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# DP297

## ‘Housekeeping for November 2025 SEC Release’

### Modification Report

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## About this document

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This document is a Modification Report. It sets out the background, issue, solution, impacts, costs, implementation approach and progression timetable for this modification, along with any relevant discussions, views and conclusions.

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This document also has one annex:

- **Annex A** contains the redlined changes to the Smart Energy Code (SEC) required to deliver the Proposed Solution.

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## 1. Summary

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This proposal has been raised by David Walsh from the Data Communications Company (DCC).

The Smart Energy Code Administrator and Secretariat (SECAS) maintains a log of typographical errors, cosmetic and other inconsistencies, omissions and other clarifications that are required to be corrected within SEC documentation. Any such instances that are identified by any Party, and where SECAS are subsequently notified, are placed on a log of issues, and are then amended at an appropriate point. The Proposed Solution to this modification aims to address the log of issues identified within the SEC.

The issues identified as part of this modification impact SEC Schedule 4 'SECCo', SEC Section F 'Smart Metering Systems Requirements' and SEC Appendix AD 'DCC Users Interface Specification' (DUIS).

This modification will have no direct impacts on any SEC Parties but will give greater clarity and transparency to the SEC Documents. Implementation costs are limited to SECAS time and effort to update the SEC. SECAS is targeting this Draft Proposal for implementation in the November 2025 SEC Release. This is a Fast-Track Self-Governance modification.

## 2. Issue

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### What are the current arrangements?

The current SEC Documents may contain minor errors which were either in the SEC from inception or introduced via various updates over the years. SECAS maintains a log of these errors, which have either been identified by SECAS or have been identified by other Parties.

### The DCC User Interface Specification (DUIS)

The DUIS specifies the technical details of the DCC User Interface. It sets out mechanisms, formats, protocols, and other technical details necessary for DCC Users to send and receive communications to and from the DCC. The document is currently only updated at a maximum of once a year, either through a major (X+1.X) or minor (X.X+1) uplift. The latest version is DUIS v5.3. Therefore, any housekeeping associated with DUIS should be included in this modification.

### What is the issue?

Any errors identified within the SEC make SEC documents harder to interpret and potentially lead to confusion or misunderstanding. The main proposed housekeeping changes are listed below along with the specific amendments that are needed in this modification:

| Impacted SEC Documents                                    | Impacted Sections/Clauses | DUIS Version                    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| SEC Schedule 4 - SECCo                                    | 2.1                       | -                               |
| SEC Section F – Smart Metering Systems Requirements       | F2.19                     | -                               |
| SEC Appendix AD – DCC User Interface Specification (DUIS) | 3.8.43.3                  | 5.3 and 5.4                     |
|                                                           | 3.8.63                    | 3.1, 4.0, 5.0, 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3 |
|                                                           | 3.8.104.4                 | All                             |
|                                                           | 3.8.104.4                 | 5.4 WAN Changes                 |
|                                                           | 3.8.120.3                 | 5.4                             |
|                                                           | 3.8.120.4                 | All                             |
|                                                           | 3.8.121.3                 | 5.4                             |
|                                                           | 3.8.121.4                 | All                             |

This table shows which changes will be applied to which versions of DUIS.

|                                                                   | 1.1 | 2.0 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 4.0 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.3 (26 June 25) | 5.4 (6 November 2025) | What is the change?                                                                  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Appendix AD - DCC User Interface Specification</b>             |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                  |                       |                                                                                      |
| <b>3.8.43 Create Schedule</b>                                     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                  |                       |                                                                                      |
| 3.8.43.3 Specific Validation for this Request                     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | X                | X                     | Versions 5.3 and 5.4 only. Adding 2 extra response codes to the table                |
| <b>3.8.63 Read Event Or Security Log</b>                          |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                  |                       |                                                                                      |
| 3.8.63 Read Event Or Security Log                                 |     |     |     | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X                | X                     | Versions 3.1, 4.0, 5.0, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3 and 5.4. Typo error corrected 'ECS35g' not 'f' |
| <b>3.8.104 Read Inventory</b>                                     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                  |                       |                                                                                      |
| 3.8.104.4 Specific Data Items in the Response                     | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X                | X                     | All versions. Spelling error corrected to 'Status'                                   |
| 3.8.104.4 Specific Data Items in the Response                     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                  | X                     | Version 5.4. VWAN change, DESNZ. Adding a row 'Connectivity' on table 227            |
| <b>3.8.120 Communications Hub Status Update – Fault Return</b>    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                  |                       |                                                                                      |
| 3.8.120.3 Specific Validation for this Request                    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                  | X                     | MP252. 5.4                                                                           |
| 3.8.120.4 Additional DCC System Processing                        | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X                | X                     | MP252. All versions. Adding 'Additional DCC System Processing' paragraph             |
| <b>3.8.121 Communications Hub Status Update – No Fault Return</b> |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                  |                       |                                                                                      |
| 3.8.121.3 Specific Validation for this Request                    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                  | X                     | MP252. 5.4                                                                           |
| 3.8.121.4 Additional DCC System Processing                        | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X                | X                     | MP252. All versions. Adding 'Additional DCC System Processing' paragraph             |

## What is the impact this is having?

If these corrections are not resolved, the SEC Documents will contain inconsistencies. Although these are not typographical errors, cosmetic and other inconsistencies, omissions and other clarifications, not addressing these errors could lead to confusion for Parties when using these documents and in some instances do not reflect how the DCC Systems work correctly.

If these errors remain, it could make it harder for Parties to utilise SEC documents and make them harder to maintain, increasing the chance of further inconsistencies occurring in the future.

### Impact on consumers

The identified issue does not impact consumers.

## 3. Solution

### Proposed Solution

The Proposed Solution is to correct the minor errors and inconsistencies identified in the SEC through implementation of text only changes.

The proposed legal text changes can be found in Annex A.

## 4. Impacts

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

### SEC Parties

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

There are no direct impacts on SEC Parties from this modification. All Parties will indirectly benefit from this modification as errors and inconsistencies within the SEC will be addressed and corrected.

### DCC System

This modification does not impact the DCC Systems.

### SEC and subsidiary documents

The following parts of the SEC will be impacted:

- SEC Scheduling 4 'SECCo'
- SEC Section F 'Smart Metering System Requirements'
- Appendix AD 'DCC User Interface Specification'

The changes to the SEC required to deliver the Proposed Solution can be found in Annex A.

### **Technical specification versions**

This modification does not include any technical specifications.

### **Devices**

This modification does not impact Devices.

### **Consumers**

This modification does not impact consumers.

### **Other industry Codes**

This modification does not impact other industry Codes.

### **Greenhouse gas emissions**

This modification does not impact greenhouse gas emissions.

## **5. Costs**

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### **DCC costs**

There are no DCC costs associated with this modification.

### **SECAS costs**

The estimated SECAS implementation cost to implement this as a stand-alone modification is half a day of effort, amounting to approximately £300. This cost will be reassessed when combining this modification in a scheduled SEC Release. The activities needed to be undertaken for this are:

- Updating the SEC and releasing the new version to the industry.

### **SEC Party costs**

There are no SEC Party costs associated with this modification.

## 6. Agreed Implementation approach

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### Recommended implementation approach

SECAS is recommending an implementation date of:

- **6 November 2025** (November 2025 SEC Release) if a decision to approve is received on or before 23 October 2025; or
- **26 February 2026** (February 2026 SEC Release) if a decision to approve is received after 23 October 2025 but on or before 13 February 2026.

The modification needs to be implemented as soon as reasonably practicable to clarify any ambiguities. The November 2025 SEC release is next scheduled release this modification could be implemented in.

As this is a Fast Track Self Governance Modification the Change Sub-Committee will be asked to vote to approve on 21 October 2025.

## 7. Case for change

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### Business case

This modification will address inconsistencies and points of potential confusion or misinterpretation with low costs limited to SECAS time and effort.

### Views against the General SEC Objectives

#### Proposer's views

The Proposer believes that the modification will better facilitate SEC Objective (g)<sup>1</sup> as it will correct errors in the SEC and lead to less confusion or interpretation.

### Views against the consumer areas

#### Improved safety and reliability

This modification will have a neutral impact on safety and reliability.

#### Lower bills than would otherwise be the case

This modification will have a neutral impact on consumer bills.

#### Reduced environmental damage

This modification will have a neutral impact on environmental damage.

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<sup>1</sup> To facilitate the efficient and transparent administration and implementation of this Code.

### Improved quality of service

This modification will have a neutral impact on quality of service.

### Benefits for society as a whole

This modification will have a neutral impact on benefits for society.

### Final conclusions

This modification addresses inconsistencies and points of potential confusion or misinterpretation. There are no DCC costs and only a minimal SECAS cost to implement.

## Appendix 1: Progression timetable

| Timetable                                                       |             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Event/Action                                                    | Date        |
| Draft Proposal raised                                           | 4 Jul 2025  |
| Presented to CSC for initial comment and request to put on hold | 19 Aug 2025 |
| Fast-Track Modification Report approved by CSC                  | 21 Oct 2025 |

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

## Appendix 2: Glossary

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

| Glossary |                                                 |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Acronym  | Full term                                       |
| CSC      | Change Sub-Committee                            |
| DCC      | Data Communications Company                     |
| DUIS     | DCC User Interface Specification                |
| SEC      | Smart Energy Code                               |
| SECAS    | Smart Energy Code Administrator and Secretariat |