

Change Sub-Committee Meeting 67

17 September 2024

Competition Act Compliance

It is everyone's responsibility to say something

The Chair will move the conversation on



■ CSC Terms of Reference

The CSC is the delegated Sub-Committee of Panel for dealing with Modifications. The CSC has power to determine:

- If the **stage gates** have been completed
- If the **scale** (both sides and therefore business case) is understood
- **Modification is confirmed as the most appropriate solution**
- Affected **SEC areas** identified
- Where applicable, potential high-level **solution** options for resolving the issue have been identified (including, where possible, an assessment of whether costs and complexity would be high, medium or low to inform the benefits case of proceeding).

■ CSC Terms of Reference

Determine whether the solution(s) proposed in a Modification Proposal is sufficiently developed and understood that it can be progressed to a final decision:

- A **solution** (or solutions) has been clearly defined
- The **impacts** of the solution(s) on all participants have been fully identified
- All implementation and on-going **costs** have been drawn out and scrutinised
- The **implementation approach** has been clearly laid out, including the technical specification versions arising from the change
- The changes to the **SEC documentation** have been fully drafted
- The **business case** for change has been fully defined
- An assessment against the Applicable **SEC Objectives** and the **consumer benefits** analysis have been completed
- All questions raised along the way have been **answered**

■ Agenda

1. Approval of previous meeting minutes
2. Actions Outstanding
3. SEC Modification Progression
4. SEC Modification Timetables
5. Post Decision Delivery & Ofgem expected decision dates
6. SEC Releases Update
7. CSC meeting dates 2025
8. MP271 – proposed Terms of Reference changes
9. CSC proposed Terms of Reference changes
10. Any other business

Agenda Item 1

Approval of previous meeting
minutes

Rachel Black (SECAS)

■ Recommendations

- No comments were received from the previous meeting minutes
- **APPROVE** these minutes as final

Agenda Item 2

Actions Outstanding

■ Actions Outstanding 1/2

Ref	Action	Owner	Update	Status
61/01	SECAS to find a forum to take responsibility of the TSAT tables.	SECAS	SECAS is working with the TABASC to look at the impacts of changes to the TSAT tables (end dates and extension of end dates) and the governance of the TSAT tables.	PROPOSE TO CLOSE
62/01	SECAS to propose solution options for governance of Release scope and costs to the CSC at the September meeting.	DCC/SEC AS	SEACS propose to continue with current governance (with more transparency from the DCC).	PROPOSE TO CLOSE
64/01	The DCC (DK) to investigate the downsizing of the Regression Testing scope which should reduce costs for the November 2024 SEC Release and report back to the CSC.	DCC	An update will be presented at the November 2024 CSC meeting.	OPEN

■ Actions Outstanding 2/2

Ref	Action	Owner	Update	Status
66/01	SECAS to investigate if decisions referred from the Change Board should be referred to the SEC Panel instead of the CSC.	SECAS	SECAS propose to change referrals to go to Panel (remove from CSC ToRs) – possibly with CSC recommendation.	PROPOSE TO CLOSE
66/02	DCC (PMcE) to advise the CSC of the specific business as usual costs included in SEC Releases.	DCC	The DCC are to present this at the September CSC meeting.	OPEN

Agenda Item 3

SEC Modification Progression

■ DP272 'SMKI Document Set Changes 2024'

Liz Woods

Raised by Gordon Hextall on behalf of the SMKI PMA

Progress to Report Phase

HIGH

Overview

- The SMKI PMA has conducted a review of the SMKI Document Set
- Identified process improvements following a recent SMKI Recovery exercise
- The DCC re-procurement of the TSP and removing the requirement for SMKI Portal via the Internet (SPOTI)
- SMKI and S1SPKI assurance requirements
- DCCKI Tokens for Admin Users

Issue



- Ambiguity, incorrect references and misalignment to real world processes can cause confusion and frustration for Parties
- If issues are not resolved, the SMKI and DCCKI Document Sets will contain some unnecessary or inappropriate requirements

Impact



- A variety of SEC Appendices affected
- Replace existing clauses referring to 'Internet Explorer'
- Remove requirement for SPOTI
- Broaden the SMKI Independent Assurance Scheme criteria to minimise the single provider dependency risk
- Broaden the options for DCCKI Tokens to include hard and soft tokens as well as smart card tokens

Proposed Solution

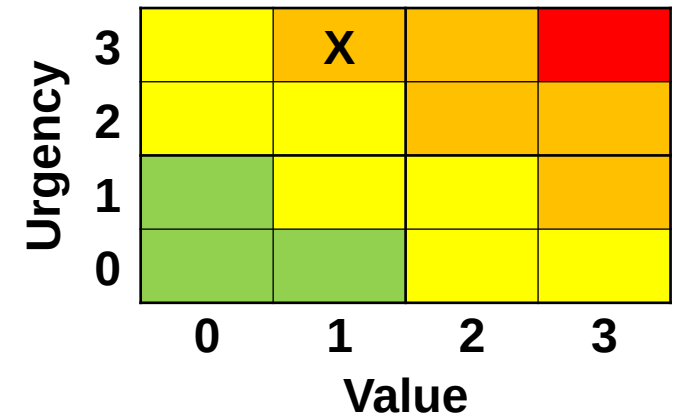


■ Prioritisation

Legal & regulatory compliance	Operational performance	Cost benefit	Consumer impact	Security impacts	Weighted value	Urgency	Priority
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Rationale

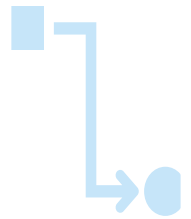
- Removing SPOTI is an opportunity to reduce costs (no longer a requirement for GNOs to be SMKI Subscribers).
- Risk of SMKI Independent Assurance Scheme's single provider could withdraw (recently occurred when NCSC withdrew CPA) - broaden the criteria to minimise the risk.
- Futureproofing by broaden the use of DCCKI Admin Tokens to also include hard and soft tokens.
- Targeting the November 2024 Release so must make October 2024 Change Board to do so.



■ Timetable

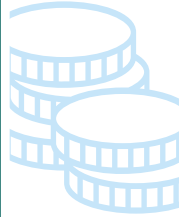
Date	Event/Activity	Notes
17 Sep 2024	CSC converts Draft Proposal to Modification Proposal	
17 Sep 2024	Modification Report approved by CSC	
18 Sep - 8 Oct 2024	Modification Report Consultation	
23 Oct 2024	Change Board Vote	Last day for decision to be included in November 2024 SEC Release

■ Assessment of Change



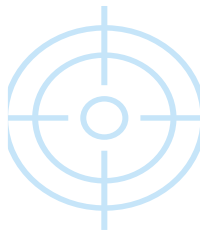
Impacted Parties

- Suppliers
- Network Parties
- DCC



Costs

- SECAS implementation costs



Target Release

- Nov 2024 SEC Release



Benefits

- Corrects errors
- Greater clarity, transparency and align with current processes

SEC Objective (g)

(g) To facilitate the efficient and transparent administration and implementation of this Code

■ Recommendations

- **DETERMINE** whether the issue and the impact it is having is clearly defined and understood
- **DETERMINE** whether DP272 should be converted to a Modification Proposal
- **DETERMINE** whether MP272 should be progressed to the Report Phase
- **APPROVE** the Modification Report
- **APPROVE** the implementation approach
- **AGREE** that MP272 should be progressed as a Self-Governance Modification

■ MP169 'Managing SEC Obligations and the Consumer's Right to refuse a Smart Meter'

This is a placeholder slide for MP169, which will be submitted as a late paper. Members will be notified when the documentation for MP169 has been uploaded.

MP253 'Traffic Management for Price Cap Update Events - User Actions Required'

Simon Grimwood (Lead Analyst)
Raised by David Rollason from the DCC
Progress to Report Phase

MEDIUM

Overview

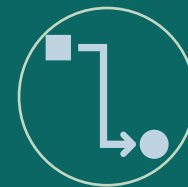
- There are no formal rules or requirements in the SEC on how DCC Users should process high volumes of traffic on the DCC Network.
- no standard process for the execution of such industry-wide Price Cap Update Events (PCUEs), either within the Supplier community or through DCC Systems.

Issue



- Incidents and issues occurred during 2023 PCUEs due to excessive system traffic.
- Increased DCC resource attributed to PCUEs.
- Potential failure of messages leading to re-submissions or Install & Commission issues.

Impact

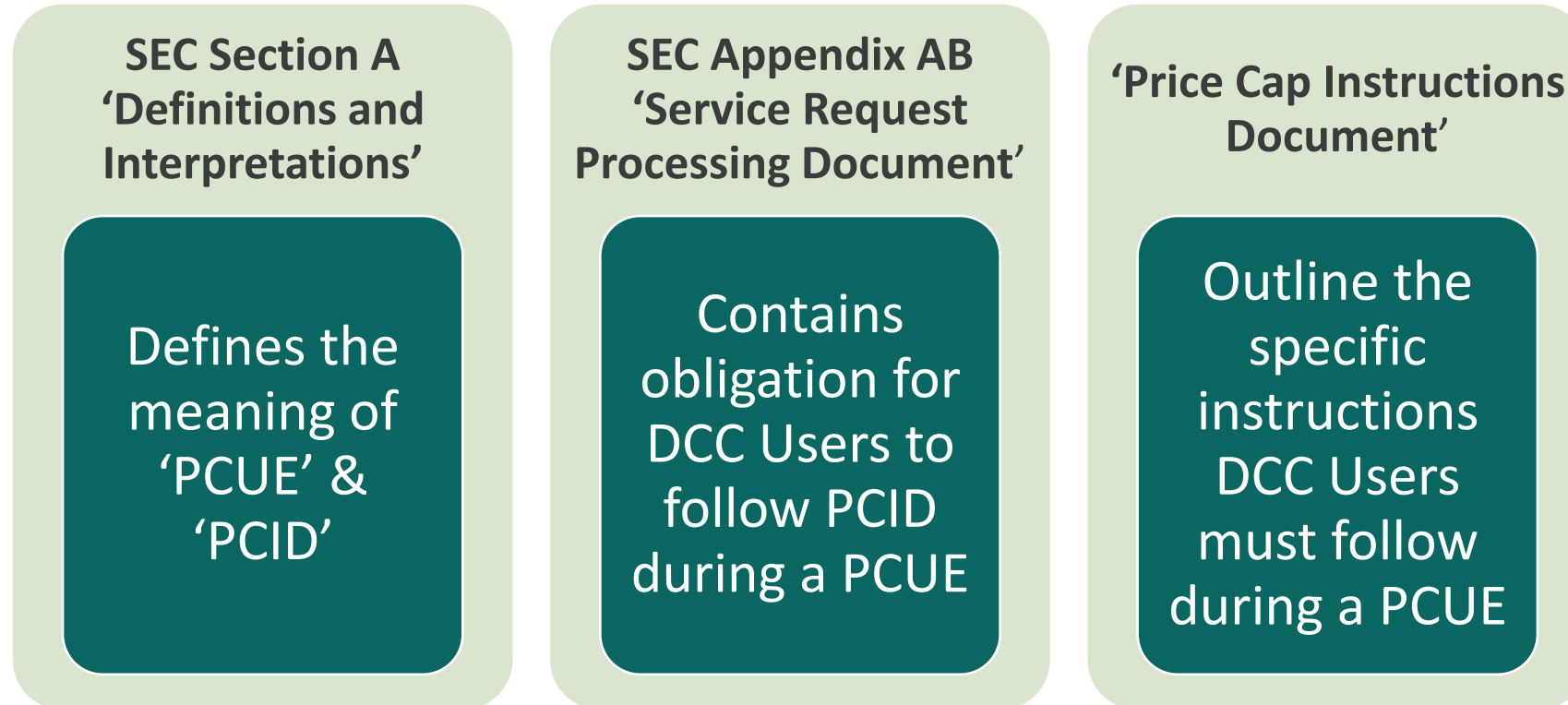


- Establish an obligation within the SEC for affected DCC Users to follow instructions outlined within a new proposed Code Required Document named 'Price Cap Instructions Document' (PCID).

Proposed Solution



Legal Text (1/2)



The aim is to prioritise the traffic of credit consumer related traffic within the DCC System over a longer period

■ Legal Text (2/2)

Only applies to
Domestic Consumers

Changes to PCID must
be approved by the
SEC Panel

Only 3 SRVs impacted

SEC Obligation
becomes legally
binding 9 months
following point of
implementation

PCID Instructions (1/3)

SMETS1 & SMETS2 DEVICES IMPACTED				
SRV's	DAY OF PCUE		DAY AFTER PCUE	
	Prepayment Consumers	Credit Consumers - Monthly Billed	Other Credit Consumers	Credit Consumers – Monthly Billed
1.1.1	00:00-05:00	05:00-23:59	00:00-06:00	12:00 onwards
1.2.1	00:00-05:00	05:00-23:59	00:00-06:00	12:00 onwards

Specific Points to Note

- Future Dated SRV's required
- Messages should be evenly distributed across time periods
- Try to avoid Future Dated SRV's being sent between 06:00-12:00 on the day of, and day after, a PCUE
- No On-Demand messages between 06:00-12:00 on day of a PCUE, and the day after a PCUE

■ PCID Instructions (2/3)

Other Points of Note

- SRV 4.6.1 – Utilise Future Dated SRV's instead of On Demand requests
- SRV 1.1.1 & 1.2.1 – Parties encouraged to use 1.2.1 in place of 1.1.1, as SRV 1.2.1 is relatively smaller in size, and returns fewer Alerts to SEC Parties
- DSP Overload Protection is triggered by peak demand spikes in On-Demand traffic
 - ❖ when activated, flow of all On-Demand SRV's (**not Future Dated**) will be restricted
 - ❖ if activated, HTTP 503 errors will be returned to SEC Parties
 - ❖ These messages will **not** have been received by the DCC, so re-submission after 30 minutes would be required
- SEC Parties must not user On-Demand SRV's to execute their updates

■ PCID Instructions (3/3)

Non-Essential Activity

- Non-essential activities must be suspended during PCUE's
- Examples of essential activities include:
 - ❖ Install & Commission (I&C);
 - ❖ Change of Supplier (CoS);
 - ❖ Pre-Payment Meter (PPM) actions;
 - ❖ Any other actions that are required to be completed in short timescales (same day actions).
- Parties are asked to consider their activity on the PCUE date, and where possible delay activity until a later date. This requirement should not stop or delay business activity that is required to be completed on the day of the price cap update

Refinement Consultation key points (1/2)

Respondent comment

Consumers will be impacted if MP253 is implemented, since the majority of them will have inaccurate tariff prices reflected on their Devices, potentially for a number of days after the PCUE.

MP253 initially stated the DNOs would be impacted by this proposal, however the impacts have not been listed within the PCID or legal text.

SECAS response

The DCC consider that the rules will result in a more efficient implementation of the updates required for price control events, and ensure prepayment consumers are protected.

The DCC have confirmed there will be no impact for Network Parties because of MP23 being implemented. The PCID states the specific impacts on Suppliers.



Refinement Consultation key points (2/2)

Respondent comment

The Price Control Instructions Document (PCID) does not outline what would happen in the event of a DCC incident or outage affecting key systems.

The original intent of MP253 was to formalise best practice within the SEC, as opposed to implementing or establish penalties or consequences for DCC Users.

SECAS response

The DCC would expect already established procedures to be followed during outages or incidents. Following an issue, messages would need to be resent to the DCC for processing.

The DCC & SECAS confirm there is no intention for penalties or consequences to be introduced as part of MP253. The sole intention is to effectively and proactively manage DCC Total System traffic during a PCUE.



Working Group

Mixed support for the intent of MP253

Noted an immediate implementation would cause non-compliance

Advised 2024 PCUEs have improved compared to 2023

TABASC

Supportive of the modification intention

Did not recommend immediate implementation due to non-compliance

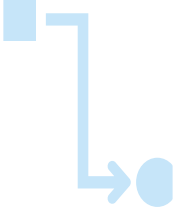
Recommended later implementation date or future-dated clause

OPSG

Presented documentation to the OPSG for review

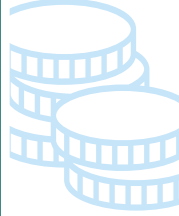
No positive or negative feedback received in relation to MP253

■ Assessment of Change



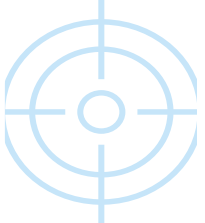
Impacted Parties

- Suppliers
- Other SEC Parties



Costs

- SECAS implementation costs
- Potential Industry Costs



Target Release

- November 2024 SEC Release



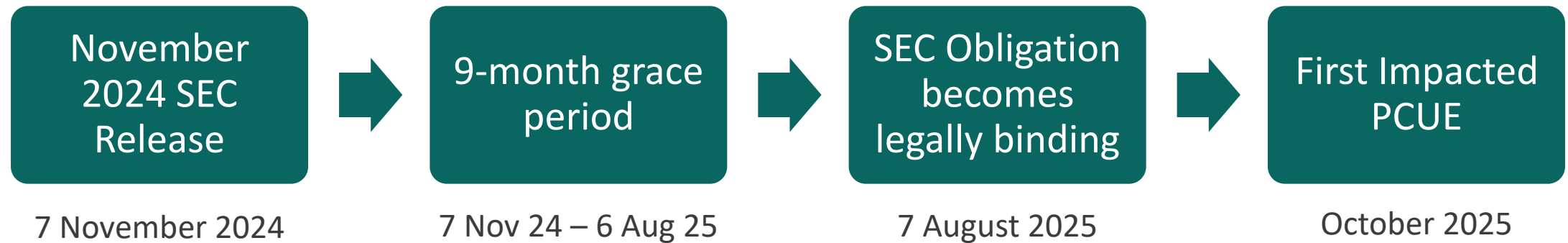
Benefits

- Greater DCC System control
- Increased User confidence
- Higher change of message success

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

■ Implementation Summary



Recommendations

- **DETERMINE** whether the issue and the impact it is having is clearly defined and understood
- **DETERMINE** whether MP253 should be progressed to the Report Phase
- **APPROVE** the Modification Report
- **APPROVE** the implementation approach
- **AGREE** that MP253 should be progressed as a Self-Governance Modification

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

SEC Objective (b)

(b) enable the Data Communications Company to comply at all times with the General Objectives of the Data Communications Company (as defined in the Data Communications Company Licence), and to efficiently discharge the other obligations imposed upon it by the Data Communications Company Licence

SEC Objective (c)

(c) facilitate Energy Consumers' management of their use of electricity and gas through the provision to them of appropriate information by means of Smart Metering Systems

■ DP265 'Implementing ADT Changes in Response to a Security Incident'

Georgie Severin

Raised by Gordon Hextall on behalf of Security Sub-Committee

Progress to Refinement Process

MEDIUM

DP265: Overview

- Service Users will provide the DCC with their own ADT files, detailing SR forecast and expected pattern of demand.
- In the event of a system Compromise, the DCC cannot overwrite the Service User ADT.

Issue



- If a User is Compromised, this would cause increased traffic, and it could lead to loss of key smart metering services.
- Currently, the DCC are not able to amend ADTs to prevent large numbers of Service Requests being quarantined in the recovery process.

Impact



- A potential solution would be to amend SEC Appendix AA to specifically allow DCC to override Service User ADTs to help recovery after a Compromise.

Potential Solution



DP265: Areas for Assessment

Develop a process of amending User-set ADTs in Major Security Incidents

- Business requirements were drafted to develop the process of amending User-set ADTs in Major Security Incidents.

How will the ADTs be returned to their previous levels once a security incident is over?

- Following recovery from a Security Incident, the ADT levels will be restored to their original levels.

How will affected Users be notified?

- As part of the incident management exercise, Users will be notified in the event of any Compromise. Whether this is communicated by DCC or SSC will depend on the nature of the incident and how many Users are affected.

■ Business Requirements (1/2)

Ref	Requirement
1	For instances where DCC services have been suspended following a Security incident, the SSC – on behalf of affected DCC Users – shall authorise the DCC to make changes in User-set ADT levels to prevent quarantining of critical messages for a specified period.
2	For instances where DCC services have been suspended following a Security incident, the DCC – under authorisation of the SSC – shall make changes in User-set ADT levels without recourse to individual CSV files, subject to Security controls, e.g., two-Party involvement.

■ Business Requirements (2/2)

Ref	Requirement
1	For instances where DCC services have been suspended following a Security incident, the DCC – under authorisation of the SSC – shall suspend/amend User-set ADT settings for specified SRVs for a limited period to be specified by the SSC.
2	For instances where DCC services have resumed following a Security incident suspension, the DCC – under authorisation of the SSC – shall return to the previous User-set ADT settings at a time specified by the SSC.

■ DP265: Assessment of the Issue

- **Has the issue or business problem been clearly defined?**

Yes, following a security incident, the DCC should, in exceptional circumstances be able to manually amend ADTs to help the recovery process and minimise impact.

- **Has the nature and scale of the impact that will arise if the issue is not resolved been clearly described?**

Yes, if a Security Incident is not resolved promptly, it could lead to a loss of Smart Metering services. A Security Incident would increase traffic until it is resolved, and as such the ability to proactively act would benefit the recovery process.

- **Is a change to the SEC required to resolve this issue?**

Yes, an amendment to Section G and Appendix AA would be required to resolve this issue.

- **Is there an indicative view of a proposed solution and the likely scale of the impacts and costs arising from this?**

*Proposed solution would be allowing the DCC to amend ADTs in the event of a security incident.
Costs would be determined in Refinement Process.*

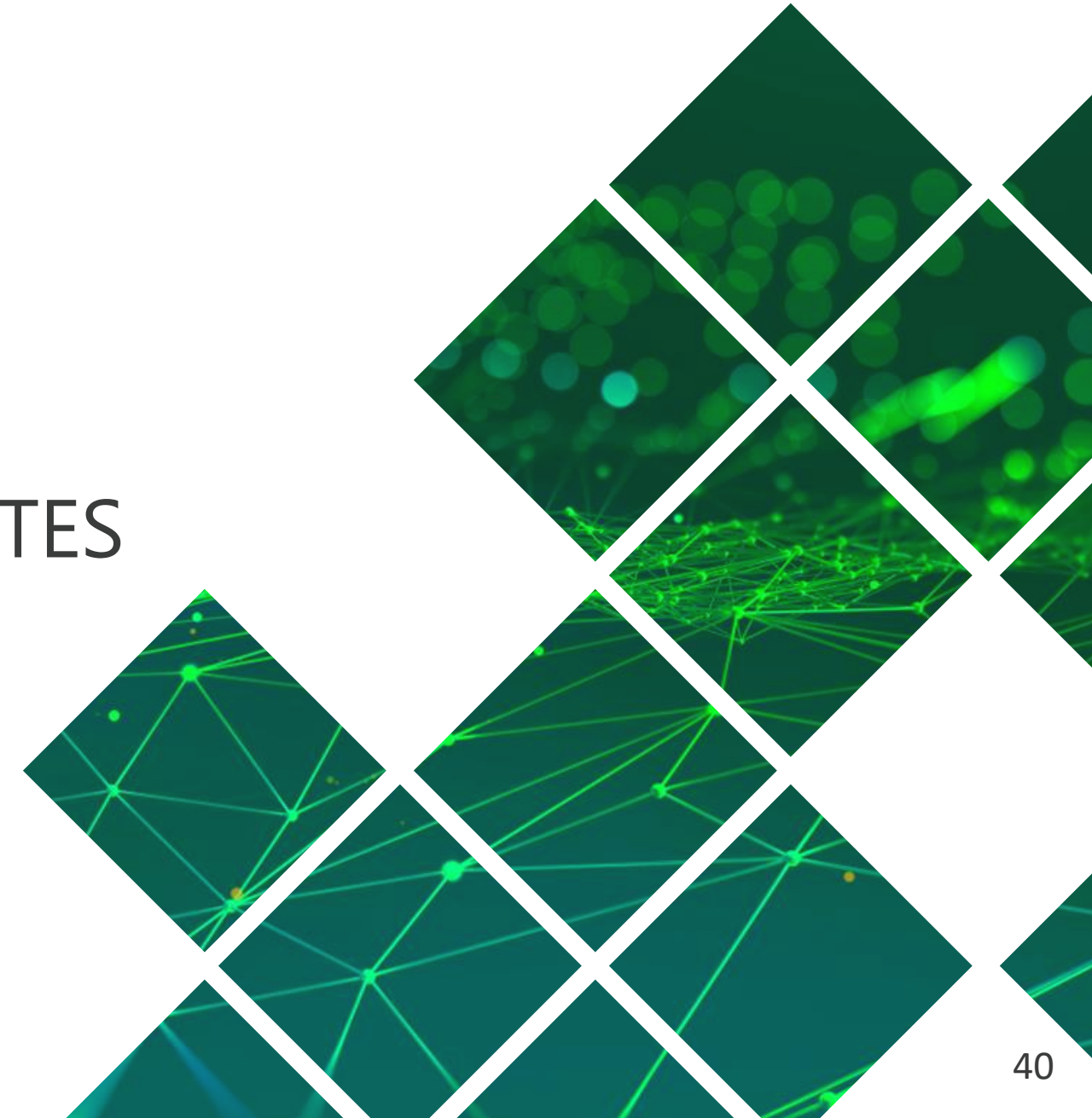
DP265: Timetable

Date	Event/Activity	Notes
Mar – Aug 2024	Develop Business Requirements	<i>Discussions with the Proposer and DCC</i>
Oct 2024 – Jan 2025	Solution Development	<i>Preliminary Assessment, Working Group, TABASC</i>
Jan – May 2025	Solution Refinement	<i>Refinement Consultation and Impact Assessment</i>
May 2025	Enter Report Phase	
Jun 2025	Change Board Vote	
Nov 2025	Estimated implementation	

■ DP265: Recommendations

- **DETERMINE** whether the issue and the impact it is having is clearly defined and understood
- **DETERMINE** whether DP265 should be converted to a Modification Proposal
- **DETERMINE** whether MP265 should be progressed to the Refinement Process
- **AGREE** the first package of work and the timetable for MP265

BREAK



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Agenda Item 4

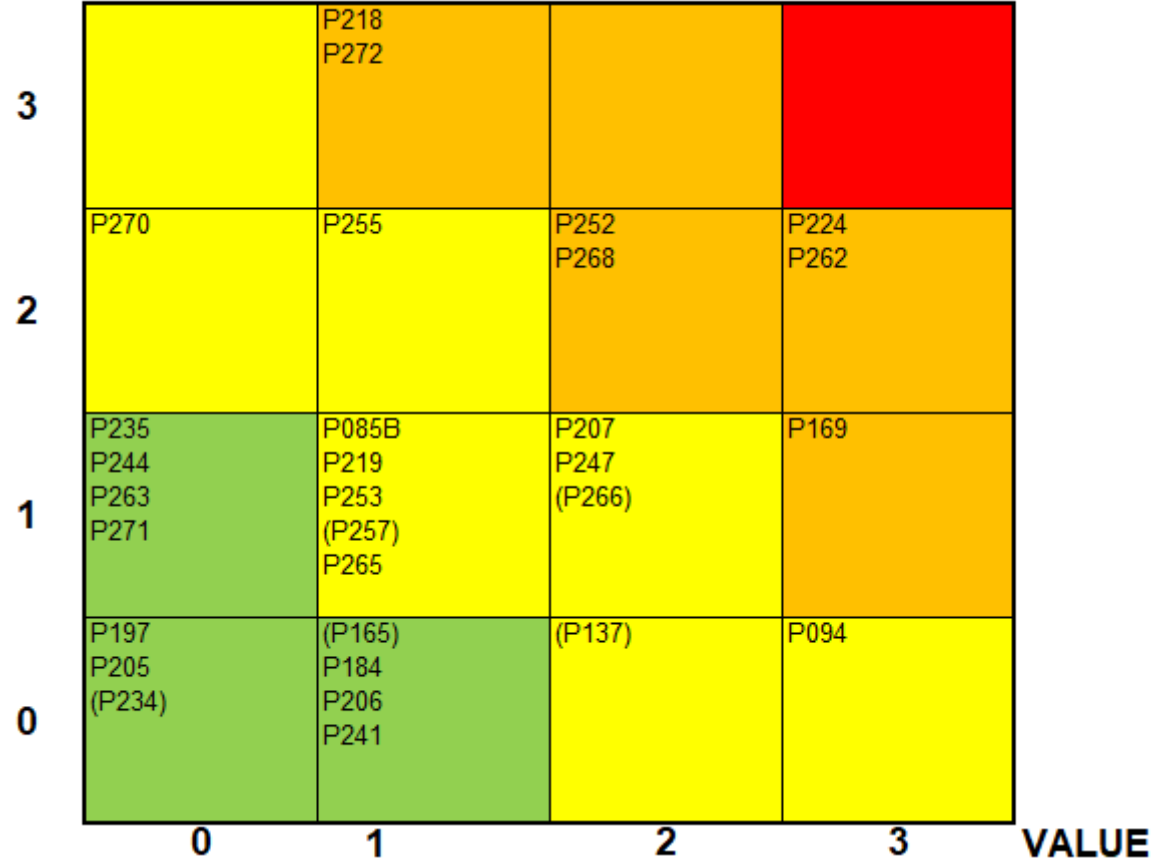
SEC Modification Timetables
Ben Giblin (SECAS)

■ Monthly summary

- Three modifications (MP241, MP263 and MP270) are scheduled for final vote at the next Change Board meeting.
- We are working on 30 active modifications.
- DP197 is in its withdrawal period until 17 Sep 2024.
- There are five modifications currently on hold.
- We are examining six issues.
- No Preliminary or Impact Assessments are open.

■ Prioritisation matrix

URGENCY



DP272 raised. No changes to
prioritisation scoring.

Modifications in brackets are on
hold.

■ High and very high priority mods

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

- This modification will be discussed at the CSC meeting to determine whether it should enter the Report Phase.

DP218 'Review of the SEC Charging Methodology'

- The DCC will publish the DCC RFI conclusions document by mid-September 2024.
- The DCC are also planning to publish the collated responses (requires the DCC to gain confirmation from each respondents prior to publication)
- SECAS will hold another ad hoc Working Group after the DCC RFI conclusions document has been published.

MP224 'Performance Assurance Framework'

- This modification was recommended for approval by Change Board in June 2024.
- The expected decision date from the Authority is 7 November 2024.

■ High and very high priority mods

MP252 'Amending the process for Communications Hub returns'

- SECAS presented this modification to the SSC, the Working Group and OPSG in August and September 2024.
- After reviewing feedback received, SECAS will issue the Refinement Consultation.

MP262 'Extending the Installation End Date for CHTS v1.0 and GBCS v1.1'

- On Tuesday 20 August 2024 the CSC upheld the decision of the Change Board to reject this modification.
- The Proposer has referred this decision to the Authority for final determination in line with SEC Section D.

MP268 'Certificate rotation and expired Certificates'

- The Refinement Consultation for this modification has now closed.
- SECAS will present this modification to the Change Board to determine whether the costs of £17,636 for the Impact Assessment should be approved.

■ Updates for on hold modifications

MP137 'Sharing information on Defects and Issues'

- Extended from end of July 2024 to October 2025.
- The Proposer is awaiting the DCC Future Services Management (FSM) to be delivered, in order to ensure MP137's business requirements are included in the FSM.
- The DCC are currently targeting FSM go-live for October 2025.

MP165 'ESME Voltage Accuracy'

- The Proposer is working with BEAMA to develop a Publicly Available Specification in conjunction with the British Standards Institution to set out voltage accuracy requirements.
- This process is expected to take between two to three years. SECAS is discussing the next steps with the Proposer.

MP234 'Addition of GDPR Principles of Public Task and Legitimate Interests into the SEC'

- The Proposer is waiting for the Authority decision on MP219 before progressing this modification.

■ Updates for on hold modifications

DP257 'DCC Management of Duplicate Messages'

- The Proposer is examining the volume of duplicated message and will re-draft the problem statement before SECAS returns to the Change Sub-Committee.

DP266 'Alternative SMETS1 UTRN Generation'

- This Draft Proposal is on hold until the end of September 2024 as the Proposer is exploring whether to use the DCC Elective Service option.

Changes to Report Phase dates

Mod Ref	Original Report Date	New Report Date	Comment
<u>MP085B 'Synchronisation of Smart Meter voltage measurement periods (meters currently installed)'</u>	Sep 2024	Nov 2024	SECAS presented this modification to the TABASC who recommended the Proposer explore a different solution. The Proposer is working with SECAS and other Networks before deciding on the next steps.
<u>MP169 'Managing SEC obligations and the Consumer's Right to Refuse a Smart Meter'</u>	Dec 2024	Sep 2024	Brought forward so the modification could be included in the November 2025 SEC Release.
<u>DP218 'Review of the SEC Charging Methodology'</u>	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	Delays in the DCC RFI conclusions document being published and further meetings being organised.
<u>MP244 'Device Alerts for Smart Meter Credit Replenishment'</u>	Jan 2025	Mar 2025	SECAS is assessing the next steps after comments from the TABASC and Manufacturers on the Proposed Solution.

Issues

Name	Description	Update
PPM Continuity Plan	In instances of Supplier System failure, PPM consumers may be impacted more by the temporary loss in communication. An industry-wide solution could be explored as part of mitigating the impact on consumers in such scenarios.	Following the June 2024 Issues Group, SECAS and the Proposer are working on clearly defining the Business Case, in accordance with industry feedback.
POA Reporting	Inaccurate reporting to Network Parties on the extent of Power Outage events resulting in the provision of data with little use.	Following the June 2024 Issues Group, SECAS and the Proposer are awaiting outcome from DIG forum to determine if a modification is needed.

Name	Description	Update
DCC User Forecasts	Aims to introduce an obligation on DCC Users to provide forecasting for Service Requests	SECAS investigating before presenting at the October meeting of the Issues Group
Requirements for DCC Users to provide TPS configurations	Currently, DCC Users are not required to set TPS limits which can cause User Systems to be unable to process the number of responses coming from the DCC.	SECAS presented this at the September Issues Group. The modification will be raised ahead of October's Change Sub-Committee.
Updating WAN Coverage Checker	The WAN Coverage Checker is not updated to reflect the fact that some addresses in a postcode are no WAN.	The DCC is working with Arqiva to determine whether changes can be made to the Coverage Checker without a SEC modification. This is likely to be discussed at the October OPSG meeting.
Install and Leave guidance in PPM scenarios	There is no distinction in guidance for Install and Leave for PPM.	Will be issued as guidance for Parties.

■ Recommendations

- **NOTE** the new Report Phase date for the highlighted modifications.

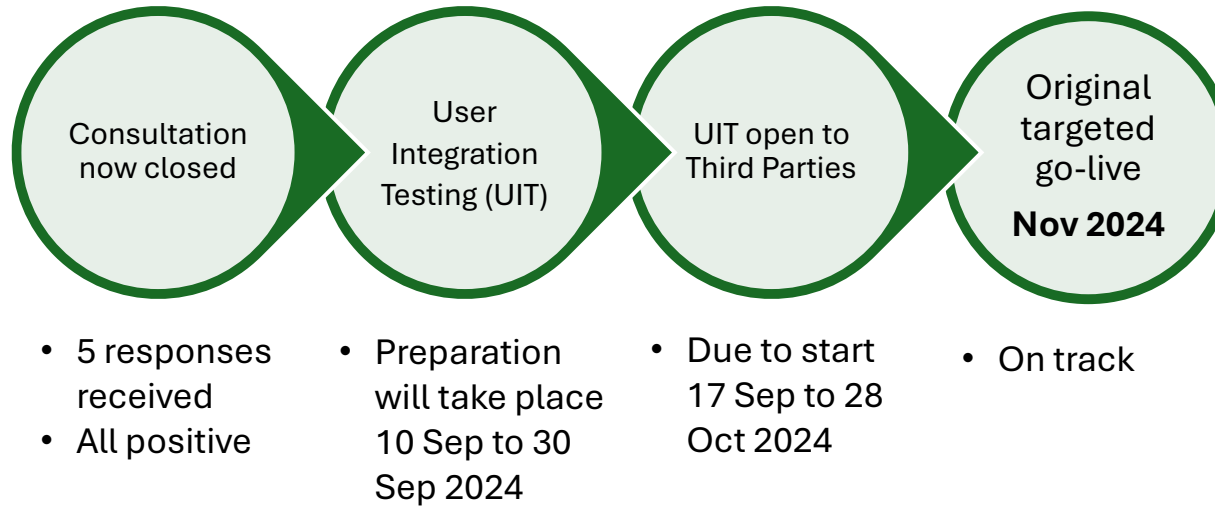
Agenda Item 5

Post Decision Delivery & Ofgem
expected decision dates
Khaleda Hussain (SECAS)

■ Post Decision Delivery

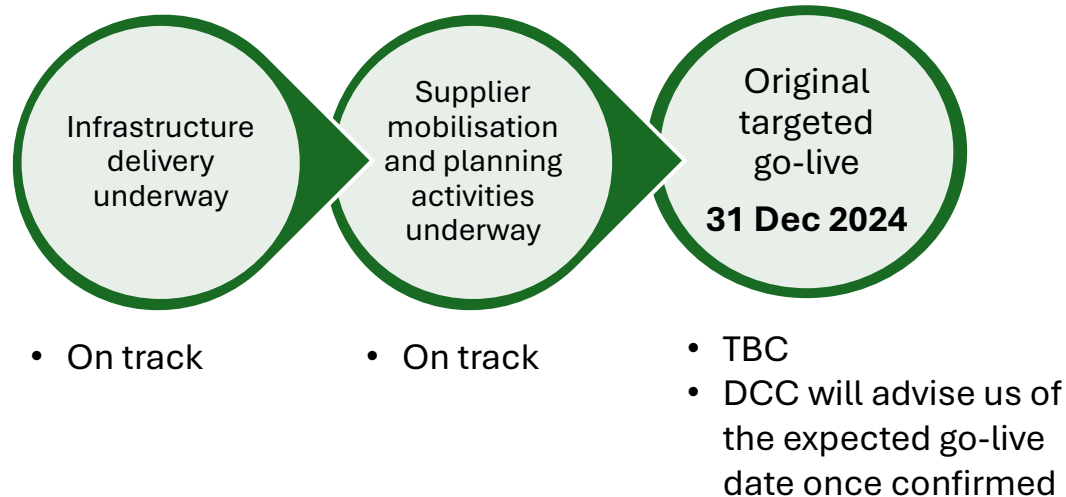
SECMP0028

Prioritising System Messages



MP176

Customer Analytics Reporting



■ Post Decision Delivery

MP242

Change to Operational Metrics to measure on success



- Producing operational metrics for 7 business processes
 - CoS is the first business process
 - DCC will begin building the remaining 6 delivery timelines, reusing the above to achieve a faster delivery for the remainder
 - This will be shared once created and validated
- In progress
 - Completed by end of Sep 2024
- In progress
 - Completed by 20 Sep 2024
- Start later this month
 - Completed by 31 Oct 2024
- Go-live date will be the point at which the DCC share the metrics with customers
 - DCC will aim to share a detailed timeline of the remaining 6 processes by the end of Oct 2024

Ofgem Expected Decision Dates

The below table provides the Expected Decision Date (EDD) which Ofgem intends to publish their decision for the below modifications

Modification Ref No.	Title	Date submitted to Ofgem for decision	Expected decision date
MP207	Allowing Registered Supplier Agents to Maintain Meter Firmware	03 Jul 2024	01 Oct 2024
MP219	Accessing Consumption Data on behalf of SEC Parties	04 Jul 2024	05 Nov 2024
MP224	SEC Performance Assurance Framework	27 June 2024	07 Nov 2024
MP262	Extending the Installation End Date for CHTS v1.0 and GBCS v1.1	30 Aug 2024	Received after publication of dates

■ Actions – propose to close

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Agenda Item 6

SEC Releases Update
Simon Grimwood (SECAS)

■ BRAG status key

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.
	This modification is DCC System impacting.
	This modification is not DCC Total System impacting, however these changes will require amendments to DCC reporting systems, SharePoint, business processes etc.

■ November 2024 SEC Release

Approved Modifications		
Mod No.	Mod Name	Status
SECMP0028	Prioritising System Messages	
MP230	Review the SLA for delivery and completion for SMETS1 firmware	
MP248	Requirements for DCC Gateway Connection	

Targeted Modifications		
Mod No.	Mod Name	Status
MP253	Traffic Management for Price Control Events	
MP263	Improving transparency of DCC indicative costs	
MP270	Enabling DCC to provide SMDA Test House Services	
DP272	SMKI Document Set Changes 2024	

DP272 has been added to the scope of this Release, and MP085B removed, since the August 2024 CSC Meeting.

February 2025 SEC Release

Targeted Modifications		
Mod No.	Mod Name	Status
MP085B	Synchronisation of Smart Meter voltage measurement periods (meters currently installed)	

MP085B has been added to the scope of this Release since the August 2024 CSC meeting.

CSC will be asked to baseline this Release as part of the recommendations for this item

June 2025 SEC Release

Approved Modifications		
Mod No.	Mod Name	Status
MP239	Enduring Solution for Resolving SMETS2 Device Certificate Misalignment Issue	
MP246	DCC User access to metadata via the DCC Self-Service Interface	

Targeted Modifications		
Mod No.	Mod Name	Status
MP271	SEC Sub-Committee seats for Other Users, Meter Data Retrievers and Registered Supplier Agents	

MP271 has been added to the scope of the Jun 2025 Release since the August CSC Meeting.

■ November 2025 SEC Release

Targeted Modifications		
Mod No.	Mod Name	Status
MP169	Managing SEC Obligations and the Consumer’s Right to refuse a Smart Meter	
MP252	Amending the process for Communications Hub returns	
MP268	Certificate rotation and expired Certificates	

MP169 has been added to the scope of the Nov 2025 Release since the August 2024 CSC Meeting.

June 2026 SEC Release

Targeted Modifications		
Mod No.	Mod Name	Status
MP207	Allowing Registered Supplier Agents to Maintain Meter Firmware	 Data Communications Company
MP235	Enhanced Meter Data Access for Other Users	 Data Communications Company
MP244	Device Alerts for Smart Meter Credit Replenishment	 Data Communications Company
MP247	Future Dating of Service Requests for SMETS1 Devices	 Data Communications Company

MP169 has been removed from the scope of the Jun 2026 Release since the August 2024 CSC Meeting.

■ Ad hoc SEC Releases

Targeted Modifications		
Mod No.	Mod Name	Status
MP223	WAN Coverage Reporting	9 September 2024
MP242	Changes to Operational Metrics	12 November 2024
MP219	Access Consumption Data on behalf of SEC Parties	November 2024
MP224	SEC Performance Assurance Framework	November 2024
MP241	Interoperability Checker Update	July 2025
MP262	Extending the Installation End Date for CHTS v1.0 and GBCS v1.1	TBC

MP219, MP224 & MP262 are pending Authority-Determination.

■ Recommendations

The CSC is requested to:

- **NOTE** the updates on the SEC Releases referenced in these slides
- **BASELINE** the February 2025 SEC Release

Agenda Item 7

CSC meeting dates 2025

Rachel Black (SECAS)

■ 2025 Change Sub-Committee meeting dates

- We propose to continue on the third Tuesday of each month.

CSC meeting dates
Tuesday 21 January 2025
Tuesday 18 February 2025
Tuesday 18 March 2025
Tuesday 15 April 2025
Tuesday 20 May 2025
Tuesday 17 June 2025
Tuesday 15 July 2025
Tuesday 19 August 2025
Tuesday 16 September 2025
Tuesday 21 October 2025
Tuesday 18 November 2025
Tuesday 16 December 2025

■ Recommendations

- **NOTE** the proposed meeting date schedule for 2025.

Agenda Item 8

MP271 – proposed
changes to Terms of
Reference

Ben Giblin (SECAS)

■ MP271 'Sub-Committee seats for Other Users, Meter Data Retrievers and Registered Supplier Agents'

Ben Giblin

Raised by James Murphy of Stark

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■ MP271: Overview

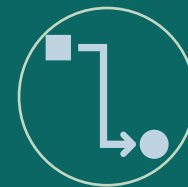
- The Other SEC Party (OSP) category consists of 159 organisations which have different priorities and issues.
- The Proposer believes it is difficult for OSP representatives to fully represent the constituency.

Issue



- Without representation for OSPs which are DCC Users, technical solutions may be developed without the correct insight.
- Significant as these groups are forecast to increase their usage of the DCC System.

Impact



- Re-allocating one existing OSP seat at TABASC, OPSG, CSC and Change Board to an elected Party acting in role of OU, MDR or RSA.
- This will not change any existing voting arrangements.

Proposed Solution



■ MP271: Existing representatives

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

Changes to CSC require a consensus from members. If members agree to alter the ToR, SECAS will present the proposed changes to Panel for final approval.

■ MP271: Proposed Changes

Current OSP ToR

- *"Two persons appointed by the Parties within the Other SEC Party Category"*

Proposed OSP ToR

- *Two persons appointed by the Parties within the Other SEC Party Category;*
- *One person must be acting in the User Role of Other User, Meter Data Retriever or Registered Supplier Agent"*

Parties have also suggested adding a clause into the ToR so that if no Other User, Meter Data Retriever or Registered Supplier Agent applies for the seat, any elected Party within the OSP category will be able to fill the position.

■ MP271: Working Group feedback

Have OSPs who are DCC Users been applying for Sub-Committee seats?

Would the newly elected Party still represent the OSP category?

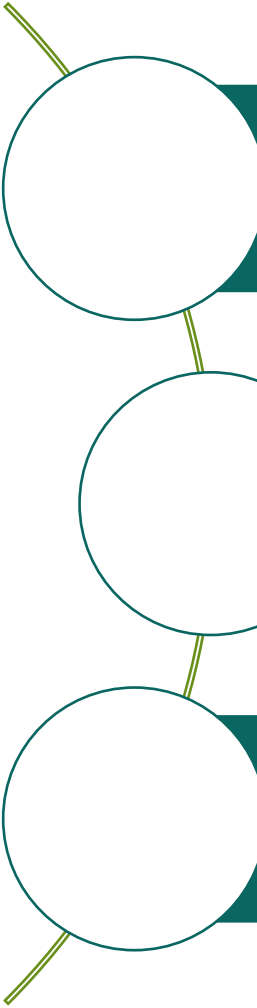
OSP's would like further information from representatives – SECAS are planning how to improve this.

Should seats be added rather than re-allocated?

Can we add non-voting seats?

How many OSP's engage with SECAS?

■ MP271: Questions



Do members agree to the proposed ToR changes?

Should the ToR include a clause to ensure that any OSPs can apply for the seat if no OU, MDR or RSA apply?

Any further comments?

Agenda Item 9

CSC Terms of Reference

Ali Beard (SECAS)

■ ToR review

Proposed changes as part of the
Mods Improvement Project

Paused due to 'Regression
Testing costs' issue

The DCC propose to be more
transparent in Impact
Assessments

SECAS propose to continue with
current approval process (which
includes a go/no-go decision by
CSC) with more updates from
the DCC in the run up to each
SEC Release.

Change Board Referrals
currently referred to CSC
Propose to change this to refer
to Panel (with CSC
comments/recommendation?)

■ Actions - Propose to close

Ref	Action	Owner	Update	Status
62/01	SECAS to propose solution options for governance of Release scope and costs to the CSC at the September meeting.	DCC/SECAS	SEACS propose to continue with current governance (with more transparency from the DCC).	PROPOSE TO CLOSE
66/01	SECAS to investigate if decisions referred from the Change Board should be referred to the SEC Panel instead of the CSC.	SECAS	SECAS propose to change referrals to go to Panel (remove from CSC ToRs) – possibly with CSC recommendation.	PROPOSE TO CLOSE

Agenda Item 9

Any Other Business

■ Any Other Business

- Does anyone have any other business?

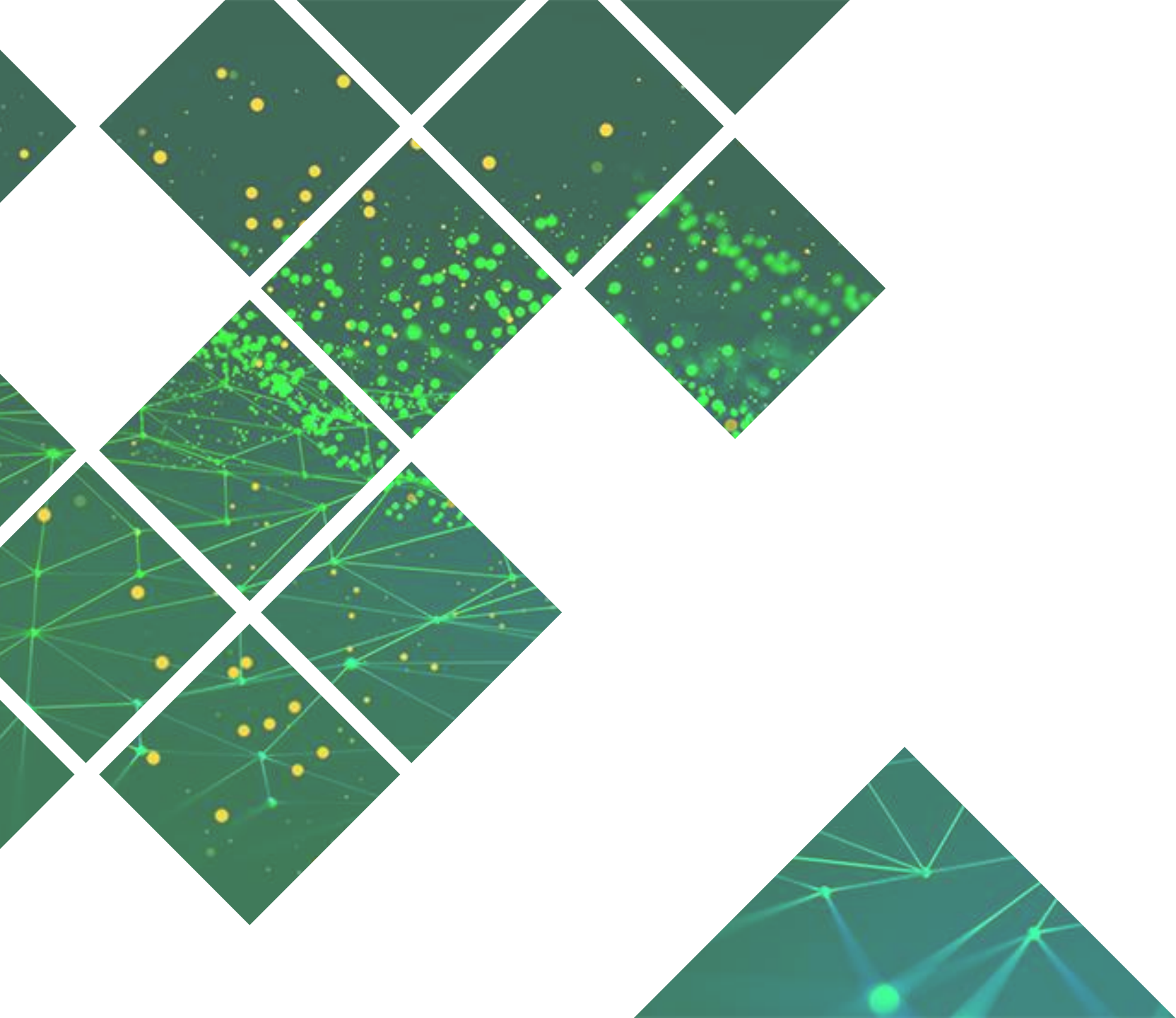
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Thank you for attending

Next meeting:
Tuesday 15 October 2024