

Change Sub-Committee Meeting 71

21 January 2025

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
69/03	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

■ DP280 'CPA Scheme Transition to the SSC'

Ali Beard

Raised by Gordon Hextall on behalf of the Security Sub-Committee

Progress to Report Phase

Medium

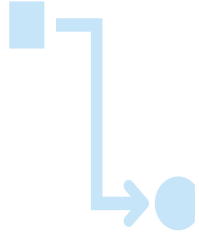
Current Arrangements

- Appendix AV 'CPA Transitional Approach Document' designated in Oct 2024
- When SSC were procuring a new CPA Scheme Operator it believed that the current SEC restrictions on independence may be too strict
- DESNZ amended Appendix AV to allow SSC to set specific independence criteria
- Appendix AV will fall away in March 2025 when NCSC exits as the Scheme owner and operator

What is the issue

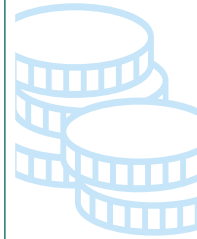
- The ability for SSC to determine independence criteria where necessary needs to be an enduring clause in the SEC

■ Assessment of Change



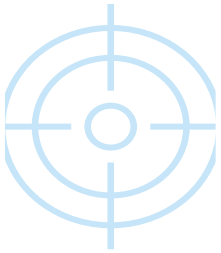
Impacted Parties

- None



Costs

- SECAS time and effort



Target Release

- Feb 2025 SEC Release



Benefits

- Allows appropriate organisation to be procured as CPA Scheme Operator

SEC Objective (f)

(f) ensure the protection of Data and the security of Data and Systems in the operation of this Code

■ Recommendations

- **DETERMINE** whether the issue and the impact this is having is clearly defined and understood
- **DETERMINE** whether DP280 should be converted to a Modification Proposal
- **DETERMINE** whether that MP280 should be progressed to the Report Phase
- **APPROVE** the Modification Report
- **APPROVE** the implementation approach
- **AGREE** that MP280 should be progressed as a Self-Governance Modification

SEC Objective (f)

(f) ensure the protection of Data and the security of Data and Systems in the operation of this Code premises within Great Britain

■ MP277 'Virtual Gateway Connection'

Simon Grimwood

Raised by Chris Barlow from the DCC

Progress to Report Phase

VERY HIGH

Overview

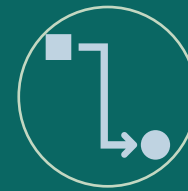
- SEC Parties wishing to become a DCC User must currently take up a physical DCC Gateway Connection
- Prospective and existing DCC Users who utilise cloud-based IT infrastructure must still maintain some form of premises to utilise a physical connection
- DCC are consistently receiving queries about virtual connectivity

Issue



- A lack of virtual connectivity could dissuade potential new Users from becoming a DCC User
- Current lead-times to establish a physical connection is 90 working days
- Virtual connectivity is likely to be a cheaper alternative for a lot of DCC Users, meaning savings are not currently being realised

Impact



- New and existing DCC Users could opt for a Virtual Gateway Connection
- Physical connection will still be available
- Impacted SEC Documents:
 - Sections A, E & H
 - Appendix G

Potential Solution



Business requirements

Business Requirements			
Ref.	Requirement	Responsible for delivery	MoSCoW
1	Virtual connection option available for new and existing DCC Users	DCC	M
2	DCC Users shall be able to select a virtual connection to the DSP from the DSP service catalogue	DCC	M
3	Virtual connection must be as secure as the current physical connection	DCC	M
4	Provision for new DCC Users and maintenance of virtual connections	DCC	M
5	Functionality and support are equivalent to a physical DCC Gateway Connection	DCC	M

■ Proposed Solution

Implements a Virtual Routing & Forwarding (VRF) component & new virtual Firewall for each cloud connected DCC User



Virtual Firewall would route traffic between each DCC Users VRF and the SMETS2 VRF.



Firewall would only allow cloud-based DCC Users to access the Data Service Provider (DSP), Trusted Service Provider (TSP) & Service Now (SNOW)



Maximum of 14 cloud-based DCC Service Users can connect to a Firewall before an additional virtual Firewall would be required

■ Preliminary Assessment Impacts

Service Impact

Amendments to existing forms and processes

DSP Impacts

No changes required

DCC Impacts

Changes to existing and new processes to handle connectivity changes and setup

■ Preliminary Assessment Summary

Cost (Design, Build & PIT)

- £160,000 (up to 14 Users)
- £226,285 (up to 28 Users)
- Covers the addition of the VRF, configuration, changes to the Gamma Network, Service Provider contract changes and Design, Build and Test of the updated DSP Catalogue.
- Total cost based on setup and implementation for up to 14 or 28 Users.

Implementation

- A small period post-implementation to update existing documents and set up new infrastructure.
- No Full Impact Assessment will be required as the outcome would not vary from that of the PIA.

Preliminary Assessment – Cost Comparison

Traffic Volume	Costs	New Users		Existing Users	
		Virtual Gateway	Physical Gateway	Virtual Gateway	Physical Gateway
Medium	1st Year Setup	£1,600	£5,500	N/A	
	1st Year Running Costs	£6,500	£9,000		
	Ongoing Running Costs	£6,500	£9,000		
High	1st Year Setup	£1,700	£6,500	£1,700	£6,500
	1st Year Running Costs	£7,000	£15,000	£7,000	£15,000
	Ongoing Running Costs	£7,000	£15,000	£7,000	£15,000

Draft Legal Text

Section A

- Amendments to certain terms and definitions

Section E

- Inclusion of Virtual Gateway Connection option

Section H

- Addition of online assessments to co-exist with Virtual connections

Appendix G

- Addition of Virtual connections to the DCC Gateway Code of Connection

SECAS Lawyers have reviewed the Legal Text and feedback has been incorporated into v0.2

■ Forum views (so far) 1/2

SSC

Supportive of the
Modification

Approved the Proposed
Solution

OPSG

Paper submitted
requesting Member
feedback in Dec 24

No feedback or
objections received

■ Forum views (so far) 2/2

TABASC

Do not support
the Modification

DSP 2 Solution due
in November 2025

TAG

Supportive of the
Modification

No objections
received

Refinement Consultation key points



Consumer impact

‘...MP277 would incur costs (funded by Suppliers) that would be shared across all energy consumers. This doesn’t seem cost beneficial for consumers’.

‘There will be a positive impact on consumers through the provision of a virtual DCC connection, as it will allow organisations to relatively quickly establish a cost-effective solution for connecting to the DCC. This will enable the delivery and expansion of their smart technology services to consumers in the energy market’.

Refinement Consultation key points

Implementation costs

£0 - £100k



Large
Suppliers
£0

Small
Suppliers
£0

Network
Parties
Less than
100K

Other SEC
Parties
£0

(a)

Facilitate the efficient provision, installation, operation and interoperability of smart metering systems at energy consumers' premises within Great Britain.

(d)

facilitate effective competition between persons engaged in, or in Commercial Activities connected with, the Supply of Energy.

(e)

facilitate such innovation in the design and operation of Energy Networks (as defined in the Data Communications Company Licence) as will best contribute to the delivery of a secure and sustainable Supply of Energy.

Lead times

Circa 12 months



Large
Suppliers
N/A

Small
Suppliers
N/A

Network
Parties
~12 months

Other SEC
Parties
N/A

Refinement Consultation key points

Respondent comment

The TABASC feedback on page 13 of the modification report suggests that the Proposed Solution would only be in place for approximately one year at most. On that basis, using the costs and proposed charging provided in the modification report, we can't find a positive business case.

On the basis that the MP277 Proposed Solution would only be in place for approximately one year at most, before cloud connections were available through the new DSP, we don't understand the business case.

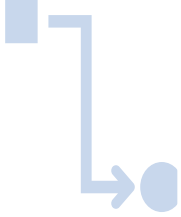
SECAS response

SECAS and the DCC have been unable to confirm timelines or verify verbal comments relating to a 2025 implementation, so at present SECAS are working on the assumption this functionality could be made available sometime during 2026 by the incoming new DSP without MP277.

The intention of the DCC in relation to implementing MP277 ahead of the upcoming DSP re-procurement was to try and support DCC Users in realising potential cost savings as soon as possible.



■ Assessment of Change



Impacted Parties

- All SEC Parties



Costs

- SECAS implementation costs
- £160,000 (up to 14 Users)



Target Release

- February 2025 SEC Release (Ad hoc SEC Release if not approved by 26 Feb 25)



Benefits

- More efficient process
- Aligns with cloud-based IT
- Opens the door for more DCC Users

SEC Objective (a), (d) & (e)

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

(d) facilitate effective competition between persons engaged in, or in Commercial Activities connected with, the Supply of Energy.

(e) facilitate such innovation in the design and operation of Energy Networks (as defined in the Data Communications Company Licence) as will best contribute to the delivery of a secure and sustainable Supply of Energy.

■ Recommendations

- **DETERMINE** whether that MP277 should be progressed to the Report Phase
- **APPROVE** the Modification Report
- **APPROVE** the implementation approach
- **AGREE** that MP277 should be progressed as a Self-Governance Modification

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■ MP252: Amending the process for Communications Hub returns

Liz Woods

Raised by David Lane on behalf of SMS Plc

Progress to Report Phase

HIGH

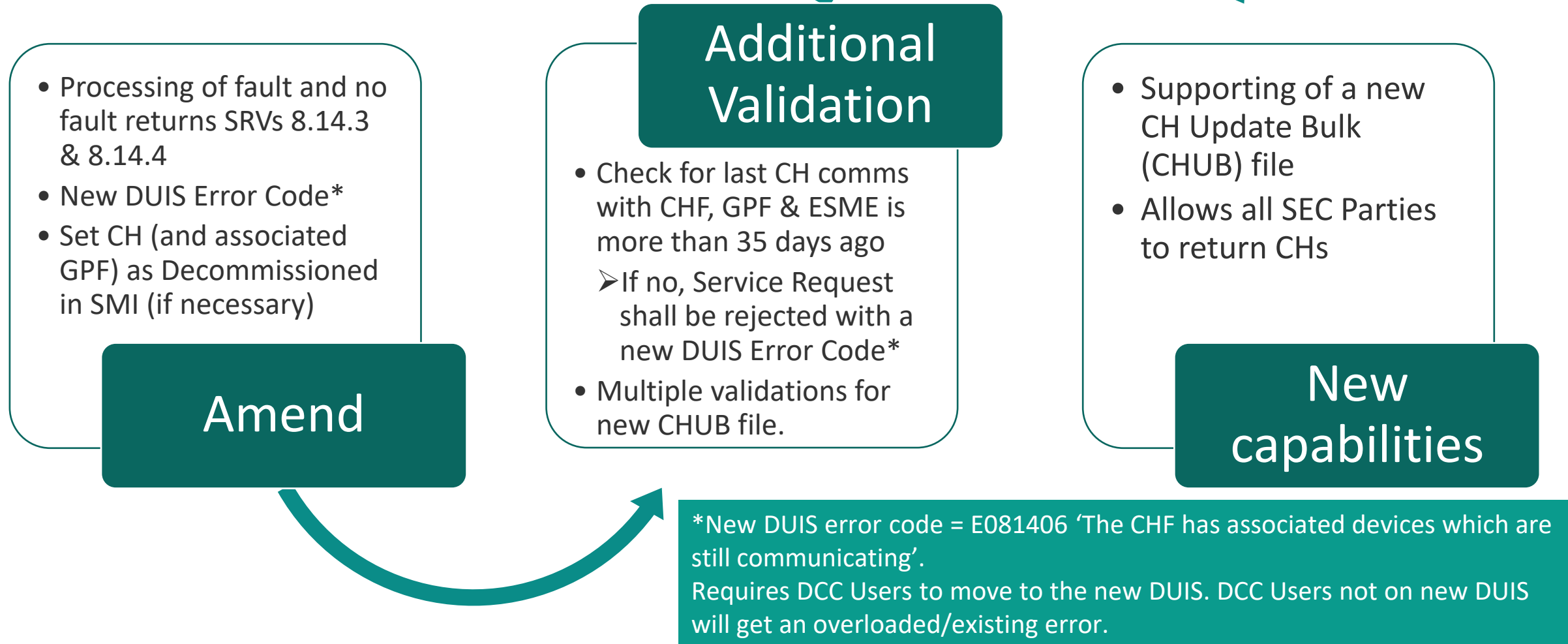
Issue

- DCC identified over 65k CHs (Proposer has 20k); not at consumer premises and with non-Responsible Parties
- Non-Responsible Parties unable to identify Responsible Supplier due to confidentiality clauses in SEC Section M4
- CH removal & returns process overly complicated and resource heavy
- Expected high volume returns associated with 4G CH&N rollout

Current arrangements

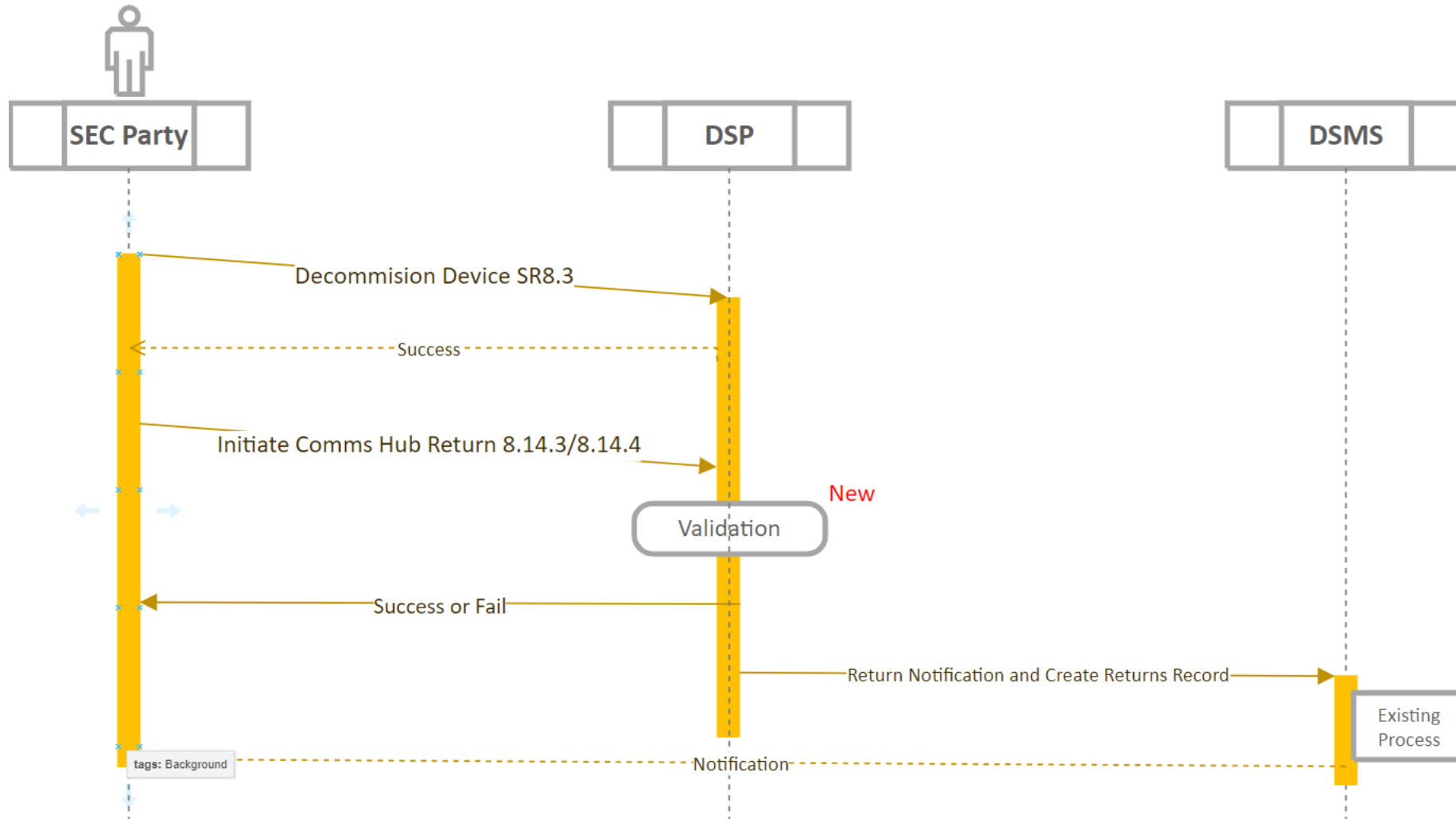
- Only Responsible Parties able to return CHs to DCC
- All CHs marked for return need to be in SMI states of 'Decommissioned' or 'Pending'
- Any returned CH received with SMI state of 'Commissioned' is not processed by CSPs

■ Proposed Solution Summary



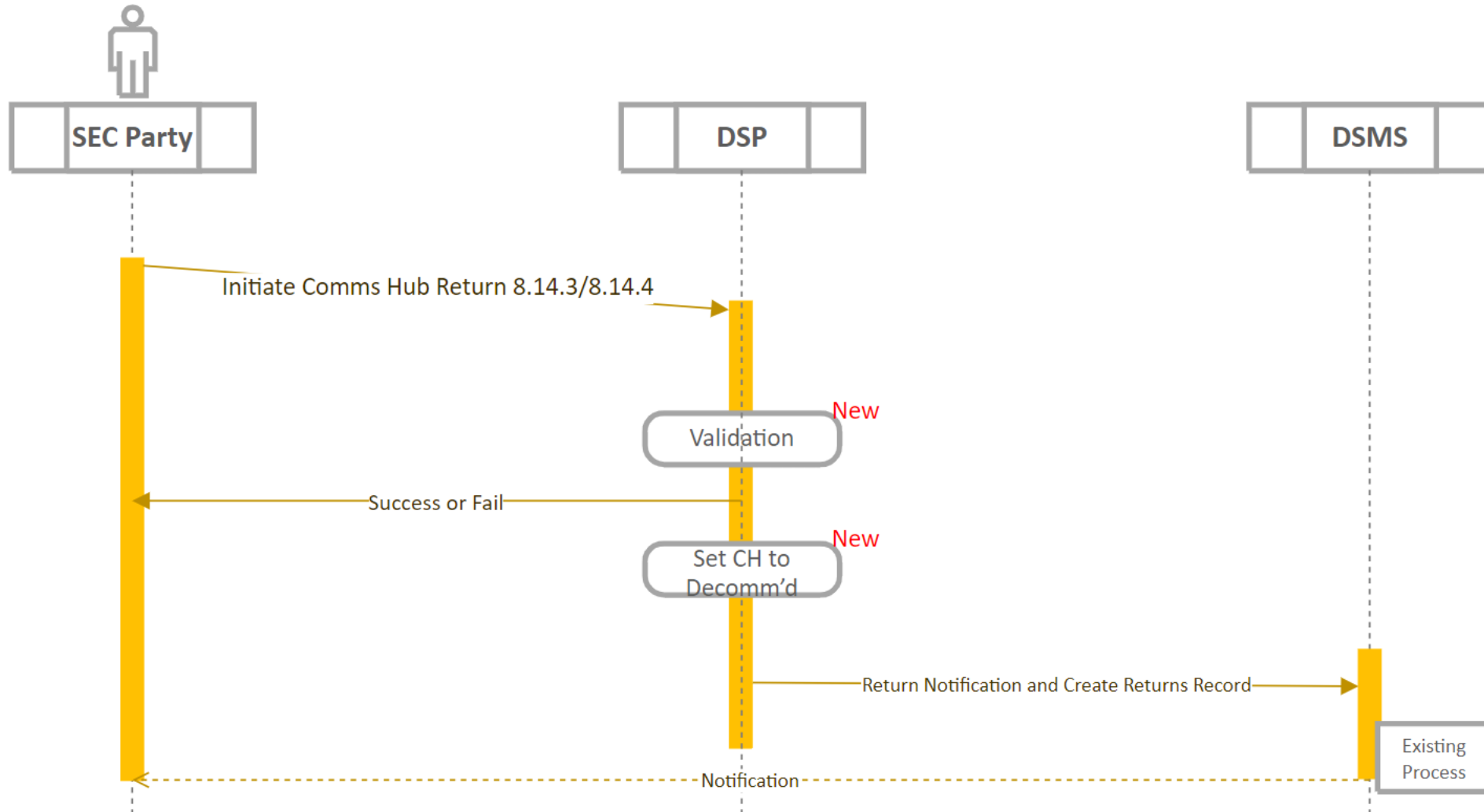
■ Use Case Sequence Diagrams (1/3)

Full Process, Create Return Record



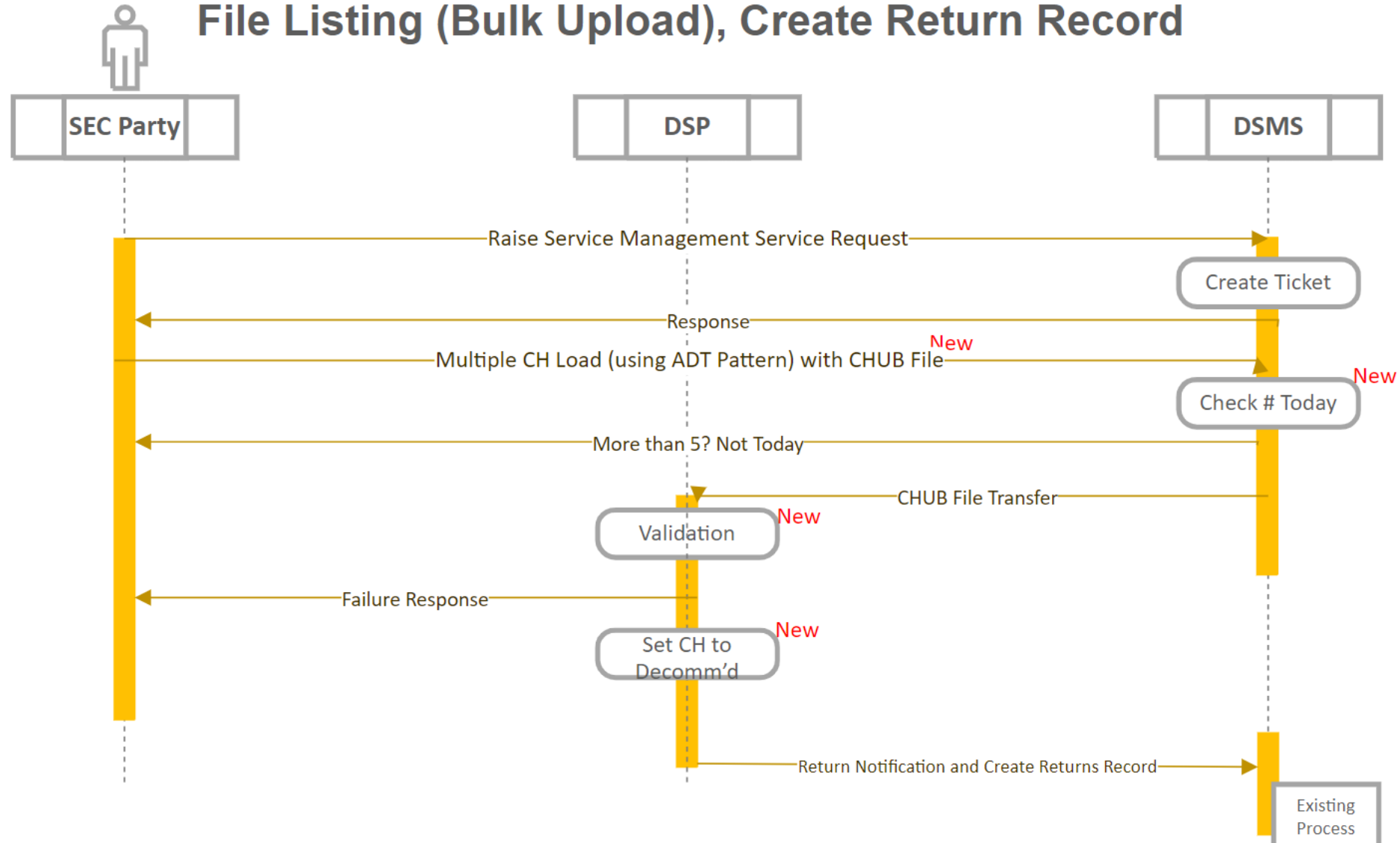
■ Use Case Sequence Diagrams (2/3)

Comms Hub Not Decommissioned, Create Return Record



■ Use Case Sequence Diagrams (3/3)

File Listing (Bulk Upload), Create Return Record



Impact Assessment Impacts

SEC Party Impacts

- Non-Responsible Parties to send CHs back via CH Update Bulk (CHUB)
- Send CHUB by Raising ticket via Service Management Service Request (SMSR)
- Submit CHUB file (max 1,000 per file) - GUID

DSP Impacts

- For Use Cases 1 & 2, additional validation of SRVs 8.14.3 & 8.14.4
- Validate each GUID in CHUB file, failures notified to SEC Parties
- After validation, DSP to set CHF & associated GPF status to 'Decommissioned'

DSMS/FSM Impacts

- Check number of CHUB files submitted per day (max 5 files/day)
- Any rejection of CHUB file will be highlighted to submitter and process halted for 6th and subsequent files until next day

DS&A Impacts

- New reporting for SEC Parties
- Where CHs are in the returns process (2 stages)
- New error code to be added to DUGIDS & DUIS report failure

■ Refinement Consultation key points

Respondent comments

All respondents agreed with what the modification is trying to achieve and that it should be approved.

<1 week/minimal time to implement

Additional resources to support new processes.

More on-going costs to support Solution Option B as compared to Solution Option A.

<£100k – 1 FTE needed

Potential to improve Smart Meter data quality around CHF.

SEC Appendix AD

- New error code for SRVs 8.14.3 & 8.14.4
- Describing the post-processing steps to set CHs status as 'Decommissioned'

SEC Section A, Section F & Appendix I

- Reference to non-SEC complaint return process via DCC Guidance doc

DCC Guidance doc

- 'Alternative Returns for Communications Hubs'

Forum views

Requirements Workshop

Need to address Comms Hubs stranded with non-Responsible Parties plus expected bulk returns

Need to encourage 'good behaviour' of DCC Users to follow process

Working Group

Agreed BRs address issue

Agreed to proceed to Report Phase

OPSG

More clarity on process and charges

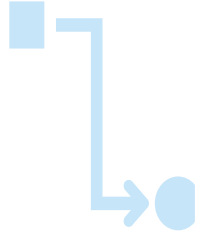
Should consider using refurbishment process

SSC

Keen to understand SEC Party costs

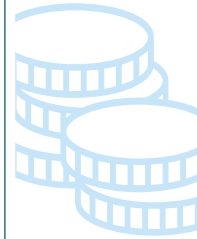
Increased Validation required and blocking rogue actors – no DCC Logistics intervention

■ Assessment of Change



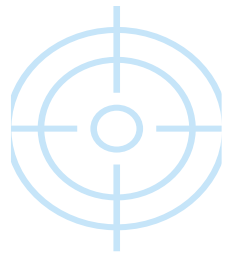
Impacted Parties

- All SEC Parties



Costs

- Party costs – less than £100k
- £329,626 + Application Support (£24,563 per annum)



Target Release

- Nov 2025 SEC Release



Benefits

- Creates path for all CHs returned to be processed

SEC Objective (a)

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■ Recommendations

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- **APPROVE** the Modification Report
- **APPROVE** the implementation approach
- **AGREE** that MP252 should be progressed as a Self-Governance Modification

SEC Objective (a)

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■ DP279 'June 2025 SEC Release & DUIS Housekeeping Changes'

Khaleda Hussain

Raised by David Walsh from the DCC

Remain in Development Stage

LOW

Overview

- Minor typographical and grammatical errors
- Inconsistencies introduced by other designations/modifications

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



■ Legal text

SEC Appendix Q
'IKI Certificate
Policy'

SEC Appendix
AD 'DCC User
Interface
Specification'

■ What's included

Amendments to the
Service Request Matrix
Table

Enhancements
(spelling, use of
erroneous words
against the SEC terms)

Minor enhancements
(formatting, additional
space etc)

■ Missing eligible user role codes

Service Request Name	Service Reference	Service Reference Variant	Critical	Modes of Operation				Eligible User Roles	Available in relation to SMETS1 Devices
				On Demand	Future Dated Response Pattern	DCC Scheduled	Non-Device Request		
Read Export Profile Data	4.8	4.8.3	No	Yes	DSP	Yes	No	ES ED <u>MDR</u> OU	Yes
Communications Hub Status Update - Fault Return	8.14	8.14.3	No	No	No	No	Yes	IS GS <u>RSA</u>	No
Communications Hub Status Update – No Fault Return	8.14	8.14.4	No	No	No	No	Yes	IS GS <u>RSA</u>	No

Scheduling for SMETS1 Devices

Amend Section 3.8.43.2 as follows:

3.8.43.2 Specific Data Items for this Request

CreateSchedule Definition

Choice of Service Request XML Element to be Scheduled	Name and Request Data Items corresponding to sr:DSPScheduleServiceReferenceVariant to be Scheduled, choice of:		Yes	None
	DSPRetrieveImportDailyReadLog DSPRetrieveExportDailyReadLog DSPReadActiveImportProfileData DSPReadReactiveImportProfileData DSPReadExportProfileData DSPReadNetworkData DSPReadPrepaymentDailyReadLog DSPRetrieveDailyConsumptionLog	sr:ReadLogPeriodOffset		
	DSPReadInstantaneousExportImportRegisters DSPReadMaximumDemandImportRegisters DSPReadMaximumDemandExportRegisters DSPReadLoadLimitData DSPReadActivePowerImport	sr:DSPReadData		
	DSPRecordNetworkDataGAS	sr:RecordNetworkDataGAS		

Table 157 : ~~CreateSchedule (sr:DSPSchedule)~~ data items

For SR5.1, Create Schedule,

4. Section 3.8.43.2, table 157, Choice of Service Request XML Element to be Scheduled, *DSPReadInstantaneousImport Registers* should be *DSPReadInstantaneousExport Registers*

This is to support schedule of SRV4.2 *ReadInstantaneousExportRegisters*

Enhancements (spelling, space issues etc) 1/3

Amend typo error in Section 1.4.7.14 as follows:

1.4.7.14 Activate Firmware SRV 11.3

This clause is a supplement to clause 3.8.125.

SRV 11.3 shall be supported for SMETS1 CHF, SMETS1 PPMIDs as well as SMETS1 Smart Meters.

In clause 3.8.125.4, where the target Device type is ~~is~~ SMETS1 CHF, the processing related to Firmware Version and Device Status updates shall be associated with the associated GPf.

Amend typo error 'Smart Meter Inventory' to 'Smart Metering Inventory' to the following:

3.8.111.3 Specific Validation for this Request

See clause 3.2.5 for general validation applied to all Requests and clause 3.10.2 for 'Other Device' Existence validation.

Response Code	Response Code Description
E080801	This Response Code is not used. The DCC Systems Smart Metering Inventory is no longer checked for the join status of the 'Other Device'

3.8.112.3 Specific Validation for this Request

See clause 3.2.5 for general validation applied to all Requests and clause 3.10.2 for 'Other Device' Existence validation.

Response Code	Response Code Description
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Amend typo error in Section 3.8.27.2 as follows:

3.8.27.2 Specific Data Items for this Request

KAPublicSecurityC redentials	The Key Agreement Public Security Credentials (of the requesting party) to be used where the request is from an Unknown Remote Party (e.g.i.e. Old Responsible Supplier) with respect to the BusinessTargetID specified within the Service Request.	sr:Certificate (xs:base64Binary)
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Enhancements (spelling, space issues etc) 2/3

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E080801	This Response Code is not used. The DCC Systems Smart Metering Inventory is no longer checked for the join status of the ‘Other Device’

E110402	The firmware is not marked as active in the Central Products List and Smart Metering Inventory.
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The DCC Systems Smart Metering Inventory is no longer checked for the join status of the ‘Other Device’

currently has a GBCS Version that is prior to v4.1.

E110102	The firmware is not marked as active in the Central Products List and Smart Metering Inventory.
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■ Enhancements (spelling, space issues etc) 3/3

Amend typo error 'Service Users' to 'Users' to the following:

3.8.124.4 Additional DCC System Processing

- o If the Firmware Version entry on the CPL for that Device Model has a status of "Removed", the SMI Firmware Version shall be updated, and the Device Status shall be set to 'Suspended' (where the target Device is CHF, the associated GPF Device Status shall also be set to 'Suspended'). In this case DCC Alert N50 shall be sent to the Responsible Supplier. In addition, DCC Alert N28 will be sent to the Responsible Supplier and to the Electricity Distributor or Gas Transporter to notify the "Suspension" of the Device. All DSP Future Dated and Scheduled Service Requests shall be deleted for the 'Suspended' Device(s) and DCC Alerts N40 and N41 will be sent to the **Service** Users responsible for those Service Requests.
- o If the target Device is CHF, the associated GPF Firmware Version shall also be updated and the GPF Device Status shall also be set to 'Suspended'.
 - o All DSP Future Dated and Scheduled Service Requests shall be deleted for the 'Suspended' Device(s) and DCC Alerts N40 and N41 will be sent to the **Service** Users responsible for those Service Requests.

Amend grammatical error to the following:

3.8.124.4 Additional DCC System Processing

Alert N28 will be sent to the Responsible Supplier and to the Electricity Distributor or Gas Transporter to notify the "Suspension" of the Device. All DSP Future Dated and Scheduled Service Requests shall be deleted for the 'Suspended' Device(s).

Amend grammatical error to the following (remove the additional full stop):

1.4.7.13 Update Firmware SRV 11.1

SRV 11.1 shall be sent to the Responsible Supplier and to the Electricity Distributor or Gas Transporter to notify the "Suspension" of the Device. All DSP Future Dated and Scheduled Service Requests shall be deleted for the 'Suspended' Device(s).

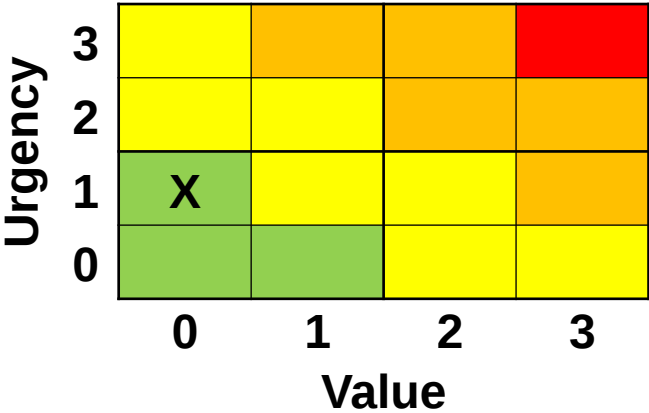
Following the receipt of the Request to distribute the Firmware, the Responsible Supplier shall ensure that the Firmware is distributed to the relevant Device(s).

■ Prioritisation

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

Rationale

- This modification addresses ambiguities and omissions
- This modification will better facilitate SEC Objective (a) as it will correct errors in the SEC and lead to less confusion or misinterpretation



■ Recommendations

- **DETERMINE** the issue and the impact it is having is clearly defined and understood
- **DETERMINE** that DP279 should be converted to a Modification Proposal

SEC Objective (a)

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BREAK



PLEASE RETURN IN 10 MINUTES

Agenda Item 4

SEC Modification Timetables
Ben Giblin (SECAS)

■ SEC Modification Timetables

Ben Giblin

■ Monthly summary

29x Active Modifications

3x Modifications on hold
(MP137, MP244 and MP247)

Scoping 5 potential new Issues

No on-going DCC Assessments

■ Prioritisation matrix

URGENCY

3		P218		P275 P277
2		P255 P278 P280	P252 P268	
1	P235 (P244) P271	P085B P219 P257 P265	(P247) P266 P273	P169
0	P205 P234 P274 P279	P165 P184 P206 P241	(P137)	P094
	0	1	2	3

VALUE

DP279 has been raised and placed on hold.
DP280 also raised.

No changes to prioritisation scoring

Modifications in brackets are on hold

■ High and very high priority mods

MP268 'Certificate rotation and expired Certificates'

- The Modification Report Consultation has now closed. SECAS will present the modification to the Change Board on Wednesday 22 January 2025 to provide updates and discuss next steps.

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

- This modification was approved by Change Board on 10 January 2025.
- This modification is with the Authority for final determination. SECAS expects to receive a decision by the end of February 2025.

MP277 'Virtual Gateway Connection'

- This modification will be presented to the CSC on 21 January 2025 to determine whether it should enter the Report Phase.

■ High and very 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'

- This DCC Consultation closes at 5pm on 3 February 2025.
- SECAS held a FAQ webinar on 13 January 2025. The slides available for download on the DP218 webpage and the recording of the webinar is available on the SEC website under 'Previous Webinars'.

MP252 'Amending the process for Communications Hub returns'

- The DCC Impact Assessment has been returned, showing costs of £329,626.
- Will be presented to the CSC on 21 January 2025 to request it progress to the Report Phase.

■ 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 discussed this modification with the Working Group and Privacy Sub-Committee.

Will be presented to the CSC in February to finalise the Modification Report before holding the Modification Report Consultation.

■ 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.

DCC Preliminary Assessments

Modification	Date Returned	Actual Duration (WD)	Variance to SLA (WD)
MP244	27/02/2024	13	-2
MP184	11/03/2024	17	+2
MP247	29/04/2024	23	+8
MP247A	18/07/2024	15	0
MP268	24/07/2024	15	0
MP252	06/08/2024	14	-1
MP205	04/10/2024	17	-3
MP265	28/11/2024	15	0
MP277	08/12/2024	20	0

DCC submitted 78% of PIAs within the 15WDs SLA (20WDs SLA for MP205 and MP277) in the period of 01 January 2024 through to 31 December 2024, with eight out of the nine (89%) PIAs submitted within 2 days or better of the SLA.

DCC Impact Assessments

Modification	Date Returned	Actual Duration (WD)	Variance to SLA (WD)
MP242	23/01/2024	43	+3
MP246	03/05/2024	44	+4
MP169	10/05/2024	42	+2
MP239	24/05/2024	38	-2
MP241	06/06/2024	45	+5
MP268	22/11/2024	40	0
MP252	23/12/2024	40	0

DCC submitted 43% of FIAs within the 40WD SLA in the period of 01 January 2024 through to 31 December 2024, with seven out of the seven (100%) FIAs submitted within 5 days or better of the SLA.

Issues

Name	Description	Update
Install codes in the 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.	Will be discussed with the SSC and OPSG to determine if it should progress to become a Draft Proposal.
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 update postcodes which have no WAN. SECAS has asked the DCC for an update on the progress of the CSPN work.
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 obligations like that of obligations within SEC Sections G & I.	Will be raised as Draft Proposal before the March CSC meeting, with the recommendation of proceeding to the Report Phase.

Issues

Name	Description	Update
PSC ability to raise modifications	The PSC is not detailed as a Sub-Committee in the SEC. The PSC have a desire to raise modifications to fix issues they identify in their role.	The role of the PSC will be discussed with the SEC Panel in February to determine whether it will be set out in 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.

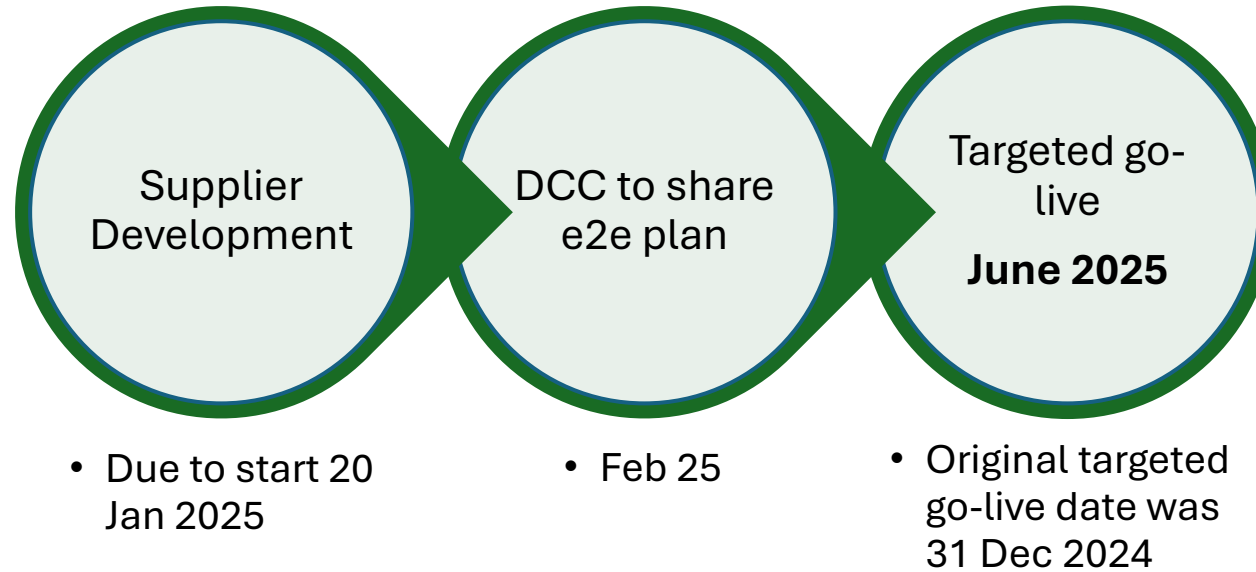
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Post Decision Delivery
Khaleda Hussain (SECAS)

■ Post Decision Delivery

MP176

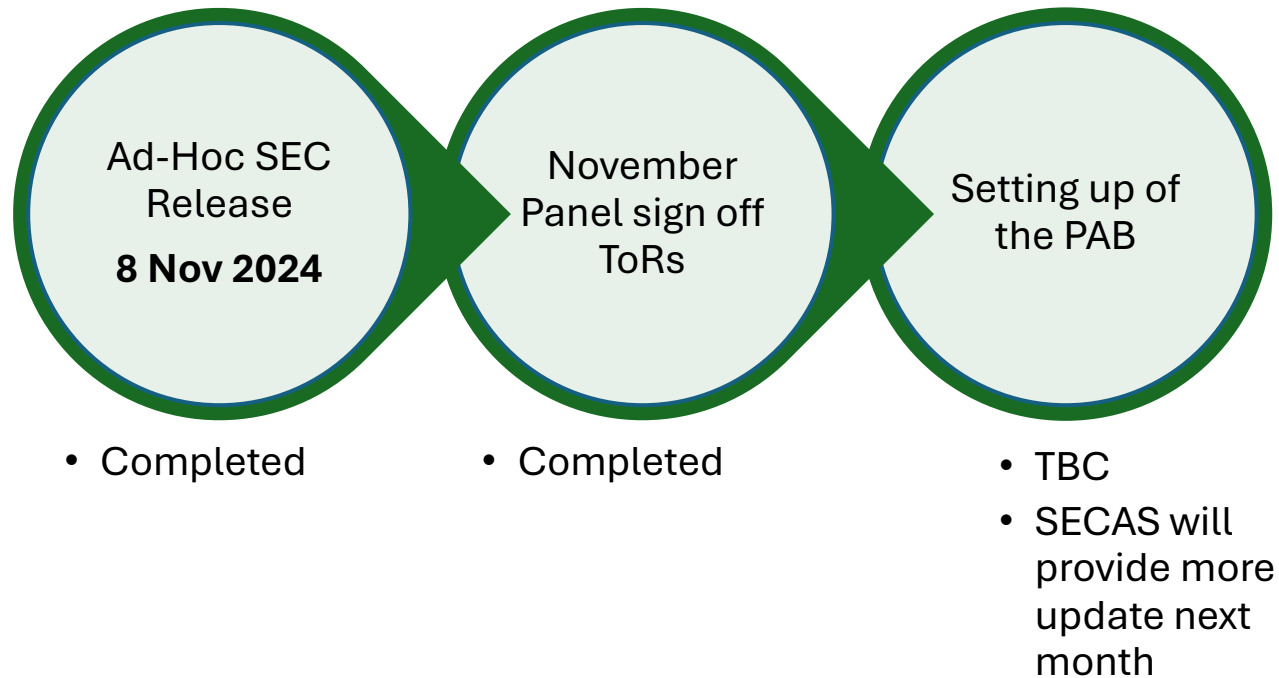
Customer Analytics
Reporting



■ Post Decision Delivery

MP224

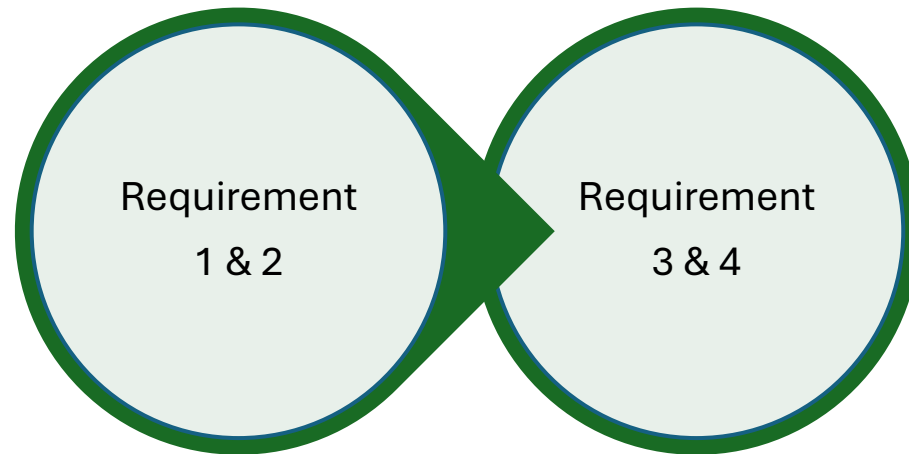
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Assurance Framework



Post Decision Delivery

MP223

WAN Coverage Reporting



- Reporting due to go live on 31 Jan 2025
- All post decision delivery work will be complete

- Reporting went live in October 2024 following the implementation of the new incident template in September

Requirement 1 - The DCC to produce a figure of the WAN coverage level for each CSP region, every three months.

Requirement 2 - The DCC to produce reporting on addresses where there is no WAN or the WAN status has changed, every three months.

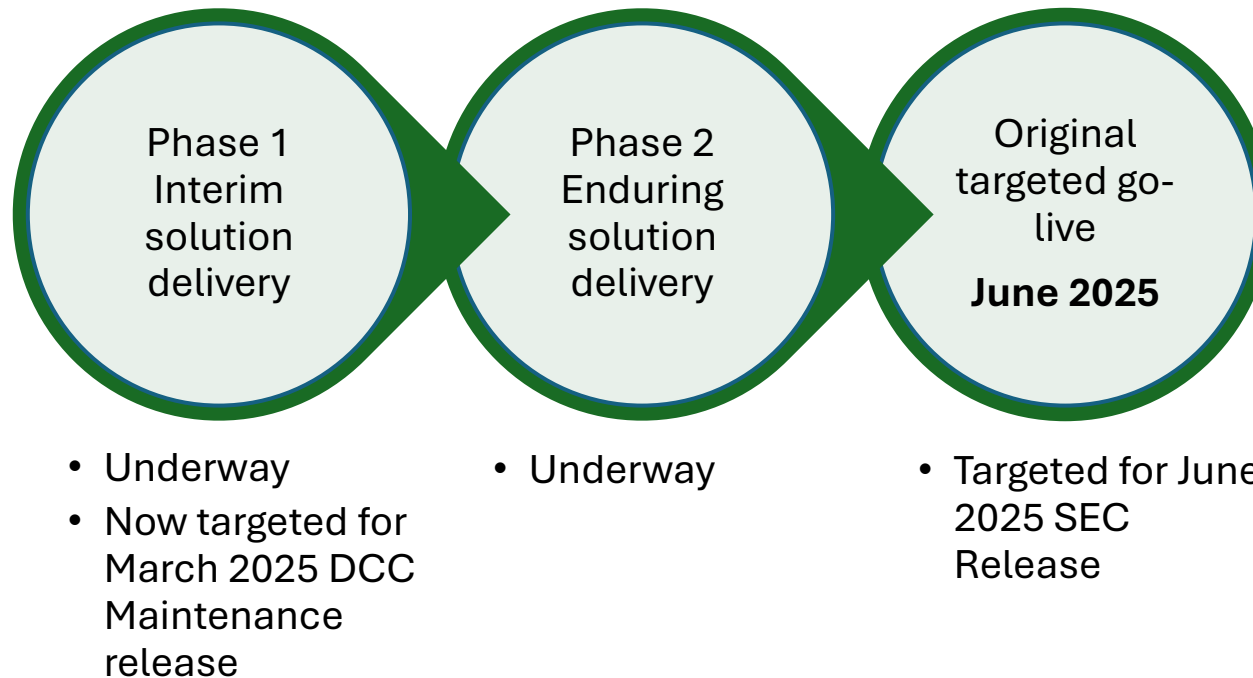
Requirement 3 - The DCC to produce monthly reporting on sites where Suppliers raise WAN-related incidents in each CSP region

Requirement 4 - The DCC to ensure the WAN coverage checker is updated accordingly when Suppliers raise WAN-related incidents to the DCC Service Desk.

■ Post Decision Delivery

MP239

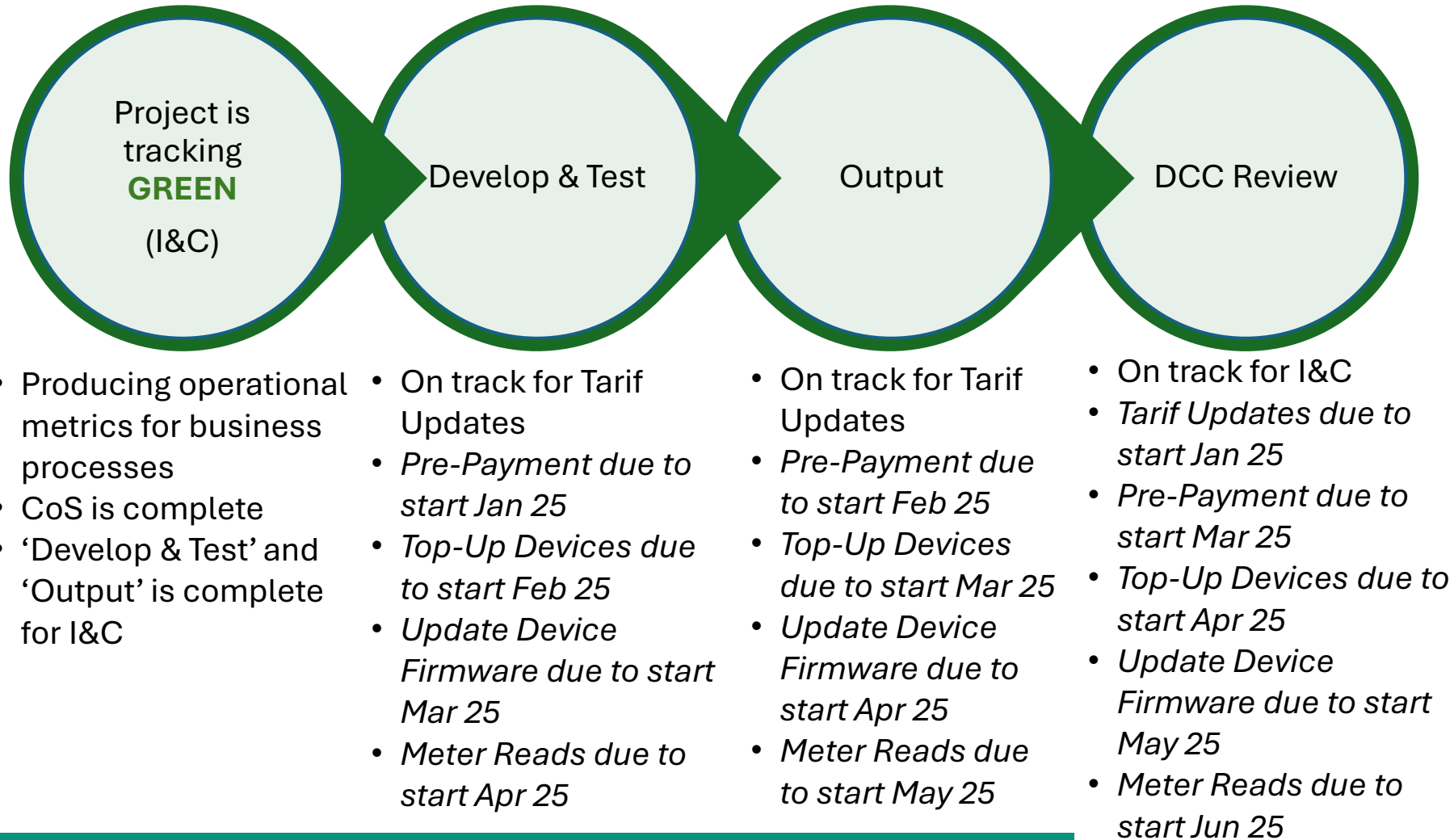
Enduring Solution for
Resolving SMETS2
Device Certificate
Misalignment Issue



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.

■ Recommendations

The CSC is requested to:

- **NOTE** the updates on the Post Decision Delivery 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
MP274	Requirement for DCC Users to set TPS configurations	
DP280	CPA Scheme Transition to SSC	

MP273 has been removed from the scope of this Release since the December 2024 CSC meeting.

DP280 has been added to the scope of this Release since the December 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	
DP279	June 2025 SEC Releases & DUIS Housekeeping Changes	

DP279 has been added to the scope of this Release since the December 2024 CSC meeting.

■ November 2025 SEC Release

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

There have been no changes to the scope of this Release since the November 2024 CSC meeting, however, there has been a change to MP268 to note it will no longer be DCC System impacting.

February 2026 SEC Release

Approved Modifications		
Mod No.	Mod Name	Status
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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 and MP247 has been removed from the scope of this Release since the December 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
MP275	Communications Hubs Fixed Charges	February 2025
MP273	User Demand and Network Traffic Insights	March 2025
MP219	Access Consumption Data on behalf of SEC Parties	May 2025
MP241	Interoperability Checker Update	September 2025

MP219 is Authority-Determined and planned for submission to Ofgem in late March 2024.

MP275 is pending Authority-Determination.

■ Recommendations

The CSC is requested to:

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

Agenda Item 7

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.

■ ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Change Sub-Committee Elections

The 10 March 2025 signals the end of the term for several Change Sub Committee members.

- SECAS is therefore issuing a call for nominations for the following seats:
 - One person elected by Large Supplier Parties
 - One person elected by Small Supplier Parties
 - Two people elected by Other SEC Parties; and
 - One person elected by Distribution Network Operators (Gas or Electricity)

You are invited to nominate yourself or a prospective candidate by completing the online form by 3 February 2025. Please note, SEC Parties need to be logged in to the website to access this form

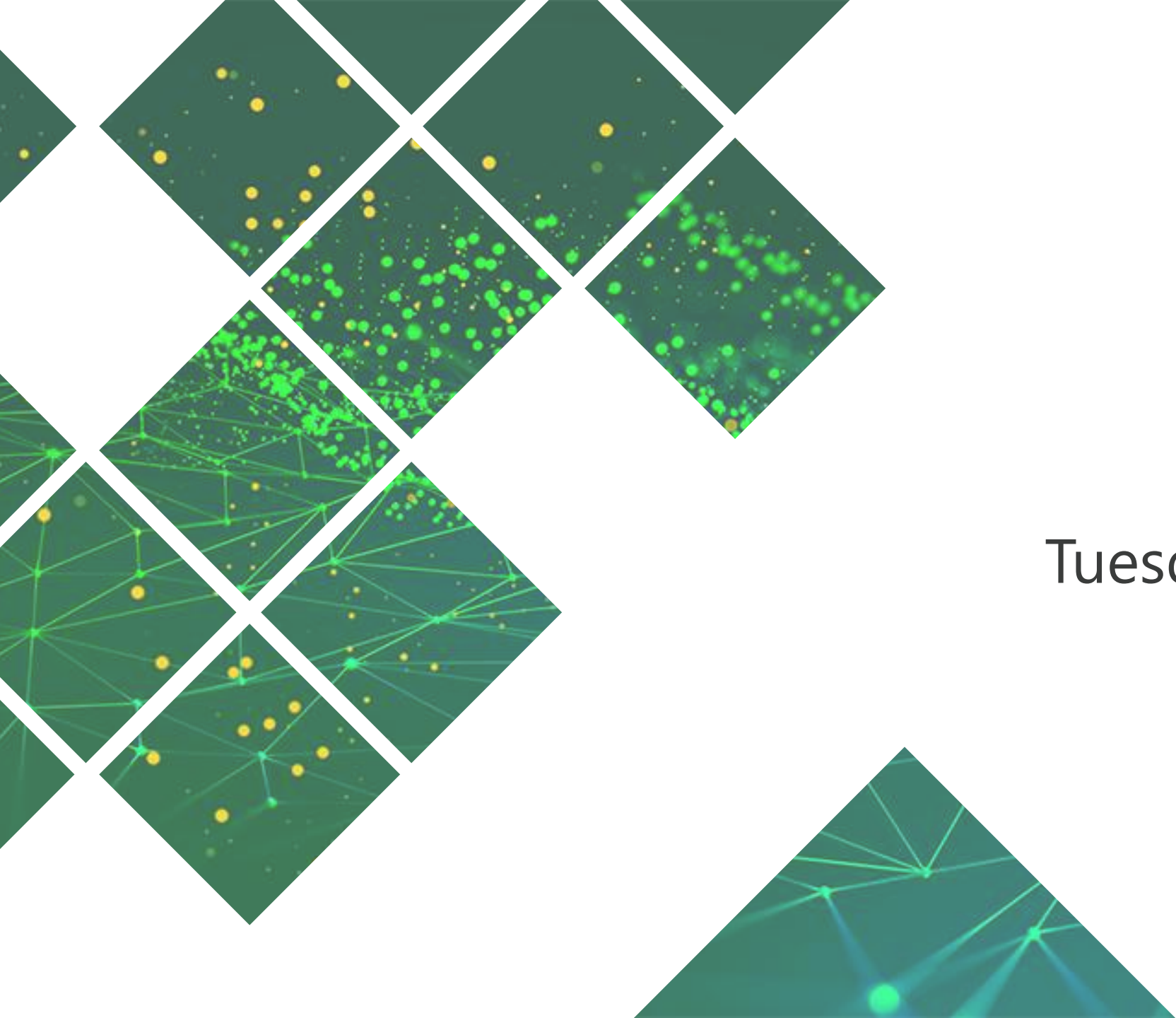
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Next meeting:
Tuesday 18 February 2025