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SEC Change Sub-Committee Meeting 81_1811

18 November 2025, 10:00 – 12:25

Teleconference

SECCSC_81_1811 – Final Minutes

Attendees:

Representing	CSC Members	Organisation
Change Sub-Committee Chair	Ali Beard (AB)	Change Sub-Committee Chair
Large Suppliers	Emma Johnson (EJ)	British Gas
Large Suppliers	Emslie Law (EL)	OVO
Small Suppliers	Daniel Davies (DD)	ESG Global
Other SEC Parties	Gerd Busker (GB)	Prescience
Network Parties	Kelly Kinsman (KK)	National Grid Electricity Distribution

Other Participants		
DCC		
Bardley Baker (BB)	David Rollason (DR)	
David Walsh (DW)		
Ofgem		
Ian Chalfon (IC)	Cristina Ullastre (CU)	
Proposers		
Tereza Borges (TB)	Catherine Duggan (CD)	
Smart Energy Code Administrator and Secretariat (SECAS)		
Abi Obadan (AO) <i>Meeting Secretary</i>	Lydia Bentley (LB)	Simon Grimwood (SG)
Khaleda Hussain (KH)	Marc Rhodes (MR)	Georgie Severin (GS)

Apologies:

Representing	CSC Members	Organisation
Other SEC Parties	Philip Doyle (PD)	Reverve Ltd
Other SEC Parties	Charlie Sands	My Fuse Energy

Consumers	Caroline Farquhar (CF)	Citizens Advice
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1. Welcome and Introductions & Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The Chair welcomed members to the CSC meeting.

SECAS advised that no comments had been raised on the last meeting minutes. The CSC **APPROVED** the minutes as final.

2. Actions Outstanding

Action Reference	Action
76/04	SECCo (RH) to confirm Paper Classification approach with SECAS Governance Team
Meeting update 18/11/2025: SECAS (AB) confirmed that Robin Healey is continuing to monitor the progress and queries received for this action. The CSC noted the update and agreed to leave this action open.	
Status: Open.	

3. SEC Modification Progression

DP218 'Review of the SEC Charging Methodology'

SECAS (AB) presented [DP218 'Review of the SEC Charging Methodology'](#) noting that the Panel Finance and Contracts Sub-Group (PFCG) initially raised the question of Other User charging in December 2021, as Other Users have access to DCC Services but are not charged. The Smart Energy Code (SEC) Board agreed that SECAS should investigate options for charging Other Users.

The Proposer (EJ) then explained the rationale for progressing DP218, highlighting increasing demand for DCC data and Services from Other Users. The Proposer (EJ) further noted that the system should be paid for by those who use it and highlighted fairness concerns if Other Users continue to access data for free. The Proposer (EJ) highlighted that, unusually, DESNZ had responded to the DCC consultation on DP218. She also noted that concerns had been raised about competition implications. A CSC member (EL) questioned what the next steps will be.

The CSC agreed that DP218 should be converted to a Modification Proposal and progress to the Refinement Process, with an ad hoc Working Group scheduled for January 2026 and with a preliminary impact assessment to follow.

Following this clarification the CSC:

- **AGREED** that the issue and the impact DP218 is having is clearly defined and understood;
- **AGREED** DP218 should be converted to a Modification Proposal;
- **AGREED** that MP218 should be progressed to the Refinement Phase and;
- **APPROVED** the first work package for MP218.

DP303 'Aligning DCC Certificate processes with SMKI standards

SECAS (SG) presented an update on [DP303 'Aligning DCC Certificate processes with SMKI standards'](#) noting that the DCC had identified a misalignment between four Smart Energy Code (SEC) Documents and the existing DCC Device certificate validation process. SECAS (SG) further explained that there was continued misalignment between the SEC and existing Device Certificate validation processes undertaken by the DCC. He proposed that various SEC documents should be updated in order to accurately reflect the existing DCC process of validating Device certificates.

The CSC:

- **AGREED** that the issue and impact DP303 is having is clearly defined and understood;
- **AGREED** that DP303 should be converted to a Modification Proposal;
- **AGREED** that DP303 should progress to the Report Phase;
- **APPROVED** the Modification Report;
- **APPROVED** the implementation approach and;
- **APPROVED** that MP303 should be progressed as a Self-Governance Modification.

DP307 'Extension of MP219 'Accessing Consumption Data on behalf of SEC Parties' concept to section I1.3'

SECAS (MR) presented information on [DP307 'Extension of MP219 'Accessing Consumption Data on behalf of SEC Parties' concept to section I1.3'](#) which sought to extend [MP219 'Accessing Consumption Data on behalf of SEC Parties'](#), provisions to join and unjoin services. CSC Members (EL) and (EJ) queried the necessity of the change, noting existing consent arrangements and potential duplication of modifications. A CSC member (EJ) further highlighted that MP219 was narrowly scoped for consumption data and should not just be extended to physical Device joins and unjoins. Another CSC member (DD) then noted that they understood the proposed modification to avoid repeated Consumer Consent requests when installing Consumer Access Devices (CADs) and further noted that this modification could be a potential 'backdoor' access to [MP235 'Enhanced Meter Data Access for Other Users'](#) functionality. The same CSC member (DD) further highlighted that there are also privacy risks associated with this modification and proposed that CAD installation could enable broader data access beyond consumption data.

CSC Members (EJ) and (EL) highlighted that the CSC could benefit from the modification being further clarified with examples of use cases as to how DP307 would be applied.

The CSC concluded that the issue and impact required further clarification and agreed that DP307 should remain in Development. The CSC also requested additional use cases and clarification before reconsideration.

The CSC:

- **AGREED** that DP307 should remain in the development stage until further clarification is provided.

The CSC **NOTED** the update.

DP309 'Housekeeping changes for Section G - Security'

SECAS (GS) presented [DP309 'Housekeeping changes for Section G - Security'](#) which sought to clarify references in SEC Section G following the implementation of [MP268 'Certificate rotation and expired Certificates'](#). SECAS (GS) confirmed that the changes are housekeeping only. However, since the Modification documents were not fully explored beforehand, the CSC agreed to defer voting and revisit DP309 as a Fast-Track Modification at the next CSC meeting.

The CSC **NOTED** the update.

4. SEC Modification Timetables

SECAS (KH) provided an update on the timetables for Modification Proposals and reported that there are currently twenty-five active modifications and five on hold. The high priority modifications included [MP169 'Managing the Consumer's refusal of a Smart Meter'](#), [MP255 'WAN issues during Smart Meter installations'](#) and [MP304 'Scheduling Services for SMETS1 Devices \(SRV 4.3\)'](#). A CSC Member (EL) raised concerns over delays to MP255 and the DCC (BB) confirmed that internal discussions were taking place and committed to provide an update to SECAS (AB). Another CSC Member (EJ) queried the engagement of [MP184 'Increase smart capability of SMETS2 Twin Element ESME to support solar and storage use cases'](#) and SECAS (AB) confirmed that the Proposer remains unresponsive but that a new Preliminary Impact Assessment will be scheduled to inform Change Board decision-making.

The CSC **NOTED** the updates on the SEC Modification Timetables.

5. Post Decision Delivery and Ofgem expected decision dates

SECAS (KH) presented an update on the Post Decision and the CSC **NOTED** the updates on the Post Decision Delivery.

6. SEC Releases Update

SECAS (GS) presented an update on the SEC Releases confirming that the November 2025 Release included the following SEC Modifications:

- [MP252 'Amending the process for Communications Hub returns'](#);
- [MP268 'Certificate rotation and expired Certificates'](#);
- [MP283 'Data Breach Reporting'](#);
- [MP286 'Establishment of the Privacy Sub-Committee into the SEC'](#);
- [MP290 'Incorporation of Category 3 Issue Resolution Proposal into the SEC – Batch 11 and GBCS Changes'](#) and;
- [MP297 'Housekeeping for November 2025 SEC Release'](#).

SECAS (GS) confirmed that the February 2026 Release will include:

- [MP303 'Aligning DCC Certificate processes with SMKI standards'](#).

SECAS (GS) also confirmed that the November 2026 Release will include:

- [MP304 'Scheduling Services for SMETS1 Devices \(SRV 4.3\)'](#).

The CSC **NOTED** the updates on the SEC Releases.

7. Consumer Consent Update

SECAS (LB) provided a detailed update on Consumer Consent noting that Ofgem's consultation on the Impact Assessment Terms of Reference closed on 15 November 2025 and that the Impact Assessment will be published on 12 December 2025. SECAS (LB) also noted that a webinar that CSC Members could attend is scheduled for 27 November 2025.

The CSC **NOTED** the update.

8. Any other business (AOB)

MP293 'Deferment of DCC Planned Maintenance During Adverse Weather'

SECAS (LB) and the Proposer (CD) requested reclassification of [MP293 'Deferment of DCC Planned Maintenance During Adverse Weather'](#). The Proposer (CD) presented evidence of three clashes between storms and DCC maintenance in 2024/25, which impacted up to 630,000 Customers. The Proposer (CD) further explained that the Proposed Solution options include a deferral option and 'enhanced availability' functionality for critical Alerts. She requested that the modification be reclassified from medium to high priority. The Proposer (CD) also requested that MP293 be authority-determined and treated as Urgent.

The CSC explored the practical benefits of higher priority and build timelines and a CSC Member (EJ) queried the length of the build time. The DCC (DW) explained that the complexity of system changes and contractual constraints contributed to the timeline. Another CSC Member (DD) noted that the Data Service Provider 2 (DSP2) resilience may reduce the proposed Urgency, however the Proposer (CD) believed that an enduring solution is needed. The Proposer (CD) highlighted that Urgency is justified due to the increasing frequency of storms driven by climate change and the material impact this modification will have on Consumers. SECAS (LB) confirmed that both Solutions will require Impact Assessments and that the 'enhanced availability' Solution is likely to be System-impacting. A CSC Member (EJ) raised concern that Authority determination could slow progress, however the Proposer (CD) clarified that they believed that the delay is primarily due to DCC Design and Build and not Ofgem's decision-making.

The CSC:

- **AGREED** to reclassify MP293 as high priority;
- **AGREED** that MP293 should be Authority Determined and;
- **AGREED** that SECAS should present MP293 to the SEC Panel to consider if Urgency should be requested.

The CSC **NOTED** the update.

2G in the North

SECAS (AB) informed the CSC that an Urgent Modification (MP308) was about to be raised by the DCC to address Out-of-Region (OOR) 2G and 3G Communications Hubs in the North. SECAS (AB) noted that a SEC Panel meeting was scheduled for the same day in order to consider the request for Urgency. CSC Members (EJ) and (DD) raised concerns over the lack of cost visibility and the DCC committed to provide indicative costs to the SEC Panel. SECAS (AB) further noted that implementation is expected through an expedited timetable and a Change Board vote will be scheduled between 26 – 28 November 2025.

There was no further business from members.

Next Meeting: 16 December 2025