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SEC Change Sub-Committee Meeting 82_1612

16 December 2025, 10:00 – 12:00

Teleconference

SECCSC_82_1612 – Final Minutes

Attendees:

Representing	CSC Members	Organisation
Change Sub-Committee Chair	Simon Grimwood (SG)	Change Sub-Committee Chair
Large Suppliers	Julie Brown (JB) Alternate for Emma Johnson	British Gas
Small Suppliers	Daniel Davies (DD)	ESG Global
Other SEC Parties	Philip Doyle (PD)	Reverve Ltd
Other SEC Parties	Gerd Busker (GB)	Prescience
Network Parties	Craig Donohue (CD) Alternate for Kelly Kinsman	National Grid Electricity Distribution

Other Participants		
DCC		
David Walsh (DW)		
Ofgem		
Ian Chalfon (IC)		Cristina Ullastre (CU)
Smart Energy Code Administrator and Secretariat (SECAS)		
Abi Obadan (AO) <i>Meeting Secretary</i>	Khaleda Hussain (KH)	Lydia Bentley (LB)
Georgie Severin (GS)	Marc Rhodes (MR)	Ali Beard (AB)
Paul Witton-Dauris (PWD)		

Apologies:

Representing	CSC Members	Organisation
Large Suppliers	Emma Johnson (EJ)	British Gas
Large Suppliers	Emslie Law (EL)	OVO

Network Parties	Kelly Kinsman (KK)	National Grid Electricity Distribution
Other SEC Parties	Charlie Sands	My Fuse Energy
Consumers	Caroline Farquhar (CF)	Citizens Advice

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 16/12/2025: SECAS (SG) noted that Robin Healey will return to a future meeting with an update on the paper classification approach with the SECAS Governance Team.	
Status: Open.	

3. SEC Modification Progression

DP309 'Housekeeping changes for SEC Section G – Security'

SECAS (GS) presented the Fast-track modification [DP309 'Housekeeping changes for SEC Section G – Security'](#) raised by Gordon Hextall on behalf of the Security Sub-Committee (SSC).

The Change Sub-Committee unanimously voted to approve DP309, concluding that it would better facilitate SEC Objective (g)¹.

SECAS (SG) confirmed that the modification will be implemented in the next available SEC version uplift, which is likely to be a Designation from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) in late January 2026. This is due to the need for the clarification to be introduced as soon as possible, to avoid any possible misunderstandings.

¹ facilitate the efficient and transparent administration and implementation of this Code.

Following this the CSC:

- **AGREED** that the issue and the impact DP309 is having is clearly defined and understood;
- **AGREED** DP309 should be converted to a Modification Proposal;
- **AGREED** that MP309 should be progressed as a Fast-Track modification
- **APPROVED** the Modification Report;
- **APPROVED** the implementation approach and;
- **APPROVED** MP309 as a Fast Track Modification.

DP310 'Trial Device Assurance Certificate'

SECAS (KH) presented an update on [DP310 'Trial Device Assurance Certificate'](#) which was also raised by Gordon Hextall on behalf of the Security Sub-Committee (SSC)..

SECAS (KH) outlined the proposed legal text changes under F21, F2.19 and F2.32. A Small Supplier (DD) commented that the legal text did not read correctly and queried whether a word was missing. The DCC (DW) proposed that it could be as simple as adding "is" or "has" to the legal text. An Other SEC Party (GB) agreed that the text was unclear and sought clarification of the modification's intent. SECAS (KH) clarified that the intention was to accept existing Zigbee Device Language Message Specification (DLMS) certificates where trial device models are based on existing Devices already on the Central Products List (CPL) and that F2.19 does not specify that new assurance certificates are required.

A Large Supplier (JB) then added that the missing word in the legal text was likely "is" and that it should be added to Section F2.19A before the wording "functionally equivalent" and another Large Supplier (DD) agreed. SECAS (SG) then queried whether this issue would be a blocker to proceeding to a vote and both Large Supplier (JB) and Small Supplier (DD) both confirmed that it was not a blocker provided the correction was made.

SECAS (KH) noted that they would make a note of the required change. The Change Sub-Committee unanimously voted to approve DP310, concluding that it would better facilitate SEC Objective (g)².

SECAS (SG) confirmed that the modification will be implemented in the February SEC Release, with the word change to the legal text to be made as identified.

Following this clarification the CSC:

- **AGREED** that the issue and the impact DP310 is having is clearly defined and understood;
- **AGREED** DP310 should be converted to a Modification Proposal;
- **AGREED** that MP310 should be progressed as a Fast-Track modification
- **APPROVED** the Modification Report;
- **APPROVED** the implementation approach and;
- **APPROVED** MP310 as a Fast Track Modification.

² To facilitate the efficient and transparent administration and implementation of this Code.

MP304 'Scheduling Services for SMETS1 Devices (SRV4.3)'

SECAS (SG) introduced [MP304 'Scheduling Services for SMETS1 Devices \(SRV 4.3\)'](#) a very high-priority modification raised by the DCC.

The DCC (DW) confirmed that a Full Impact Assessment had been submitted and that the numbers provided within the slides were up to date. SECAS (AB) then confirmed that the modification would go out to consultation immediately following Change Sub-Committee approval, with the deadline being 22 December 2025 and with an ad hoc Change Board vote set to take place on 23 December 2025. SECAS (AB) further added that the targeted implementation is November 2026.

The CSC:

- **AGREED** that MP304 should progress to the Report Phase;
- **APPROVED** the Modification Report and;
- **APPROVED** the implementation approach for MP304.

DP312 'Caching SRV 4.10 for SMETS1 Devices'

SECAS (AB) presented information on [DP312 'Caching SRV 4.10 for SMETS1 Devices'](#) which addresses a similar issue to MP304 'Scheduling Services for SMETS1 Devices (SRV4.3)'.

SECAS (AB) noted that the Security Sub-Committee (SSC) had no concerns about adding SRV 4.10 to the caching facility, although they generally preferred caching periods of no longer than 27 hours. SECAS (AB) also noted that the relevant Service Provider caches for 32 days, which is specifically called out in the legal text.

A Large Supplier (DD) queried why the legal text would be implemented in April 2026 when the system change would not take effect until April 2027. SECAS (AB) and the DCC (DW) clarified that the DCC could not start work at risk, therefore the legal text would specify that the change must be active by April 2027.

The CSC:

- **AGREED** that the issue and the impact DP312 is having is clearly defined and understood;
- **AGREED** DP312 should be converted to a Modification Proposal;
- **AGREED** that MP312 should be progressed to the Refinement Phase and;
- **APPROVED** the first package of work.

DP313 'Remove the DCC requirement to delete CHs from the SMI'

SECAS (SG) presented information on [DP313 'Remove the DCC requirement to delete CHs from the SMI'](#) raised by Joey Manners from Octopus Energy..

Small Supplier (DD) queried whether the modification would be tagged as an ad-hoc Release. SECAS (SG) clarified that this was not yet known but was likely, as the change is not system-

impacting. The DCC (DW) confirmed that the deletion is currently paused and that ad-hoc implementation may be appropriate.

The CSC:

- **AGREED** that the issue and the impact DP313 is having is clearly defined and understood;
- **AGREED** DP313 should be converted to a Modification Proposal and;
- **APPROVED** the first package of work and the timetable for MP313.

4. SEC Modification Timetables

SECAS (KH) provided an update on the timetables for Modification Proposals and noted that there are currently 36 active modifications and 5 on hold. SECAS (KH) summarised the high and very high priority modifications, including [MP169](#) (Managing the Consumer's Refusal of a Smart Meter Installation), [MP218](#) (Review of the SEC Charging Methodology), [MP255](#) (Issues During Smart Meter Installations), [MP293](#) (Deferment of DCC Planned Maintenance During Adverse Weather), [MP300](#) (Additional Operational Metrics) and [MP302](#) (Supplier Alert for ENOs).

A Large Supplier (JB), asked for a verbal update on [MP311 'Additional Out of Region Communications Hubs Amendments'](#), which had been presented to the Smart Energy Code (SEC) Panel that morning. SECAS (AB) confirmed that the SEC Panel had agreed to move MP311 to the Report Phase, with a five-Working-Day consultation closing at 11:00am on 22 December 2025 and an ad hoc Change Board vote on 23 December 2025. SECAS (AB) noted that the SEC Panel also decided to write to the DCC to seek clarification on how grey areas between regional boundaries would be managed.

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. A Large Supplier (JB) queried what was causing the latest delay to [MP242 'Change to Operational Metrics to Measure on Success'](#). SECAS (KH) confirmed that the delay was due to waiting for internal approval before the modification could go to the Operations Sub-Committee Group (OPSG) and that they would seek more specific reasoning.

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 February 2026 Release will include the following SEC Modifications;

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

- [MP310 'Trial Device Assurance Certificate'](#).

The June 2026 Release will include the legal text only for [MP289 'BCDR Engagement'](#) and the November 2026 Release will include Modification [MP304 'Scheduling Services for SMETS1 Devices \(SRV 4.3\)'](#).

SECAS (GS) also noted that [MP308 'Out of Region Communications Hubs'](#) was approved by the Authority on 3 December 2025 and implemented on 4 December 2025 and that [DP309 'Housekeeping changes for SEC Section G – Security'](#) (now MP309) is targeting an ad-hoc release in early 2026.

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

7. Consumer Consent Update

SECAS (LB) provided a verbal update on the Consumer Consent from the December Consumer Consent Implementation and Governance Working Group. SECAS (LB) noted that new terminology will be used in the Consumer Consent solution, with Data Users now referred to as Authorised Third Parties and Data Providers as Energy Data Providers. SECAS (LB) then described the end-to-end Consumer experience, which is designed to be Consumer-oriented and noted that some Other SEC Users had queried whether Authorised Third Parties should feature more prominently in the User experience.

SECAS (LB) also noted that Authorised Third Parties and Data Providers and Energy Data Providers will become Consumer Consent Solution users by signing up on the Retail Energy Code (REC) website and by completing an accreditation process. Additionally, SECAS (LB) also described the issue resolution process, where all data sharing arrangements are suspended during an investigation.

SECAS (LB) finally noted that the three working groups (Data Protection, Implementation and Governance and Technical Delivery) will be consolidated under a single general Working Group in the new year, meeting every six weeks, with ad hoc technical groups as needed.

The CSC **NOTED** the update.

8. Any other business (AOB)

There was no further business, and the Chair closed the meeting.

Next Meeting: 20 January 2026