

Change Sub-Committee Meeting 55

19 September 2023

■ Agenda

1. Approval of previous meeting minutes
2. Actions outstanding
3. SEC Modification Progression
4. SEC Modification Timetables
5. SEC Releases Update
6. 2024 Change Sub-Committee meeting dates
7. Any other business

Agenda Item 1

Approval of previous meeting
minutes

Rachel Black (SECAS)

■ Recommendations

No comments were received from last month's meeting minutes

- **APPROVE** these minutes as final

Agenda Item 2

Actions Outstanding
Rachel Black (SECAS)

■ Actions Outstanding

Ref	Action	Owner	Update	Status
54/03	SECAS to seek information around the scale of each root cause and the views of the Proposer and DCC for MP239 'Enduring Solution for Resolving SMETS2 Device Certificate Misalignment Issue'	SECAS	SECAS and the DCC discussed this, and have come to the conclusion that it is not possible to separate out the information as requested.	Propose to close
54/05	The DCC to confirm whether DP240 'Service Request Management' should be withdrawn or returned with further clarification.	DCC	This modification has since been withdrawn.	Propose to close

Agenda Item 3

SEC Modification Progression

■ DP249 'HOUSEKEEPING CHANGES FOR THE NOVEMBER 2023 SEC RELEASE'

Mohammedanwar Sumro

Raised by David Walsh from the DCC

Progress to Report Phase

DP249: Overview

- Minor typographical and grammatical errors
- Inconsistencies introduced by other modifications
- NCSC qualifications to be replaced
- HMG Security Procedures to be replaced

Issue



- SEC Documents contain inconsistencies
- Apparent inconsistencies and omissions between different SEC documents, could cause confusion for Parties

Impact



- To correct the minor errors and update the SEC Documents

Potential Solution

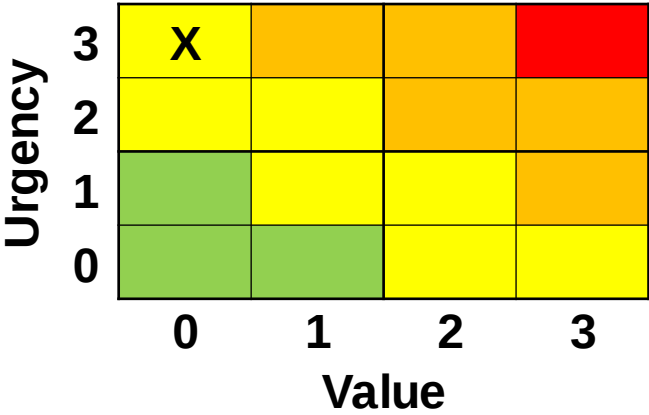


DP249: Prioritisation

Legal & regulatory compliance	Operational performance	Cost benefit	Consumer impact	Security impacts	Weighted value	Urgency	Priority
0	0	0	0	0	X	3	Medium

Rationale

- This modification addresses ambiguities and omissions
- Updates around NCSC qualification and replacement of HMG Security Procedures



■ DP249: Section G – ‘Security’

NCSC Qualification being replaced

- User CIO and DCC CIO to replace existing NCSC qualifications

HMG Telecommunications standard is no longer maintained

- 2021 Telecommunication (Security) Act (TSA) will replace the HMG Security Procedures

■ DP249: Summary of errors

Typographical errors

- Section G ‘Security’
- Appendix AG ‘Incident Management Policy’
- Appendix AP2 ‘Secure S1SPKI Certificate Policy’

Clause re-arrangement

- Section I ‘Data Privacy’

DP249: Timetable

Date	Event/Activity	Notes
11 Sep 2023	Draft Proposal Raised	
19 Sep 2023	Presented to CSC for initial comment	
19 Sep 2023	CSC Converts Draft Proposal to Modification Proposal	Any disagreement to what should be included in this modification will be removed
19 Sep 2023	Fast-Track Modification approved by CSC	

■ DP249: Recommendations

- **AGREE** the issue and the impact it is having is clearly defined and understood
- **AGREE** to place DP249 should be converted to a Modification Proposal
- **AGREE** that MP249 should be progressed and approved as a Fast-Track Modification
- **APPROVE** the Modification Report
- **APPROVE** the implementation approach

The CSC must be unanimous to progress and approve a modification as Fast Track Parties will have 15WD in which they can object to the CSC's decision if no objections are received, the CSC's approval of the change will be final

■ MP243 'CHTS V1.1 AND GBCS V2.1 INSTALLATION END DATE AND MAINTENANCE END DATE'

Ben Giblin

Raised by David Rollason of DCC
Progress to Report Phase

MEDIUM

Overview

Issue

- An issue in GBCS v3.2 specification has led to Communications Hubs being manufactured to GBCS v2.1.
- The volume of Communications Hub stock has grown to an extent that stock volumes will not be used before the end of the existing TSAT dates.
- DCC estimates that 2.2 million Communications Hubs will expire at the existing End Dates.

Impact

- Any remaining uninstalled stock will be non-compliant with the SEC should be scrapped or returned.
- The DCC notes that the existing returns process will not be able to support the volume of Communications Hubs which are compliant with these specifications.
- DCC is not obliged to support maintenance or upgrade of the firmware on the Device.

Solution

- The Proposer has suggested a 24-month extension to the existing TSAT dates.
- Installation End Date of 30 April 2026, Maintenance End Date of 31 May 2026.

REFINEMENT CONSULTATION KEY POINTS

Respondent comment

Why is the Maintenance End Date not being extended alongside the Installation End Date?

Will CH devices operating on GBCS v2.1 installed between 31/05/2024 and 30/04/2026 be targeted for Firmware Upgrade by the CSP?

Will it prevent Incidents being raised against them?

SECAS response

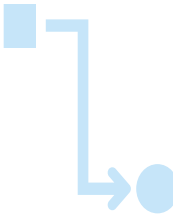
This will allow Suppliers to install Comms Hubs that once installed would have an expired MVP, after installation DCC will, under all reasonable steps, carry out firmware upgrades to bring the Comms Hubs into compliance.

These Devices will be brought to the latest version of firmware once installed to ensure the Comms Hubs are compliant.

Incidents will still be raised against these Devices on rare occasions.



■ MP243: ASSESSMENT OF CHANGE



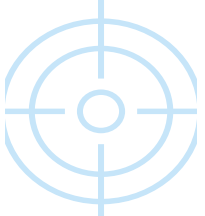
Impacted Parties

- Suppliers
- Other SEC Parties
- Meter Installers
- DCC



Costs

- SECAS implementation costs



Target Release

- February 2024 SEC Release



Benefits

- Allows Communications Hubs to be installed, reducing numbers which need to be scrapped.

SEC Objective (a)

(a) facilitate the efficient provision, installation, and operation, as well as interoperability, of Smart Metering Systems at Energy Consumers' premises within Great Britain

■ KEY POINTS



TABASC Statement – only extending the IVP would mean that DCC would carry out firmware upgrades to update CH's.

Increased costs to Suppliers – Meter Installers do not have processes to distinguish outdated CH's. This could lead to an increase in site visits.

Is 24 months a suitable length of time for extension given previous modifications?

Would existing entries on the CPL be marked as withdrawn or removed if the Maintenance End Date has passed?

■ MP243: RECOMMENDATIONS

- **AGREE** that MP243 should be progressed to the Report Phase
- **APPROVE** the Modification Report
- **APPROVE** the implementation approach
- **AGREE** that MP243 should be a Self-Governance Modification.

■ DP246 'DCC USER ACCESS TO METADATA VIA THE DCC SELF-SERVICE INTERFACE (SSI)'

Placeholder slide – DP246 slides are 'GREEN'. They will be included in the Change Sub-Committee meeting presentation on the day.

These slides are also included in the 'GREEN' documentation for this meeting.

■ DP247 'Future Dating of Service Requests for SMETS1 Devices'

Liz Woods

Raised by Rosie Davies from the DCC
Remain in Development Stage

MEDIUM

DP247: Overview

- All Future Dated Requests for SMETS1 Devices are effectively Future Dated Response Pattern (DSP)
- If Devices can receive Future Dated SRs, sensible for SEC wording to not hinder this capability

Issue



- Potentially impact all SMETS1 Devices
- Short-term peak usage caused incidents for S1SP during previous Price Change events

Impact



- Update SEC Appendix AD 1.4.4 to not restrict all SMETS1 Future Dated Requests as Future Dated Response Pattern (DSP) only
- DCC System impacting – S1SPs & DSP

Potential Solution

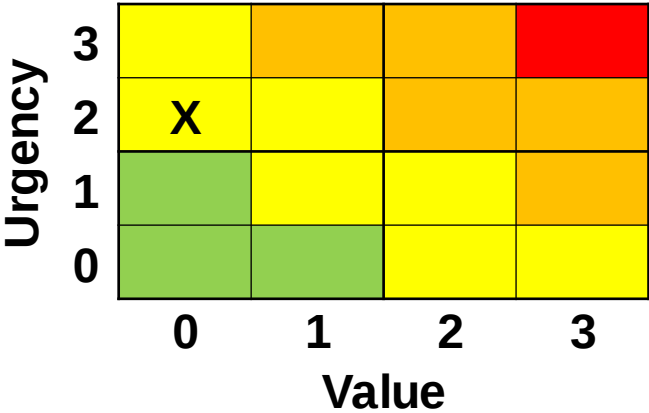


DP247: Prioritisation

Legal & regulatory compliance	Operational performance	Cost benefit	Consumer impact	Security impacts	Weighted value	Urgency	Priority
1	3	2	2	0	1.25	1	Medium

Rationale

- Mitigate traffic during high-usage periods/events (e.g. Price Change events, monthly readings for billing)



■ DP247: Areas for Assessment

- SMETS1 Device with Future-Dating Capabilities
 - DCC has confirmed all Devices have future dating capabilities; however, it is unclear if all Devices have full or partial Future-Dating SR capabilities
 - understand the scale of the issue and support the business case
- Current Future-Dating usage
 - Understand current DCC User behaviour for not using SRs as future-dated more often

DP247: Timetable

Date	Event/Activity	Notes
20 Sep 2023	Draft Proposal discussed with Sub-Committee Chairs	To understand which Sub-Committees will need to be consulted when developing the Proposed Solution.
Sep – Oct 2023	Presented to Sub-Committees for initial comment	
Sep – Oct 2023	Discuss with Suppliers and Device Manufacturers	To understand which Devices are impacted and DCC User behaviour
21 Nov 2023	CSC converts Draft Proposal to Modification Proposal	

■ DP247: Recommendations

- **AGREE** further development is required to define and understand the issue

■ DP248 'RDP Entry Requirements for DCC Gateway Connections'

Mohammedanwar Sumro

Raised by Rahul Mudliar from EP Tech Solutions

Remain in Development Stage

DP248: Overview

- SEC currently specifies that a DCC user must have a physical gateway connection
- Smaller DCC Users are unable to have a physical gateway connection

Issue



- New entrants to the Gas or Electricity markets must continue to act or contract a third party to act as the RDP

Impact



- Enable the SEC to also allow for a virtual gateway connection

Potential Solution

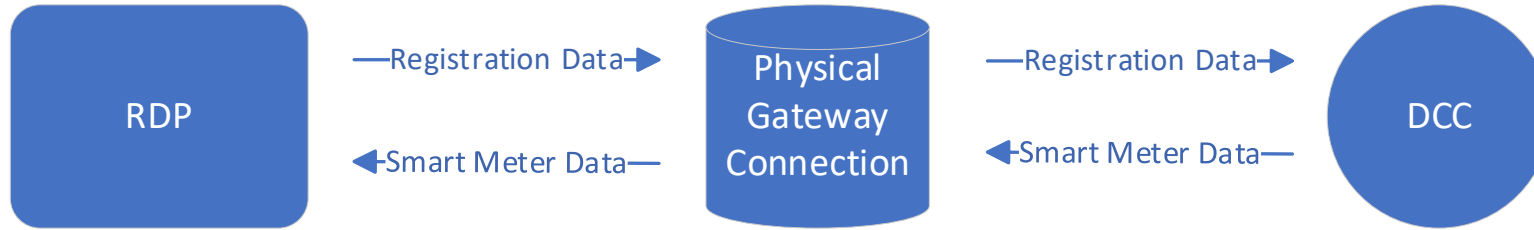


■ DP248: Overview

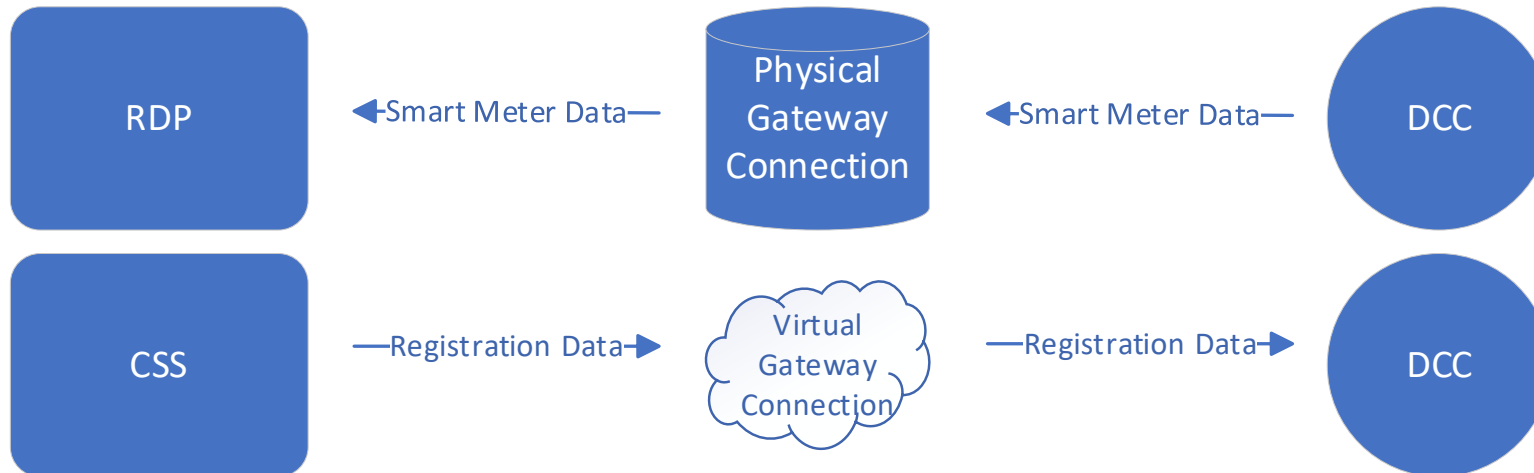
- DCC Gateway Connection in the SEC refers to a physical infrastructure by which a connection is made or is to be made between that premise and the DCC System
- SEC Section H ‘DCC Services’ includes the requirements for both RDPs and DCC Users on how to interact with the DCC
- This requirement poses challenges for emerging market participants operating on virtual cloud-based infrastructure and prevents established market participants from transitioning to cloud-based infrastructure.

DP248: Overview

Original Arrangements



Post REC Go-Live Arrangements

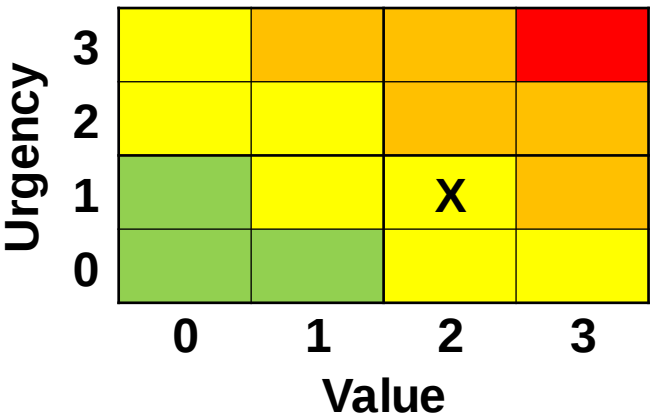


DP248: Prioritisation

Legal & regulatory compliance	Operational performance	Cost benefit	Consumer impact	Security impacts	Weighted value	Urgency	Priority
0	2	0	0	3	1.2	1	Medium

Rationale

- SSC must approve all security architecture
- Security protocols in place around the physical DCC connection
- As the energy sector transitions further into virtual/digital setting this could become the normal method for establishing a connection



■ DP248: Areas for Assessment

Current Process Outdated?

- When the SEC was developed there were no considerations for a virtual DCC gateway connection

Physical Costs for gateway connection

- Further physical data centres being created could be seen as a waste of resources compared to the amount of space and up-keep a virtual gateway connection requires

Barriers of having physical infrastructure

- New entrants face challenges in establishing connections with the DCC due to the impracticality of a physical network infrastructure.

■ DP248: Timetable

Date	Event/Activity	Notes
12 Sep 2023	Draft Proposal Raised	
19 Sep 2023	Presented to CSC for initial comment	

■ DP248: Recommendations

- **AGREE** further development is required to define and understand the issue

BREAK



PLEASE RETURN IN 10 MINUTES

Agenda Item 4

SEC Modification Timetables
Ben Giblin (SECAS)

SEC MODIFICATION TIMETABLES

Ben Giblin

POINTS TO NOTE

- Two modifications are scheduled for final vote at the next Change Board meeting.
- Four new DPs have been raised this month.
- Awaiting one Preliminary Assessment and two Impact Assessments to be returned.
- Three modifications will be placed on hold.

NEW DP PRIORITISATION

Mod	DP246	DP247
Legal/regulatory	1	1
Operational	0	3
Cost benefits	0	2
Consumer	2	2
Security	2	0
Urgency	2	1
Value	1	1
Priority	Medium	Medium
Status	Active	Active

DP246 – Rationale: . This modification proposes to fix an issue which could have a high impact on Consumers and the SMIP. Nonetheless, the usage of the MRT function has been low to date meaning there is lower risk for abuse of the current arrangements.

DP247 – Rationale: This modification proposed to not restrict SMETS1 Devices with capabilities for storing Future Dated SRVs at the Device, instead of them stored at the DSP. This would also help mitigate traffic during high-usage periods/events (e.g. Price Change events, monthly readings for billing)

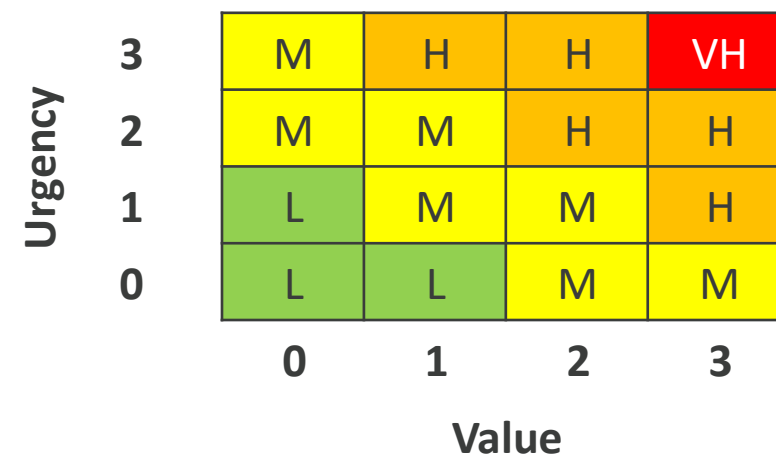
Urgency	3	M	H	H	VH
	2	M	M	H	H
	1	L	M	M	H
	0	L	L	M	M
		0	1	2	3
		Value			

NEW DP PRIORITISATION

Mod	DP248	DP249
Legal/regulatory	0	0
Operational	2	0
Cost benefits	0	0
Consumer	0	0
Security	3	0
Urgency	1	3
Value	2	0
Priority	Medium	Medium
Status	Active	Active

DP248 – Rationale: This modification aims to address DCC Gateway Connection requirements. Which potentially may benefit DCC Users and new Market Participants. The security related concerns to introducing a virtual gateway connection will need to be considered as part of this modification.

DP249 – Rationale: The current SEC Documents have some minor errors which were either in the SEC from inception and have recently been discovered, introduced via various changes over the years since it was created or where references have changed due to external factors. SECAS maintains a log of these errors, which are either identified by SECAS or notified to SECAS by other parties.



PRIORITISATION MATRIX

URGENCY					
	3	P245 P249	P218	P230 P232	P242
	2		P246	P217 P231	P224
	1	P235 P238 P244	P085B P165 P219 P239 P243	P0028 P207 P223 P247 P248	P169
	0	P197 P205 P234	P184 P206 P241	P137 P167B P176	P094 P187
		0	1	2	3
		VALUE			

■ HIGH AND VERY HIGH PRIORITY MODS

MP242 'Change to Operational Metrics to measure on success'

- SECAS expects the Preliminary Assessment to be returned by 12 September 2023.
- SECAS will present the key findings to the OPSG and Working Group before issuing a Refinement Consultation.

MP169 'Managing SEC obligations and the Consumers Right to refuse a smart meter'

- During the Preliminary Assessment one business requirement was identified as making up around 50% of the cost.
- SECAS has removed this requirement and requested a second Preliminary Assessment.

DP218 'Review of the SEC Charging Methodology'

- There is not enough new information to hold another ad-hoc meeting. SECAS will provide the existing information to Parties to provide feedback.
- Once further information has been provided, SECAS will determine if another ad-hoc meeting is necessary in late 2023.

■ HIGH AND VERY HIGH PRIORITY MODS

MP224 'SEC Performance Assurance Framework'

- Further consideration is needed about the depth of information needed before this modification can enter the Report Phase.
- The legal text is being drafted by the SEC Lawyer, with SECAS presenting this modification to the October Working Group meeting.

MP230 'Review the SLA for delivery and completion for SMETS1 firmware'

- To be included in the February 2024 Release this modification must adhere to its timeline. As such, its urgency scoring has been increased.
- The legal text is being discussed with Parties before being presented to the TABASC and Working Group.

MP231 'Firmware Upgrade Pathways'

- Working Group members noted this modification would be useful for Small Suppliers.
- SECAS is exploring the topics raised regarding NDAs and liability before returning to the Change Sub-Committee.

REPORT PHASE DATES

CSC Meeting	Modifications
October 2023	MP085B, MP224, MP231
November 2023	SECMPO0028, MP176
December 2023	MP207, MP234
January 2024	MP165, MP230
February 2024	MP169, MP223
March 2024	MP094, MP241
April 2024	MP184
May 2024	N/A
June 2024	MP235

These are the dates which SECAS is targeting each modification to enter the Report Phase. If there are changes to these dates, SECAS will inform the CSC of the reason for the delay and if there is any impact on the targeted Release date.

ON HOLD MODIFICATIONS

MP187 'Incorporation of Target Round Trip Times and Target Success Rates into the SEC'

- Linked to MP217 and MP242. MP242 PA being examined and next steps decided once MP242 discussed with Working Group.

DP197 'Reallocating Third Party Communications Hubs in the event of a SOLR'

- SECAS is waiting confirmation from the Proposer about the next steps for this modification.

DP206 'Allowing Generation Licence Holders to apply Export MPANs'

- The corresponding BSC change has been now been raised. The BSC and REC changes are being progressed respectively. SECAS anticipated this modification will be taken off hold at the November 2023 CSC meeting.

MP217 'Obtaining Timestamps to allow Target Response Time Measurements'

- Placed on hold on 30 August 2023 – linked to MP242 and its progression.

DP232 'ACB Certificates on Install and Commissioning'

- Placed on hold on 30 August 2023 – waiting on DCC update in October regarding their Certificate Programme.

DP238 'TSAT Expired Communication Hubs'

- Placed on hold on 17 August 2023 – issues related to TSAT. DCC in discussion with OPSG about solutions before next steps are confirmed.

‘Traffic Management – Required User Actions’

- The Proposer has identified guidance issued by the SEC Panel in relation to Price Change events that the SEC does not have the ability to enforce the actions listed in the guidance, meaning guidance could potentially be ignored.
- The Proposer would like to establish a forum (new or within an existing platform) to monitor DCC system impacting high traffic events and enforce actions required by DCC Users using the SEC. If the high-volume traffic events persist without mitigation, there is a possibility other processes utilising the DCC system could be adversely impacted.
- **We seek the CSC’s early view on this modification to determine whether it should be investigated further before becoming a Draft Proposal.**

■ ANTICIPATED MODIFICATIONS

‘GFI Sunsetting’

- DCC has been informed by a Service Provider that the Manufacturer of the GFI Testing Tool can no longer produce the equipment included in the kit due to the lack of necessary hardware materials. Therefore, DCC can no longer provide any new GFI Testing Tools if requested.
- Furthermore, the contract to provide support for GFI is due to end in November 2023. Therefore, DCC are seeking whether there are any maintenance requirements for the service from SEC Parties.
- **We seek the CSC’s early view on this modification to determine whether it should be investigated further before becoming a Draft Proposal.**

‘Streamlining the Comms Hubs returns process’

- The Proposer would like to simplify the DCC CH returns process.
- There are around 60,000 Communications Hubs in warehouses belonging to Parties who are not responsible for them. These Devices are not decommissioned meaning they cannot be returned to the DCC. This is because the DCC returns process requires a decommissioning SRV to be sent by the current Supplier/responsible Party.
- **We seek the CSC’s early view on this modification to determine whether it should be investigated further before becoming a Draft Proposal.**

SELECTED UPDATES

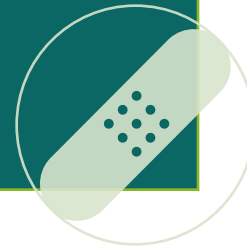
- SECAS has received the DCC's 'Design Review' which showed there is no cost effective solution.
- This will be presented to the Working Group in October before a Refinement Consultation is issued.

MP094 'Supporting pre-payment customers in no SMWAN scenarios'



- SECAS and the Proposer have explored several other options
- Proposer would like to pursue a SEC modification.
- SECAS will issue the Refinement Consultation before returning to the Working Group.

MP137 'Sharing information on Defects and Issues'



- The Proposer has worked with another Party to ensure there is no duplication between this modification and existing products.
- SECAS will request the Preliminary Assessment before returning to the Working Group.

MP241 'Interoperability Checker Update'



■ RECOMMENDATIONS

- **APPROVE** the packages of work and the progression timetables outlined in this paper

Agenda Item 5

SEC Releases Update
Bradley Baker (SECAS)

SEC RELEASES UPDATE

RAG STATUS KEY

RAG Status	Justification
Red	The targeted release date allows for no extension to the modification timeline, or allows for delay only if subsequent steps are expedited.
Amber	The targeted release date allows for an extension to the modification timeline of up to two months.
Green	The targeted release date allows for an extension to the modification timeline of over two months.
Blue	The modification has been approved for implementation.

■ NOVEMBER 2023 SEC RELEASE (1/3)

Modification	Status	Impacts DCC Systems?	Changes since last update?	RAG Status
MP122B 'Operational Metrics – Part 2'	Approved for inclusion.	✓		Blue
MP216 'Incorporation of Category 2 Issue Resolution Proposals into the SEC – Batch 9'	Approved for inclusion.	✓		Blue
MP219 'Accessing Consumption Data on behalf of SEC Parties'	Recommendation to approve by Change Board – currently with the Authority for decision. <i>Estimated cut-off date for inclusion: 19 October 2023</i>		✓	Amber

■ NOVEMBER 2023 SEC RELEASE (2/3)

Modification	Status	Impacts DCC Systems?	Changes since last update?	RAG Status
MP226 'Incorporation of Category 3 Issue Resolution Proposals into the SEC - Batch 10'	Approved for inclusion.			Blue
MP245 'SMKI Document Set Changes 2023'	This modification is currently out for Modification Report Consultation. <i>Estimated cut-off date for inclusion: 19 October 2023</i>			Amber

Changes since the previous update:

- [MP219 'Accessing Consumption Data on behalf of SEC Parties'](#) was recommended to be approved by the Change Board. The Authority is due to make the final decision.
- [MP230 'Review the SLA for delivery and completion for SMETS1 firmware'](#) has been removed to the scope of this release.
- [MP245 'SMKI Document Set Changes 2023'](#) has been added to the scope of this release.

Please note:

- DCC Change Request CR4879 which relates to Northbound Prioritisation is set to be deployed within the October 2023 Maintenance Window – this is set to take place on 5 October 2023.

■ NOVEMBER 2023 SEC RELEASE (3/3)

Accompanying documents

November 2023 SEC Release Implementation
Document v4.0

v5.0 to be published with latest updates

DCC November 2023 SEC Release Testing Approach
Document v1.1

Draft versions of the Technical Specifications (GBCS,
SMETS and TSAT) published on SECAS website

FEBRUARY 2024 SEC RELEASE (1/2)

Modification	Status	Impacts DCC Systems?	Changes since last update?	RAG Status
MP162 'SEC changes required to deliver MHHS' (legal text only)	Approved for inclusion.			Blue
MP167B 'Review of SEC documents (DCC Internal Systems change governance)'	Being presented to the Change Board for decision on 20 September 2023. <i>Estimated cut-off date for inclusion: 15 February 2024</i>			Green
MP224 'SEC Performance Assurance Framework'	SECAS is reviewing the responses to the Refinement Consultation. <i>Estimated cut-off date for inclusion: 29 January 2024</i>			Green
MP230 'Review the SLA for delivery and completion for SMETS1 firmware'	The Proposed Solution is being further developed ahead of the Refinement Consultation. <i>Estimated cut-off date for inclusion: 15 February 2024</i>		✓	Amber
DP238 'TSAT Expired Communications Hubs'	SECAS and the Proposer are developing the Proposed Solution. <i>Estimated cut-off date for inclusion: 15 February 2024</i>		✓	Amber
MP243 'CHTS v1.1 and GBCS v2.1 Installation End Date and Maintenance End Date'	The Refinement Consultation has now been issued. <i>Estimated cut-off date for inclusion: 15 February 2024</i>			Green

Changes since the previous update:

- [MP230 'Review the SLA for delivery and completion for SMETS1 firmware'](#) has been added to the scope of this release.
- [DP238 'TSAT Expired Communications Hubs'](#) has been added to the scope of this release.

■ FEBRUARY 2024 SEC RELEASE (2/2)

Accompanying documents

February 2024 SEC Release Implementation
Document v1.0
v2.0 to be published with latest updates

JUNE 2024 SEC RELEASE (1/2)

Modification	Status	Impacts DCC Systems?	Changes since last update?	RAG Status
MP162 'SEC changes required to deliver MHHS'	Approved for inclusion.	✓		Blue
MP178 'Removing DSP validation against the SMI join status for SR8.8.x'	Approved for inclusion.	✓		Blue
MP211 'Aligning the SMI with the CPL'	Approved for inclusion.	✓	✓	Blue
MP234 'Addition of GDPR Principles of Public Task and Legitimate Interests into the SEC'	SECAS is investigating the impact of this modification on existing data privacy arrangements. <i>Estimated cut-off date for inclusion: 13 June 2024</i>		✓	Green

Changes since the previous update:

- [MP211 'Aligning the SMI with the CPL'](#) was approved at the August 2023 Change Board.
- [MP176 'Customer Analytics Reporting'](#) has been removed to the scope of this release.
- [MP223 'WAN Coverage Reporting'](#) has been removed to the scope of this release.
- [MP234 'Addition of GDPR Principles of Public Task and Legitimate Interests into the SEC'](#) has been added to the scope of this release.

■ JUNE 2024 SEC RELEASE (2/2)

Accompanying documents

June 2024 SEC Release Implementation Document
v1.0

v2.0 to be published with latest updates

NOVEMBER 2024 SEC RELEASE

Modification	Status	Impacts DCC Systems?	Changes since last update?	RAG Status
SECMP0028 'Prioritising System Messages'	The DCC is currently completing the Impact Assessment. <i>Estimated cut-off date for inclusion: TBC</i>	✓	✓	Amber
MP085B 'Synchronisation of smart meter voltage measurement periods (meters currently installed)'	SECAS is drafting the legal text ahead of the Refinement Consultation. <i>Estimated cut-off date for inclusion: 7 May 2024</i>			Green
MP165 'ESME Voltage Accuracy'	SECAS is drafting the legal text ahead of the Refinement Consultation. <i>Estimated cut-off date for inclusion: 7 May 2024</i>			Green
MP176 'Customer Analytics Reporting'	SECAS has requested the DCC Impact Assessment for the Alternative Solution. <i>Estimated cut-off date for inclusion: 7 May 2024</i>	✓	✓	Amber
MP217 'Obtaining Timestamps to allow Target Response Time Measurements'	Currently on hold. <i>Estimated cut-off date for inclusion: 7 November 2023</i>	✓		Red
MP223 'WAN Coverage Reporting'	This modification will be discussed at the September 2023 Working Group. <i>Estimated cut-off date for inclusion: 7 May 2024</i>	✓	✓	Amber

Changes since the previous update:

- [SECMP0028 'Prioritising System Messages'](#) has been added to the scope of this release, subject to the lead time stated in the to be completed Impact Assessment.
- [MP176 'Customer Analytics Reporting'](#) has been added to the scope of this release.
- [MP223 'WAN Coverage Reporting'](#) has been added to the scope of this release.

■ RECOMMENDATIONS

- **NOTE** the updates on the SEC Releases referenced in the document and these slides.

Agenda Item 6

2024 Change Sub-
Committee meeting dates

■ 2024 Change Sub-Committee meeting dates

CSC meeting dates
Tuesday 16 January 2024
Tuesday 20 February 2024
Tuesday 19 March 2024
Tuesday 16 April 2024
Tuesday 21 May 2024
Tuesday 18 June 2024
Tuesday 16 July 2024
Tuesday 20 August 2024
Tuesday 17 September 2024
Tuesday 15 October 2024
Tuesday 19 November 2024
Tuesday 17 December 2024

■ Recommendations

- **APPROVE** the proposed meeting date schedule for 2024.

Agenda Item 7

Any Other Business

■ 'Traffic Management – Required User Actions'

Simon Grimwood

George MacGregor on behalf of Utilita Energy Ltd.

Overview

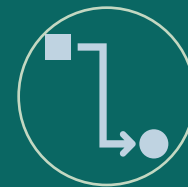
- During high traffic events on the DCC System (e.g., Price Change Events), other unrelated service requests could be delayed or prevented from processing in line with Target Response Times (TRTs)

Issue



- Consumer related processes could be at risk during periods of high demand
- Forecasted volumes of Service Requests are not always accurate, potentially leaving the DCC System at risk of sudden high-volume traffic

Impact



- Implement specific traffic management protocols (in line with suggested SEC Panel guidance) into the SEC to provide support to the DCC during periods of high-volume system traffic

Potential Solution



■ Areas for Assessment

- Understand elements of specific high-volume events that require formal SEC or industry governance
- Confer with the SEC Panel to understand why certain guidance was not introduced as mandatory
- Understand how Industry Parties could come together to govern and dictate measures the DCC or Other Parties could utilise and deploy to manage traffic
- Investigate how far in advance guidance/formal requirements need to be established prior to a known high-volume traffic event occurs
- Understand how ad-hoc events can be managed/mitigated

■ Recommendations

- **PROVIDE** feedback on making DCC Guidance issued by Panel mandatory
- **AGREE** SECAS should seek Panel input
- **AGREE** further development is required to define and understand the issue

■ AOB – PANEL INFORMATION POLICY V6.0

A new version of the Panel Information Policy has been published – v6.0

Now in a transition phase and moving to v6.0 by early September. All live documents (policies/ guidance documents/ reports) will be updated on SEC website but not historic papers and minutes)

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Key changes are:

- **RED** wording is now more explicit that information is for eyes and ears of the recipients only
- **AMBER-STRICT** is a new classification and description is equivalent to previous AMBER. This will be the default classification for DCC material marked DCC Controlled, however, we will challenge downgrading to AMBER or GREEN on case-by-case basis and become standard examples over time
- **AMBER** is a broader categorisation than previously to allow information to be shared on a need-to-know basis within SEC Party category, to their contracted third-parties as well as Trade Associations
- **GREEN** minor wording change but no impact – information can be shared with SEC Parties and SMIP stakeholders
- **CLEAR** has replaced white and can be shared publicly



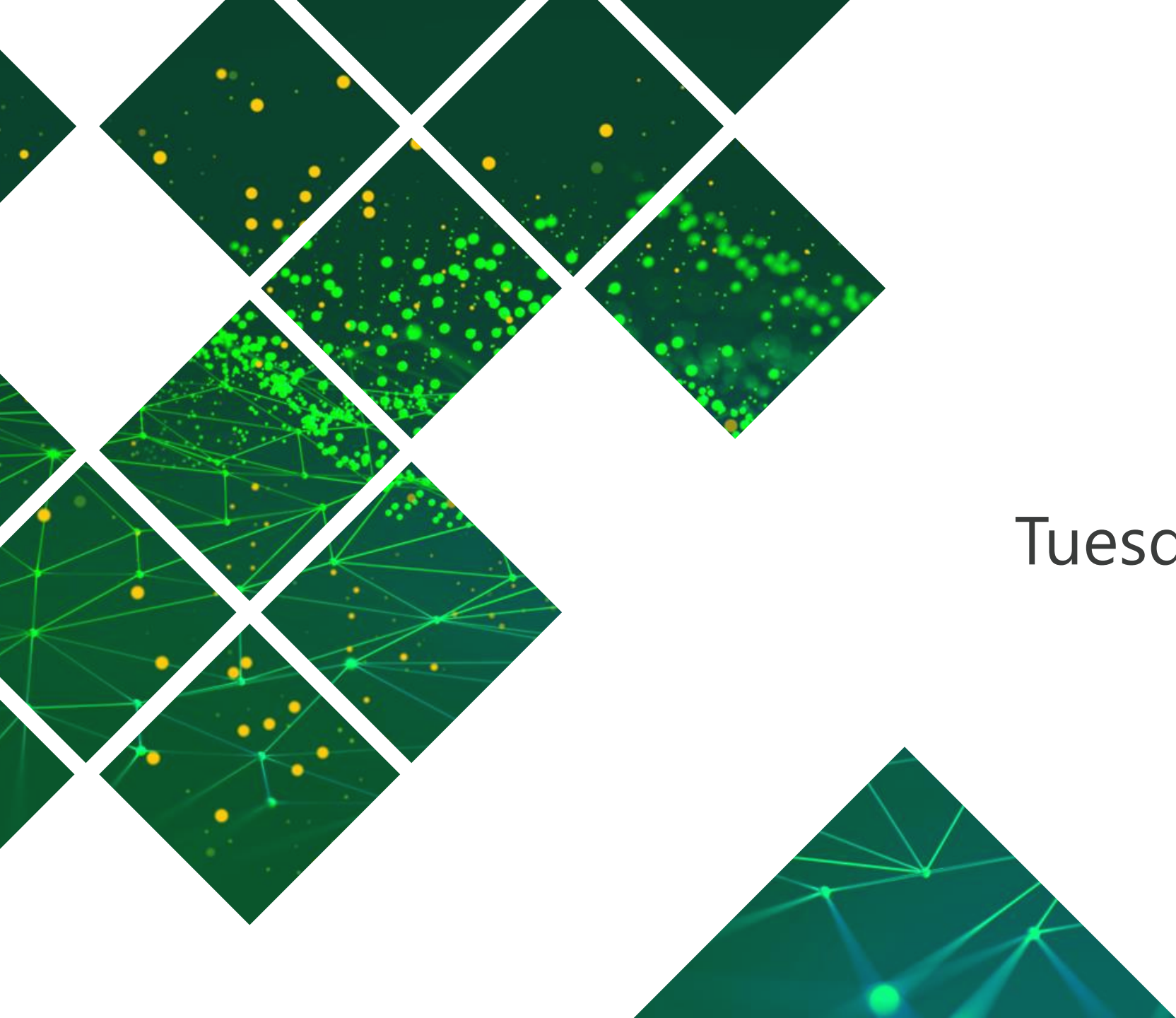
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