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# DP271

## ‘Sub-Committee seats for Other Users, Meter Data Retrievers and Registered Supplier Agents’

### Modification Report

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## About this document

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This document is a draft Modification Report. It currently sets out the background, issue, solution, impacts, implementation approach and progression timetable for this modification, along with any relevant discussions, views and conclusions. This document will be updated as this modification progresses.

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## 1. Summary

This proposal has been raised by James Murphy of Stark.

There are currently 159 Smart Energy Code (SEC) Parties in the Other SEC Party category, making it the largest SEC Party category. Within this category there are many different types of organisations, such as Meter Asset Providers (MAPs), Other Users and academic organisations. The Proposer has noted that due to the size and nature of the Other SEC Party category and their conflicting issues and concerns, it is very difficult for Other SEC Party representatives to properly act on behalf of the constituency.

The impact of the current arrangements is that Other SEC Parties, specifically those who are Data Communications Company (DCC) Users, may not receive appropriate representation on SEC Sub-Committees. This may lead to technical solutions not receiving the correct input and consequently increased costs for Parties.

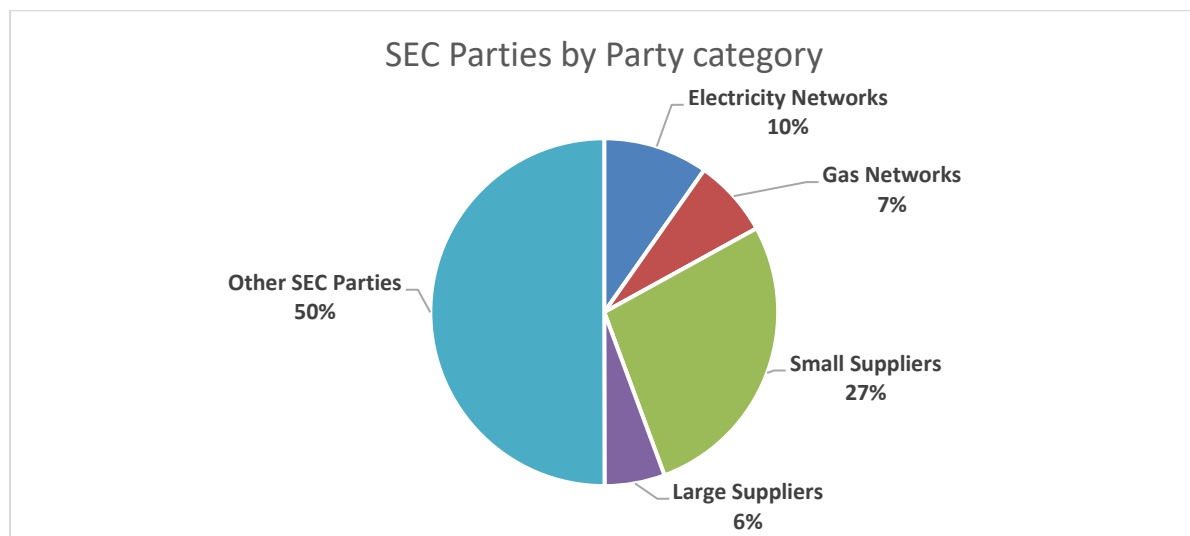
The Proposed Solution is to re-allocate one existing Other SEC Party seat at the Operations Group (OPSG), Technical Architecture and Business Architecture Sub-Committee (TABASC), Change Sub-Committee (CSC) and Change Board to an elected Party who acts in the role of Other User, Meter Data Retriever (MDR) or Registered Supplier Agent (RSA).

Smart Energy Code Administrator and Secretariat (SECAS) is targeting this modification for inclusion in the February 2025 SEC Release and will proceed as a Self-Governance modification.

## 2. Issue

### What are the current arrangements?

As of August 2024, there are 318 SEC Parties which are grouped into five different Party categories. When a Party accedes to the SEC they are categorised as either an Electricity Network, Gas Network, Small Supplier, Large Supplier or Other SEC Party. The current percentage breakdown of SEC Parties by party category is listed below:



The Other SEC Party category is the largest of the five constituencies, representing 159 Parties and 50% of the total of all SEC Parties. Unlike the other constituencies which represent one type of organisation, the Other SEC Party encapsulates many different types of organisations such as Meter Manufacturers, MAPs, Consumer Data Services, Other Users and academic organisations amongst others.

In order to represent the Other SEC Party constituency, Parties elect representatives at various SEC Sub-Committees. The current Other SEC Party representatives at the OPSG, TABASC, CSC and Change Board are listed in the table below, along with the type of organisation they work on behalf of.

| Other SEC Party representatives at SEC Sub-Committees |                      |                                   |                                     |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Sub-Committee                                         | Representative       | Organisation                      | Type of organisation                |
| OPSG                                                  | Alex Ford            | Chameleon Technology (UK) Limited | Manufacturer                        |
|                                                       | Geoff Huckerby       | CGI IT UK Limited                 | Other User                          |
|                                                       | Michael Snowden      | Secure Meters (UK) Limited        | Manufacturer                        |
| TABASC                                                | Ian Lovatt           | Chameleon Technology (UK) Limited | Manufacturer                        |
|                                                       | Matthew Hallchurch   | Elster Metering Limited           | Manufacturer                        |
| CSC                                                   | Philip Doyle         | Reverve Limited                   | Energy Management Software Provider |
|                                                       | Jeff Studholme       | Smart Meter Assets 1 Limited      | Meter Asset Provider                |
| Change Board                                          | Nick Winfield        | Landis & Gyr Limited              | Manufacturer                        |
|                                                       | Ian Lovatt           | Chameleon Technology (UK) Limited | Manufacturer                        |
|                                                       | Patrick Caiger-Smith | Green Energy Options Limited      | Manufacturer                        |

## What is the issue?

The Proposer believes that due to the scale and nature of the Other SEC Party category, it is not possible for Other SEC Party representatives at SEC sub-committees to adequately represent the entire category. This is because the high number of Parties in the category, but also because of the different types of organisations which sit under the Other SEC Party category. Due to the differing nature of these organisations, they have conflicting priorities, issues and concerns which makes it difficult for Other SEC Party representatives to act on behalf of all Other SEC Parties.

In particular, the Proposer notes there is a clear delineation between Other SEC Parties who are DCC Users (Other Users, MDRs and RSAs) and those who are not. At the OPSG, TABASC, CSC and Change Board there are ten Other SEC Party representatives, of which only one is an Other User.

## What is the impact this is having?

The Proposer believes that due to the lack of representation for Other Users, MDRs and RSAs could mean that their views are not fully represented at forums. In turn this could lead to increased costs for Parties due to a lack of insight and engagement from the Other SEC Parties who are DCC Users.

### Impact on consumers

There is no direct impact on consumers arising from this modification.

## 3. Solution

Changes to the make-up of the TABASC and Change Board would require legal text changes to the SEC. Changes to the CSC and OPSG would take place via the Terms of Reference, with the current members of these sub-committees needing to provide a consensus on whether to accept the proposed changes. If this is agreed, SECAS will present the changes to the SEC Panel for final approval.

### Proposed Solution

The Proposed Solution is to re-allocate one existing Other SEC Party seat at the OPSG, TABASC, CSC and Change Board to an elected Other SEC Party who acts in the role of Other User, MDR or RSA.

This would not change the existing voting make-up of the Change Board, as the newly elected Other User, MDR or RSA would still sit under the Other SEC Party voting group.

## 4. Impacts

This section summarises the impacts that would arise from the implementation of this modification.

### SEC Parties

| SEC Party Categories impacted |                               |  |                       |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
|                               | Large Suppliers               |  | Small Suppliers       |
|                               | Electricity Network Operators |  | Gas Network Operators |
| ✓                             | Other SEC Parties             |  | DCC                   |

| Breakdown of Other SEC Party types impacted |                           |   |                            |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---|----------------------------|
|                                             | Shared Resource Providers |   | Meter Installers           |
|                                             | Device Manufacturers      |   | Flexibility Providers      |
| ✓                                           | DCC Other Users           |   | MAPs/ MAMs                 |
| ✓                                           | Meter Data Retrievers     | ✓ | Registered Supplier Agents |

If the Proposed Solution is implemented, then Other SEC Parties will be impacted as their representatives will change.

## DCC Systems

### DCC System changes

There are no impacts on the DCC System or System traffic because of this modification.

## SEC and subsidiary documents

The following parts of the SEC will be impacted:

- Section D 'Modification Process'
- Section F 'Smart Metering System Requirements'

# 5. Implementation approach

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## Recommended implementation approach

SECAS is recommending an implementation date of:

- **27 February 2025** (February 2025 SEC Release) if a decision to approve is received on or before 13 February 2025; or
- **26 June 2025** (June 2025 SEC Release) if a decision to approve is received after 13 February 2025 but on or before 12 June 2025

As this modification requires text-only changes to the SEC it can be implemented in the next possible SEC Release following the Change Board vote. With the current modification timeline, the next possible release this modification could be included in is the February 2025 SEC Release.

# 6. Assessment of the proposal

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## Areas for assessment

### Timing of elections

Due to the different election periods for each Sub-Committee within the scope of this modification, SECAS will discuss whether Parties would prefer to hold new elections when this modification is implemented or wait until the end of existing terms before holding new elections.

### Sub-Committee input

SECAS will engage with the Chairs from the OPSG, the TABASC, the Security Sub-Committee (SSC) and the Smart Metering Key Infrastructure Policy Management Authority (SMKI PMA) to confirm what

input is required from these forums. SECAS believes the following Sub-Committees will need to provide the following input to this modification:

| Sub-Committee input |                                                                               |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sub-Committee       | Input sought                                                                  |
| OPSG                | Do you agree to the changes in the Proposed Solution or Alternative Solution? |
| SMKI PMA            | No input sought.                                                              |
| SSC                 | No input sought.                                                              |
| TABASC              | Do you agree to the changes in the Proposed Solution or Alternative Solution? |

## Appendix 1: Progression timetable

| Timetable                                            |                           |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Event/Action                                         | Date                      |
| Draft Proposal raised                                | TBC                       |
| Presented to CSC for initial comment                 | 20 Aug 2024               |
| CSC converts Draft Proposal to Modification Proposal | 20 Aug 2024               |
| Modification discussed with Working Group            | 4 Sep 2024                |
| Modification discussed with OPSG                     | 10 Sep 2024               |
| Modification discussed with CSC                      | 17 Sep 2024               |
| Modification discussed with SEC Panel                | 24 Sep 2024               |
| Modification discussed with Change Board             | 25 Sep 2024               |
| Modification discussed with TABASC                   | 3 Oct 2024                |
| Refinement Consultation                              | 16 Oct 2024 – 06 Nov 2024 |
| Modification discussed with Working Group            | 4 Dec 2024                |
| Modification Report approved by CSC                  | 17 Dec 2024               |
| Modification Report Consultation                     | 18 Dec 24 – 15 Jan 2025   |
| Change Board Vote                                    | 22 Jan 2025               |

*Italics denote planned events that could be subject to change*

## Appendix 2: Glossary

This table lists all the acronyms used in this document and the full term they are an abbreviation for.

| Glossary |                             |
|----------|-----------------------------|
| Acronym  | Full term                   |
| CSC      | Change Sub-Committee        |
| DCC      | Data Communications Company |
| MAP      | Meter Asset Provider        |
| MDR      | Meter Data Retriever        |
| OPSG     | Operations Group            |

| Glossary |                                                                |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Acronym  | Full term                                                      |
| RSA      | Registered Supplier Agent                                      |
| SEC      | Smart Energy Code                                              |
| SECAS    | Smart Energy Code Administrator and Secretariat                |
| SMKI PMA | Smart Metering Key Infrastructure Policy Management Authority  |
| SSC      | Security Sub-Committee                                         |
| TABASC   | Technical Architecture and Business Architecture Sub-Committee |