

Change Sub-Committee Meeting 70

17 December 2024

Meeting Recordings

- Going forward, SEC Sub Committee meetings will be recorded for the purpose of ensuring accuracy of meeting minutes. By participating in the meeting, you accept that your voice will be recorded for this purpose.
- Just a reminder that we should be able to have free discussions of ideas



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
6. SEC Releases Update
7. Any other business

Agenda Item 1

Approval of previous meeting
minutes

Sophia Master (SECAS)

■ Recommendations

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

Agenda Item 2

Actions Outstanding

■ Actions Outstanding

Ref	Action	Owner	Update	Status
69/01	SECAS Head of Continuous Improvement and Project Delivery to attend the December 2024 CSC meeting to provide further information on the set up of the SEC PAB.	SECAS	Head of Continuous Improvement and Project Delivery is not the correct person for an update. This will come under the governance of the OPSG. SECAS will ask the OPSG Chair to provide an update (date TBC).	OPEN
69/02	SECAS (SG) to investigate creating a SEC Releases page on the SECAS website.	SECAS	This has been completed.	PROPOSE TO CLOSE

■ Actions Outstanding

Ref	Action	Owner	Update	Status
69/03	SECAS to add the requirement to seek Party Category views to the CSC TOR.	SECAS	This has been added along with the recording of meetings for minuting purposes. This will be presented to Panel for final approval on 17 December 2024.	PROPOSE TO CLOSE
69/04	SECAS (AB) to report back to the CSC on what can be achieved from the Benefits Realisation project.	SECAS	Work is ongoing.	OPEN

Agenda Item 3

SEC Modification Progression

MP268 'CERTIFICATE ROTATION AND EXPIRED CERTIFICATES'

Liz Woods

Raised by Bradley Baker from the Data Communications Company (DCC)

Progress to Report Phase

PLACEHOLDER – LATE PAPER

HIGH

■ MP275 'Section K changes to support 4G Communications Hubs rollout'

Georgie Severin

Raised by Jonathon Helyer from the Data Communications Company (DCC)

Progress to Report Phase

VERY HIGH

■ MP275: Overview

- Currently, CHs Charges are split into Single Band and Dual Band.
- CH returned not redeployed Explicit Charge was not originally envisioned for a full-scale swap-out of all CH in a region.

Issue



- Concerns that this would disincentivise Suppliers from installing 4G CHs to avoid higher Charges in the early years of 4G deployment, and consumers in the North Region would see increase in charges to account for 4G CH installation in the Central and South Region.

Impact



- 'Unitary Charge' introduced to bridge the gap between Single Band and Dual Band CHs and ensure charges are shared across consumers.
- Changes to the Charging Methodology to include the required monthly financing repayment under the CH Fixed Charge for 2G/3G CH swap-out.
- SEC Section K 'Charging Methodology' changes required to deliver the changes.

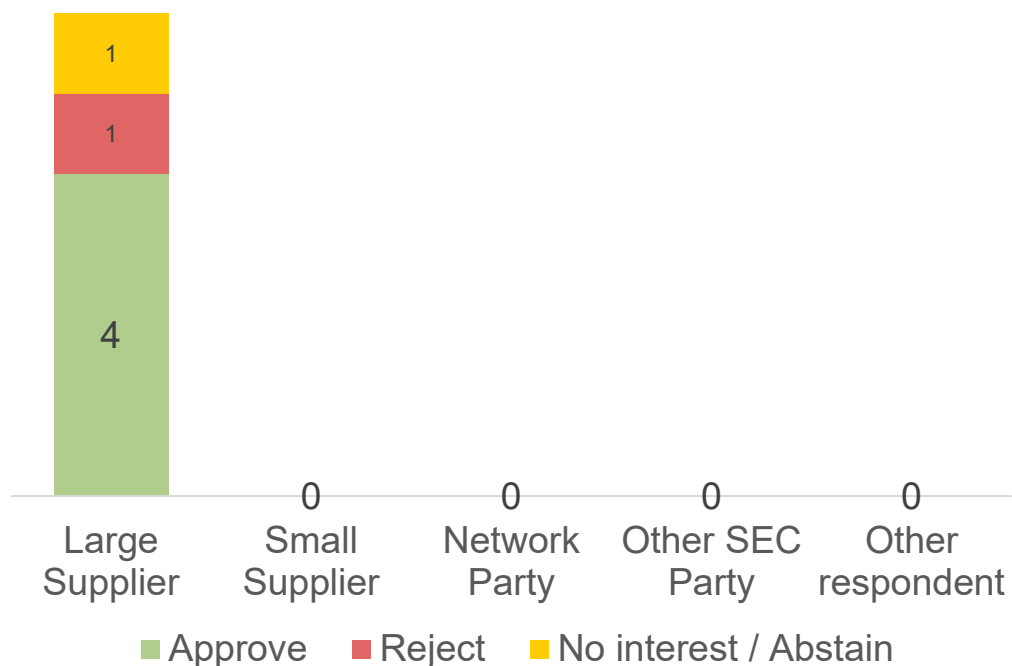
Proposed Solution



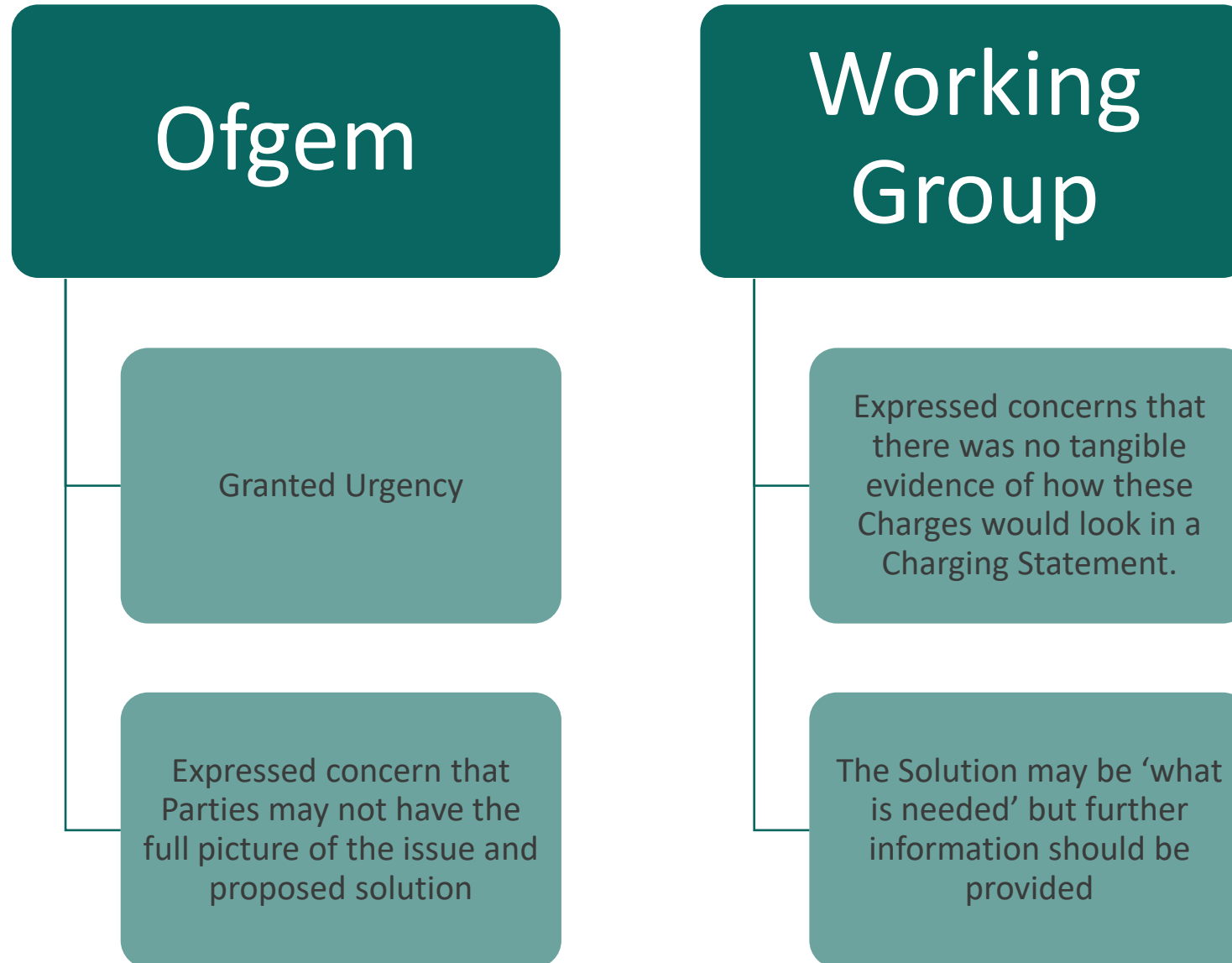
■ MP275: Refinement Consultation key points

Key Comments

- Overall supportive of the modification
- Concerns raised about volatility and final costs to industry
- Highlighted need for the DCC to ensure QFF ToR encompasses all necessary information
- *“Impact on consumers will be positive, as the proposed charging framework provides a better commercial 4G model.”*
- *“The level of socialised industry costs [...] may lead to increased consumer costs. If [...] modest, then the net value to consumers may be justifiable.”*



■ Forum Views



■ Assessment of Change

Impacted Parties



- Suppliers

Costs



- SECAS implementation costs
- Consequential costs to Parties - £100k - £1m

Target Release



- Ad hoc SEC Release
- One WD following Authority Decision

Benefits



- Removes disincentive to delay 4G CH rollout

SEC Objective (a), (b), (d), (g)

- (a) facilitate the efficient provision, installation, and operation, as well as interoperability, of Smart Metering Systems at Energy Consumers' premises within Great Britain
- (b) enable the DCC to comply at all times with the General Objectives of the DCC (as defined in the DCC Licence), and to efficiently discharge the other obligations imposed upon it by the DCC Licence
- (d) facilitate effective competition between persons engaged in, or in Commercial Activities connected with, the Supply of Energy
- (g) facilitate the efficient and transparent administration and implementation of this Code

■ MP275: Recommendations

- **DETERMINE** whether MP275 should be progressed to the Report Phase
- **APPROVE** the Modification Report
- **APPROVE** the implementation approach
- **AGREE** that MP275 should be progressed as an Authority-Determined Modification

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

Ben Giblin

Raised by James Murphy of Stark
Progress to Report Phase

LOW

Issue

- 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.

Impact

- 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.

■ MP271: PROPOSED SOLUTION

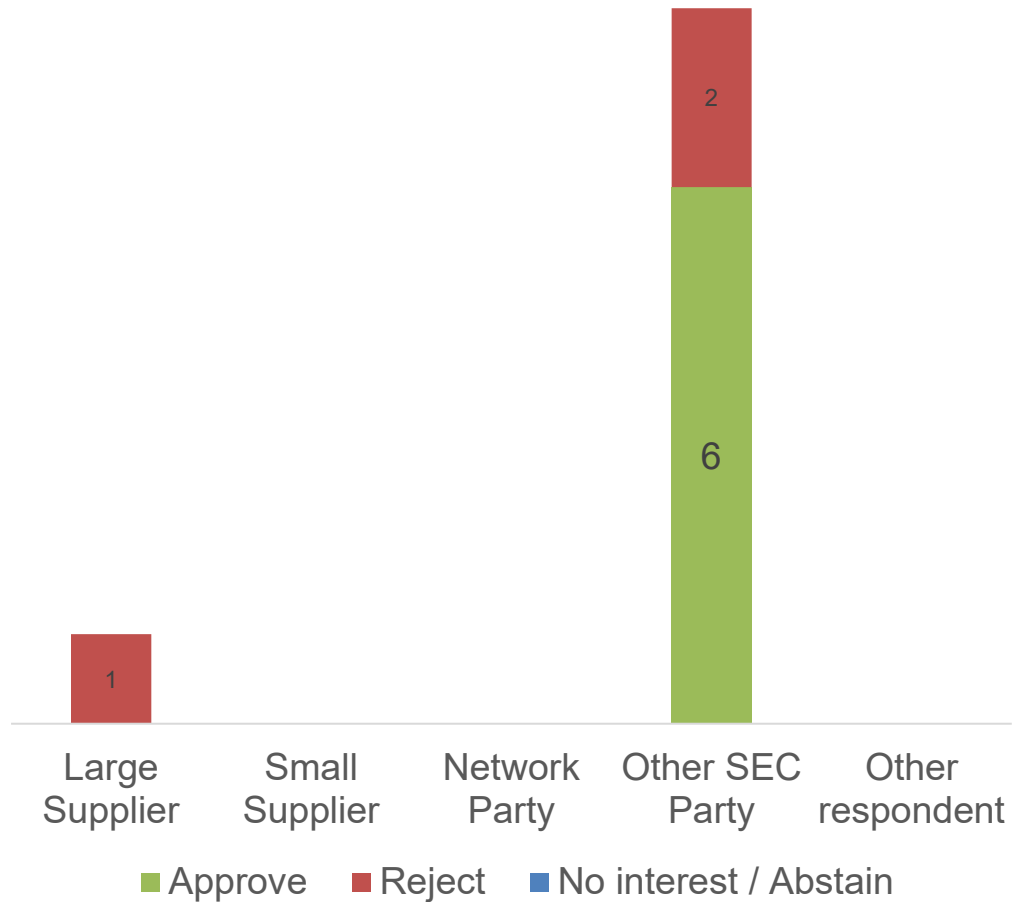
Change Board

- Proposes to re-allocate one of the three existing OSP seats to an elected Party which acts in the User Role of OU, MDR or RSA.
- The elected OSP would be responsible for representing the entire OSP category.

TABASC

- Proposes to add an additional OSP seat at the TABASC to be filled by an elected Party which acts in the User Role of OU, MDR or RSA.
- This would increase the number of OSP seats at TABASC from two to three.

■ MP271: RC Responses



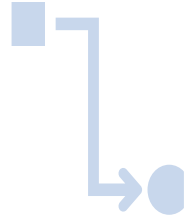
Key comments

- All six supportive Parties supported the proposed changes to the TABASC and Change Board.
- Supportive Parties said the modification better facilitates SEC Objectives a, c and d.
- Proposer notes that OSP DCC Users act on behalf of Consumers and Suppliers, with extra representation allowing them to provide their expertise.
- No costs or issues with implementation approach.

Assessment of Change

Impacted Parties

- Other SEC Parties



Costs

- SECAS implementation costs
- No costs to Parties



Target Release

- June 2025 SEC Release



Benefits

- Ensures knowledge from OU, MDR and RSA is present at Sub-Committee discussions – potentially avoiding costs in future



SEC Objectives a, c & d.

- (a) facilitate the efficient provision, installation, and operation, as well as interoperability, of Smart Metering Systems at Energy Consumers' premises within Great Britain
- (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
- (d) facilitate effective competition between persons engaged in, or in Commercial Activities connected with, the Supply of Energy

■ MP271: Recommendations

- **DETERMINE** whether that MP271 should be progressed to the Report Phase
- **APPROVE** the Modification Report
- **APPROVE** the implementation approach
- **AGREE** that MP271 should be progressed as an Authority-Determined Modification

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Agenda Item 4

SEC Modification Timetables
Ben Giblin (SECAS)

SEC Modification Timetables

Ben Giblin

■ Monthly summary

- No modifications are scheduled for final vote at the next Change Board meeting and no IA requests so it has been cancelled.
- We are working on 28 active modifications.
- There are six modifications currently on hold.
- We are examining ten issues.
- One Impact Assessment (MP252) is open.

■ Prioritisation matrix

URGENCY

3		P218		P275 P277
2		P255	P252 P268	P262
1	P235 (P244) P271	P085B P219 (P257) P265	(P247) P266 P273	P169
0	P205 (P234) P274	(P165) P184 P206 P241	(P137)	P094
	0	1	2	3

VALUE

No changes to prioritisation scoring.

Modifications in brackets are on hold.

■ High priority mods

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

- The Proposed Solution and Alternative Solution have been confirmed, as well as the arrangements in a CoS/CoT.
- The Legal Text and REC changes are being developed before this modification is discussed with the CSC.

DP218 'Review of the SEC Charging Methodology'

- DCC has issued a [consultation on proposed changes to DCC charges](#), which closes on 3 Feb 2025.
- SECAS will hold a webinar for FAQ in January 2025.

■ High priority mods

MP252 'Amending the process for Communications Hub returns'

- SECAS has requested the DCC Impact Assessment and is expected to be returned by 31 December 2024.
- Once returned, SECAS will schedule this modification for discussion at the next Working Group, OPSG, SSC and TAG meetings.

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

- SECAS expects to hear the decision on this modification on 13 December.
- If approved, this modification will be implemented ten working days following decision.

MP268 'Certificate rotation and expired Certificates'

- DCC Impact Assessment returned.
- Presented the IA to the Working Group, TABASC, SSC, SMKI PMA and TAG in December 2024 for feedback.
- SECAS to present modification to CSC on 17 December 2024 to progress to the Report Phase.

Very high priority mods

MP275 'Section K changes to support 4G Communications Hubs rollout'

- This modification will be presented to the Change Sub-Committee on 17 December to determine whether it should enter the Report Phase.

MP277 'Virtual Gateway Connection'

- SECAS are working with the Proposer to develop the Legal Text following feedback from the OPSG, TABASC, SSC & TAG.

■ On hold modifications

MP165 'ESME Voltage Accuracy'

- Working Group, TABASC and BEAMA believed this issue should not be fixed via a SEC modification.
- The Proposer is working with the British Standards Institution to develop a Publicly Available Specification (PAS). Once developed, the Proposer would like SMETS to be amended to match the PAS.
- This process is likely to take several years to complete. SECAS requested the Proposer withdraw the modification due to lack of industry support.
- The Proposer stated they are keeping the modification open to raise awareness of this issue within industry.

■ On hold modifications

MP244 ‘Device Alerts for Smart Meter Credit Replenishment’

MP247 ‘Future Dating of SRs for SMETS1 Devices’

Both modifications were discussed at the December Working Group meeting. Members did not believe that the Impact Assessment should be requested as the Preliminary Assessment was conducted against the existing DSP.

Will remain on hold until new DSP costs are confirmed.

■ MP219 Send Back

The Authority sent back MP219 to align the Modification Report and the Legal Text.

Ofgem noted that the Modification Report would allow OU's to collect and pass back, whereas the Legal Text would allow OU to collect, pass back and offer services downstream.

SECAS is working with the Proposer and Ofgem to confirm the approach.

Will re-enter the modification process and be discussed at Working Group before returning to CSC and Change Board.

DCC Assessments

Modification	IA/PA	Requested	Accepted	Returned	Working days open (as of 10 Dec 24)
MP252	IA	25 Oct 24	29 Oct 24	Open	30
MP268	IA	26 Sep 24	30 Sep 24	22 Nov 24	Complete
MP277	PA	8 Nov 24	11 Nov 24	6 Dec 24	Complete

Issues

Name	Description	Update
Install Codes in SMI	Where sites are changing supplier it is often the case the gaining supplier cannot complete the commissioning activity as they do not have the Install Codes to do so. Suggestions have been made to put the Install code into the Smart Metering Inventory (SMI) to allow them to be obtained without the need to manually contact the Installing Supplier.	SECAS is meeting with the Proposer to discuss the next steps for this issue.
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.
Duty for OU to report data breaches	There is currently no obligation on Other Users to notify the Privacy Sub-Committee if there has been a data breach. Proposed Solution would be to introduce similar obligations as exist in Section G in Section I.	SECAS received this modification on 21 November 2024 and will engage with the Proposer to get an understanding of the issue before presenting at the Issues Group in 2025.

Issues

Name	Description	Update
PSC ability to raise modifications	The PSC does not have the ability to raise modifications. The PSC would like the ability to raise modifications where issues arise, similar to the ability of the SSC.	Likely to be discussed with Panel in January to determine whether PSC ToRs should be added to the SEC.
BCDR Engagement	DCC are required to consult with Parties over a 60 day period in relation to BCDR testing. DCC's approach to testing has evolved over time, and not all testing affects a DCC Users service ability. DCC would like to propose an amendments to consultation periods in certain scenarios.	SECAS have received the Proposal from the DCC and will assign a Lead Analyst soon.
DCC late collection of DCC charges	The Proposer has experienced repeated occurrences where the DCC have collected charges late, and then subsequently issued the Proposer with a notice of an event of default. The Proposer would like to explore adding a form of protection into the SEC for SEC Parties/DCC Users in the future.	SECAS have received the Proposal from the DCC and will assign a Lead Analyst soon.

Issues

Name	Description	Update
June 2025 SEC Releases and DUIS Housekeeping/ IRP	The current SEC documents may contain minor errors which were either in the SEC from inception or introduced via various changes over the years since it was created. SECAS maintains a log of these errors, which are either identified by SECAS or notified to SECAS by other parties.	SECAS will present this modification to the CSC on Tuesday 21 st January 2025 and then go on hold to allow further housekeeping changes to occur before going to CSC in April 2025 to recommend going to Report Phase.

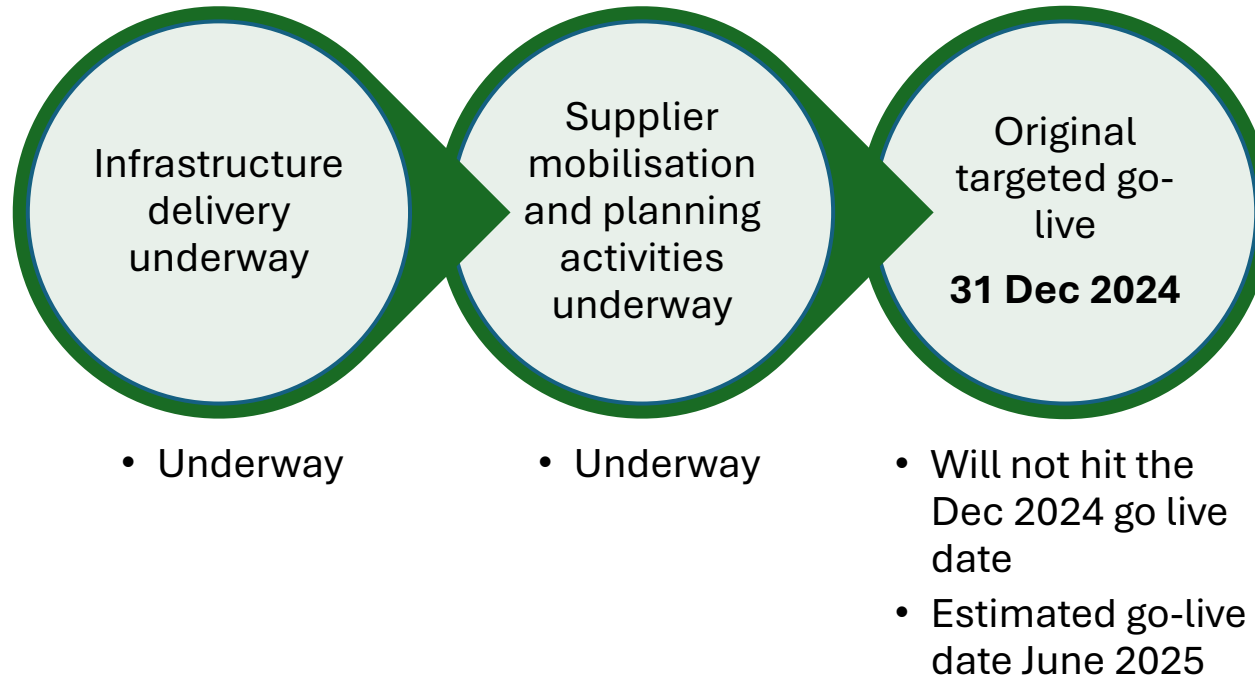
Agenda Item 5

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

■ Post Decision Delivery

MP176

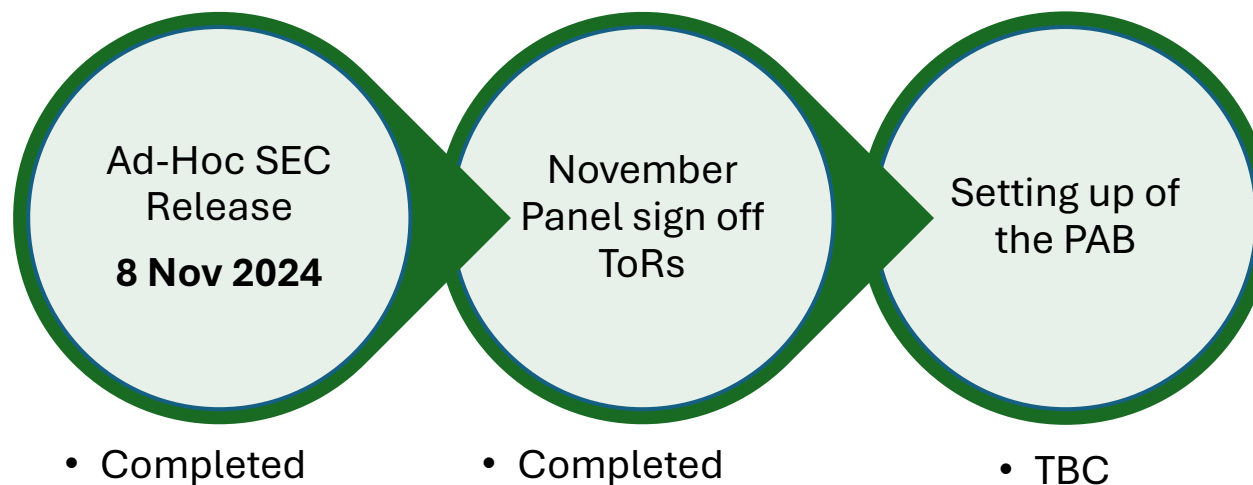
Customer Analytics
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■ Post Decision Delivery

MP224

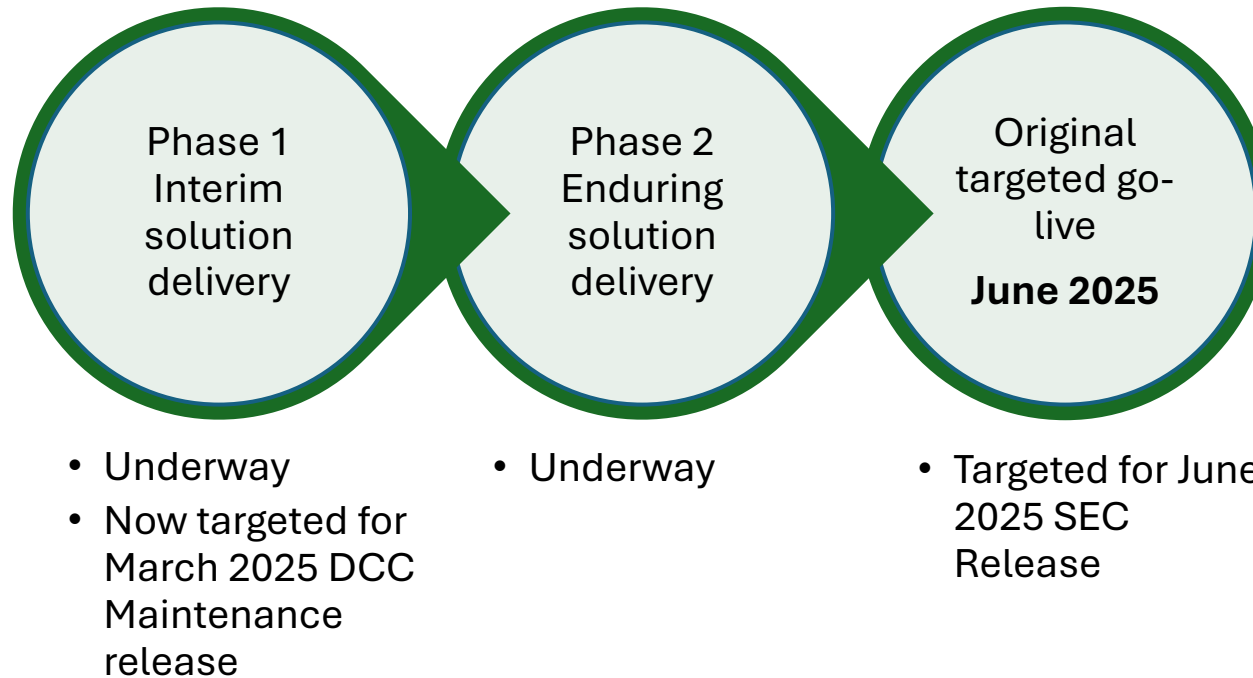
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Assurance Framework



■ Post Decision Delivery

MP239

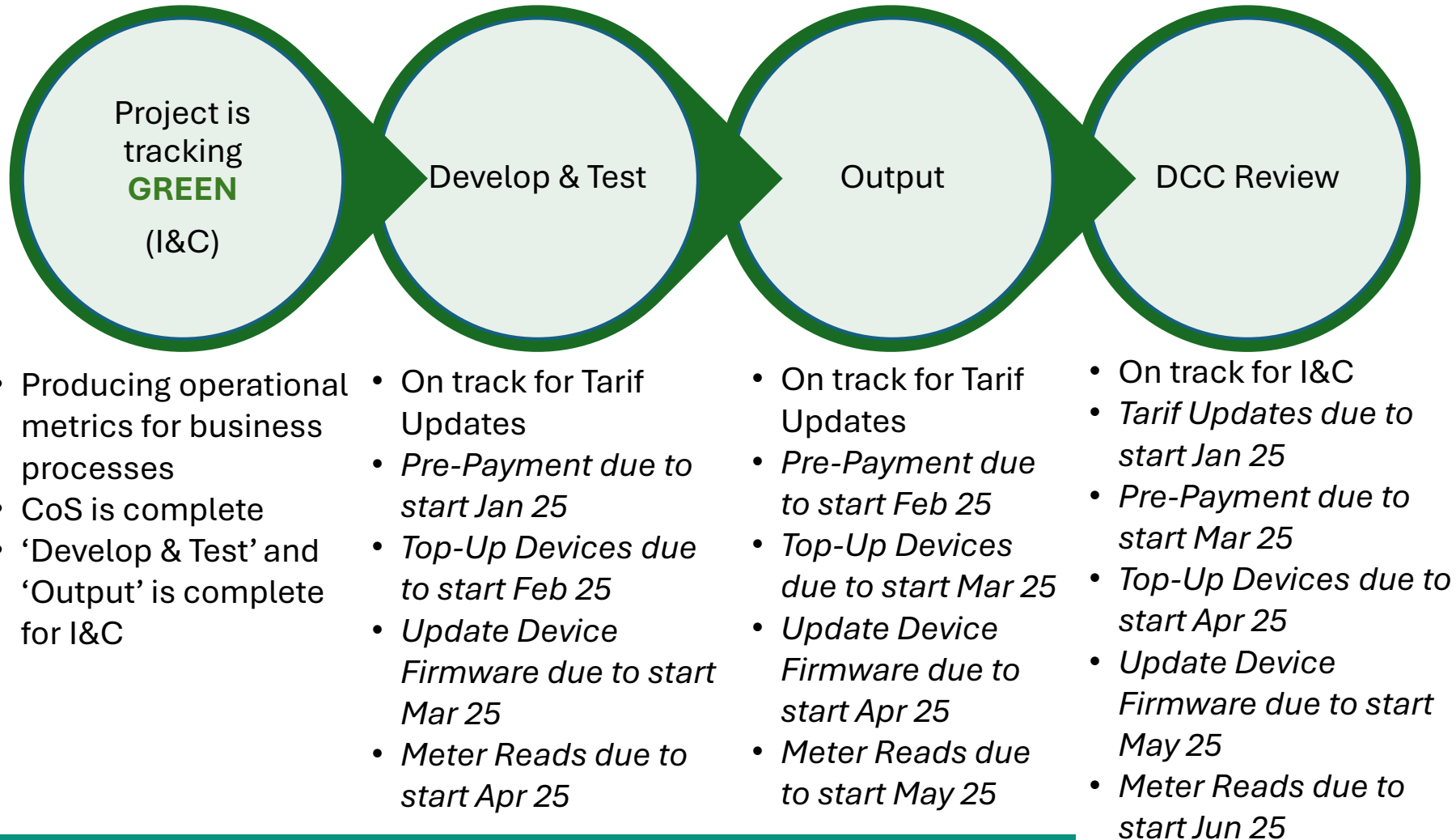
Enduring Solution for
Resolving SMETS2
Device Certificate
Misalignment Issue



Post Decision Delivery

MP242

Change to
Operational Metrics
to Measure on
Success



MP242 was implemented on 12 November 2024 in an Ad-Hoc SEC Release.

■ 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
MP219	Accessing Consumption Data on behalf of SEC Parties	04 Jul 2024	TBC
MP262	Extending the Installation End Date for CHTS v1.0 and GBCS v1.1	30 Aug 2024	13 Dec 2024

■ Recommendations

The CSC is requested to:

- **NOTE** the updates on the Post Decision Delivery & Ofgem expected decision dates referenced in these slides

Agenda Item 6

SEC Releases Update
Liz Woods (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.

February 2025 SEC Release

Targeted Modifications		
Mod No.	Mod Name	Status
MP273	User Demand and Network Traffic Insights	
MP274	Requirement for DCC Users to set TPS configurations	

MP085B has been removed to the scope of this Release since the November 2024 CSC meeting.

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
MP085B	Synchronisation of Smart Meter voltage measurement periods (meters currently installed)	
MP271	SEC Sub-Committee seats for Other Users, Meter Data Retrievers and Registered Supplier Agents	
DP278	MHHS SMETS1 Cache Solution Amendment	

MP085B and DP278 have been added to the scope of this Release since the November 2024 CSC meeting.

June 2025 SEC Release Implementation Document v3.0 for non-DCC System-impacting modifications to be re-baselined at this meeting

■ November 2025 SEC Release

Targeted Modifications		
Mod No.	Mod Name	Status
MP252	Amending the process for Communications Hub returns	 Data Communications Company
MP268	Certificate rotation and expired Certificates	 Data Communications Company

There have been no changes to the scope of this Release since the November 2024 CSC meeting.

February 2026 SEC Release

Approved Modifications		
Mod No.	Mod Name	Status
-	-	-

Targeted Modifications		
Mod No.	Mod Name	Status
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There are currently no modifications targeted for the February 2026 SEC Release.

June 2026 SEC Release

Targeted Modifications		
Mod No.	Mod Name	Status
MP169	Managing SEC Obligations and the Consumer's Right to refuse a Smart Meter	 Data Communications Company
MP205	Updating terminology to align with the NCSC	 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

There have been no changes to the scope of this Release since the November 2024 CSC meeting.

Releases from June 2026 SEC Release and onwards may be impacted by DSP re-procurement.

■ Ad hoc SEC Releases

Targeted Modifications		
Mod No.	Mod Name	Status
MP219	Access Consumption Data on behalf of SEC Parties	February 2025
MP275	Communications Hubs Fixed Charges	January 2025
MP241	Interoperability Checker Update	September 2025
MP262	Extending the Installation End Date for CHTS v1.0 and GBCS v1.1	December 2024

MP219 & MP262 are pending Authority-Determination.

Agenda Item 7

Any Other Business

■ Any other business

Google Forms

- In addition to publishing paper consultations, we have been considering the use of Google Forms for SEC Parties to respond to consultations.
- Would this be something you would find useful? If you have any feedback on this, please email us at sec.change@gemserv.com.

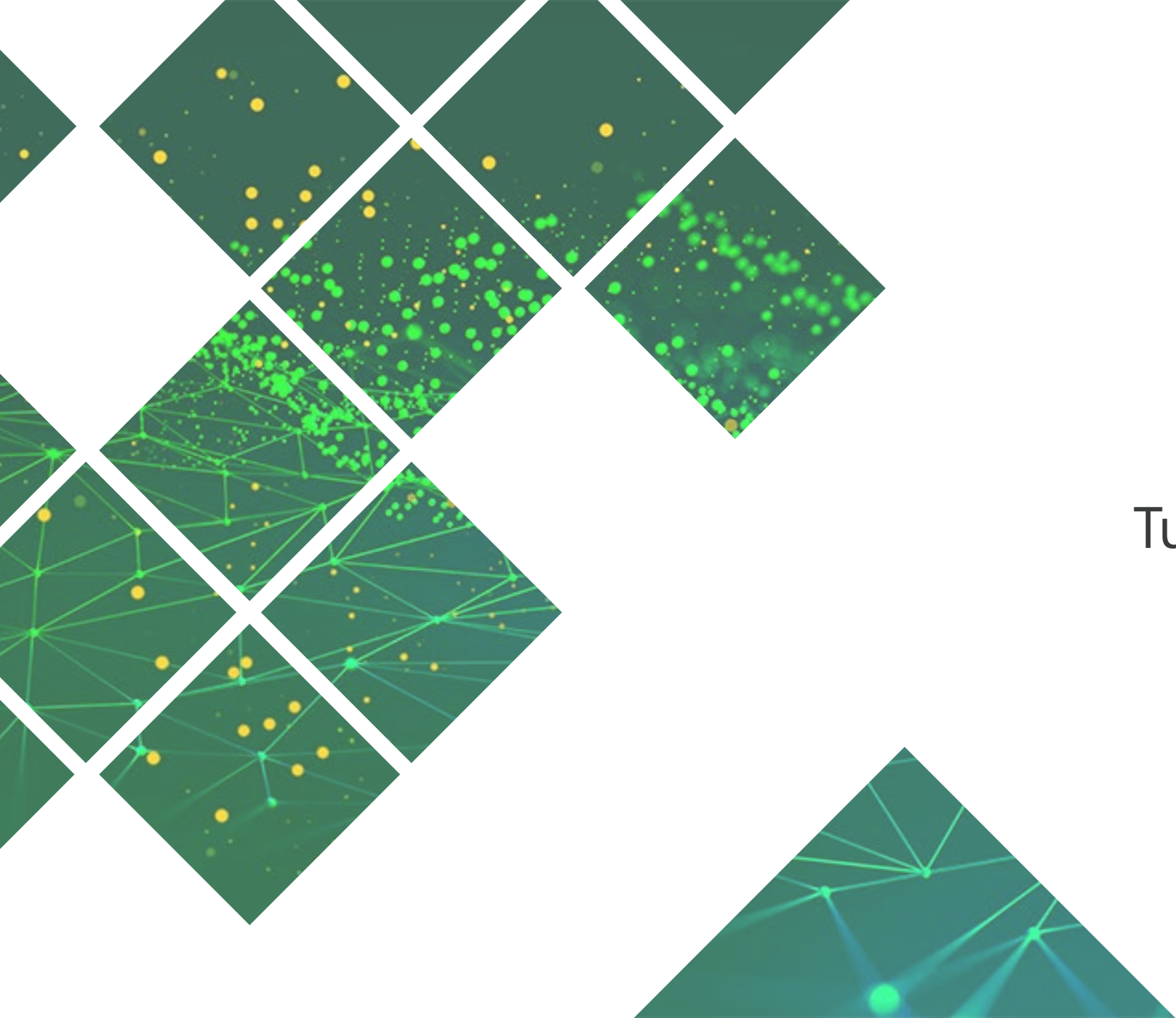
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Thank you for attending

Next meeting:
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