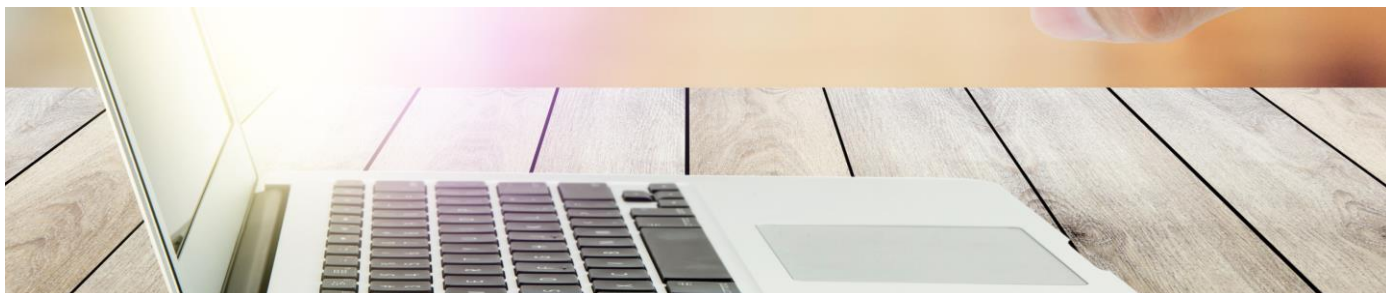
SEC Newsletter



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

Please get in touch by emailing the [SECAS Helpdesk](#) if you have any feedback.



DESNZ Presents Transition Plan for SMIP to SEC Panel

This story is of interest to SEC Parties

DESNZ presented a high-level plan to transition the Smart Metering Implementation Programme (SMIP) to the SEC Panel at its August 2024 meeting.

The plan outlines the vision for the end state of SMIP and details activities to establish enduring governance. It includes exit criteria for SMIP, Ofgem, and the wider energy industry, specifying the functions and responsibilities that must be fulfilled before any functions or activities can conclude or transfer.



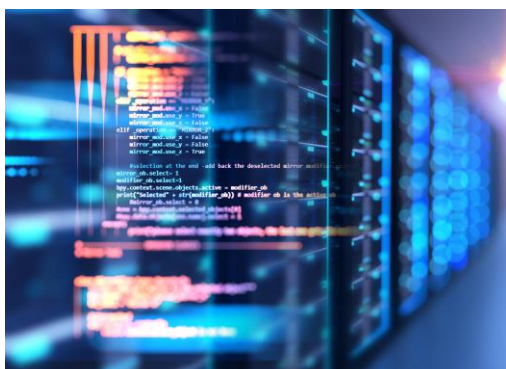
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Please note SEC Parties will need to [login](#) to view a summary of the plan [here](#).

Elective Communications Service (ECS)

This story is of interest to DCC Users

Various SEC Sub-Committees are discussing a recent development in which a DCC User has entered negotiations with the DCC over a prospective Elective Communications Service (ECS). These discussions aim to assure members that the proposed ECS will not have any adverse impact on the Core Communications Services.



The ECS allows DCC users to implement new services exclusively, differentiating their offerings in a competitive energy market. Here are some key aspects of the ECS:

- **New DUIS Type Service Request or Alert:** The ECS is provided as part of a Bilateral Agreement between the ECS Customer and DCC.
- **Confidentiality:** The ECS Service Request or Alert remains confidential for the first six months.



- **Exclusive Use:** During the initial six months, the ECS Service Request or Alert is available exclusively to the ECS Customer.
- **Public Availability:** After six months, summary details of ECS Service Requests or Alerts will be published on the SECAS website, allowing other DCC Users to view them.
- **Expression of Interest:** Eligible DCC Users can submit an Expression of Interest to use the ECS. If all conditions are met, they can sign up to the Bilateral Agreement to access the ECS. Please note that ECS Services are chargeable.

SECAS is working with the DCC and the DCC User that entered negotiations with the DCC to document the process for proposing an ECS. Updates will be shared once completed.

SEC Panel Election Outcome



This story is of interest to SEC Parties

The SEC Panel election process for 2024 has now concluded. Thank you to all Parties who participated in the nominations. We are pleased to announce the election results:

- **Other SEC Parties:** Ash Pocock of Meta Energy retains his seat. There were no further nominations.
- **Large Supplier Parties:** Emslie Law of Ovo retains his seat. There were no further nominations.
- **Electricity Network Parties:** Alex Travell of BU UK retains his seat. There were no further nominations.
- **Small Supplier Parties:** James Burney of SSE Energy Supply Ltd retains his seat. There were no further nominations.

Congratulations to the re-elected Panel Members. To learn more about Ash, Emslie, Alex, and James, please view their biographies [on the SEC website](#).

If you have any questions about the SEC Panel or its activities, please reach out to the [SECAS Helpdesk](#).

Security Sub-Committee Election Outcome

This story is of interest to SEC Parties

The Security Sub-Committee (SSC) election process for 2024 has now concluded. Thank you to all Parties who participated in the nominations. We are pleased to announce the election results:

- **Large Supplier Parties:** Nia Owen of E.ON Next and Darren Calam of Smart Pear retain their seats. There were no further nominations.
- **Shared Resource Provider Parties:** Simon Crouch of ESG Global retains his seat. There were no further nominations.



- **Small Supplier Parties:** Mark Lenton of Drax retains his seat. There were no further nominations.
- **Gas Network Parties:** Earl Richards of Cadent Gas has been elected. You can visit his biography [here](#).

The new term commences on 24 September 2024. The online membership list has been updated to reflect these changes. Congratulations to the re-elected and new members.

If you have any questions or feedback on the elections process, please do not hesitate to contact the [SSC Helpdesk](#).

Modifications Update

This story is of interest to SEC Parties

New Draft Proposal

There has been one new Draft Proposal raised since the last newsletter. You are invited to provide feedback to the [Change Team](#) to help us understand whether these issues affect you.

[DP272 'SMKI Document Set Changes 2024'](#)

Issue

The SMKI PMA is required to carry out periodical reviews of the SMKI document set. The SMKI PMA has conducted a further review in 2024 on the document sets and identified minor inconsistencies or improvements to be made. They also noted one aspect (the removal of SMKI Portal via the Internet (SPOTI)) has some urgency to it, due to the DCC re-procurement of the Trusted Service Provider (TSP).



Solution

The Proposed Solution is to implement the changes identified from the SMKI and DCCKI Document Set review. These changes have been identified by the DCC and SMKI PMA Members and are supported by the SMKI Specialist and reviewed and recommended by the SMKI PMA Working Group.

Industry News and Consultations

This story is of interest to SEC Parties

[Respond to Ofgem's Survey on the Future of the Centralised Registration Service by 19 September 2024](#)

Following the publication of Ofgem's publication on the future of the Centralised Registration Service (CRS), otherwise known as Switching, and initial analysis of consultation responses, Ofgem has [issued a survey](#) to REC and SEC Parties in order to receive further insight into industry's views surrounding the costs and benefits as well as the risks if responsibility for the CRS was removed from the DCC Licence and transferred to the Retail Energy Code. Please complete the survey by 19 September 2024.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss any of the survey questions, please contact louise.burns@ofgem.gov.uk.



[SMETS1 Consultation: FOC \(BG\); Unenrolled L&G meters not included in FOC \(BG\) or FOC \(NP\) cohorts; SMETS1 TMAD; DMCT and MDUST | Smart DCC](#)

You are invited to consider this DCC consultation, closing on 08 October 2024. It aims to seek feedback from SEC Parties on various SMETS1-related proposals.

Stakeholders are encouraged to review the consultation document and provide feedback using the response template.

[Consumer Consent Solution consultation | Ofgem](#)

You are invited to consider this Ofgem consultation, closing on 04 October 2024. Ofgem are seeking feedback on a digital solution that will allow consumers to share their energy data with trusted third parties for tailored services.

[Flexibility Market Asset Registration | Ofgem](#)

You are invited to consider this Ofgem consultation, closing on 23 September 2024. This consultation aims to plan to build a Flexibility Digital Infrastructure, focusing on a common Flexibility Market Asset Registration system. Stakeholders, especially those involved in flexibility markets, system operations, and asset installation, are encouraged to provide feedback

[Governance of the Data Sharing Infrastructure | Ofgem](#)

You are invited to consider this Ofgem consultation, closing on 20 September 2024. This consultation focuses on the governance of the Data Sharing Infrastructure (DSI) to enable the flow of sensitive data across the energy sector. Stakeholders are encouraged to provide feedback on the proposed governance model.

Upcoming Events

Privacy Webinar

SECAS, User Independent Auditor (IPA) and Privacy Experts will be hosting a Privacy webinar on 8 November 2024.

When: 8 November 2024, 10:00 - 12:00

Who: Other Users & Other SEC Parties

What: During the session, we will provide further clarity on the User IPA and Privacy Experts roles, give an overview of the SEC I Obligations with a focus on the Consent Approach and the impact of any recent Mods, and request input on the SEC I review. We will also share hints and tips from the Validations team based on trends in User understanding and common areas where Users may encounter difficulties. Additionally, we will cover the Privacy Change Notification process and remind Users of their responsibilities and expectations for assessment.

How: Microsoft Teams. To sign up, please email the SECAS Helpdesk SECAS@gemserv.com by 12 October 2024 to confirm your interest and we will send you the webinar invite.



Security Assessment Webinar

SECAS and the User CIO will be hosting a Security Assessment webinar on 29 November 2024 to address feedback from SEC Parties and provide useful valuable tips and advice to help Parties prepare for their annual assessments.

When: 29 November 2024, 10:00 - 12:00

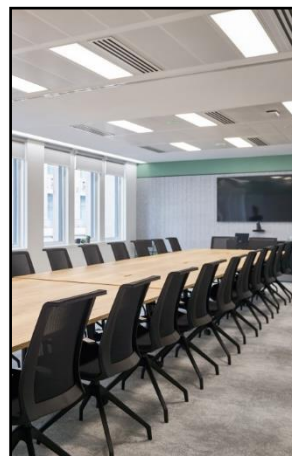
Who: SEC Parties

What: During the webinar, we will clarify the User CIO role, focus on risks and obligations, with a particular emphasis on Small Suppliers, Triage Facility providers, and understanding the ISO27005 risk assessment approach. We will share tips from the Validations team, discuss the Material Change process and Meter Data Retrieval (MDR) role assessment, and run through Users of responsibilities and expectations for their assessment.

How: Microsoft Teams. To sign up, please email the SECAS Helpdesk SECAS@gemserv.com by 25 October 2024 to confirm your interest and we will send you the webinar invite.

Upcoming Events and SEC Meeting

- 17 Sept, 10:00 – [Change Sub-Committee Meeting 67](#) (Members)
- 19 Sept, 09:30 – [TABASC Meeting 105X](#) (Members)
- 20 Sept, 10:30 – [Other SEC Party Monthly Engagement Call](#) (Open to Party Type)
- 23 Sept, 12:20 – [Operations Group Meeting 126](#) (Members)
- 24 Sept, 09:30 – [SEC Panel 132](#) (Members)
- 24 Sept, 14:00 – [SECCo Board 132](#) (Members)
- 25 Sept, 09:45 – [Testing Advisory Group 118](#) (Members)
- 25 Sept, 09:00 – [Change Board Meeting 94](#) (Members)
- 25 Sept, 10:00 – [Security Sub-Committee Meeting 201](#) (Members)
- 26 Sept, 10:00 – [Privacy Sub-Committee 07](#) (Members)
- 26 Sept, 15:00 – [Small Supplier Engagement Call](#) (Open to Party Type)



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