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SEC Change Sub-Committee (CSC) Meeting 83_2001

20 January 2026, 10:00 – 11:00

Teleconference

SECCSC_83_2001 – Draft 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	Philip Doyle (PD)	Reverve Ltd
Other SEC Parties	Gerd Busker (GB)	Prescience
Network Parties	Kelly Kinsman (KK)	National Grid Electricity Distribution
Consumers	Caroline Farquhar (CF)	Citizens Advice

Other Participants		
DCC		
David Walsh (DW)		
Ofgem		
Shaun McRaith (SM)		Cristina Ullastre (CU)
Smart Energy Code Administrator and Secretariat (SECAS)		
Abi Obadan (AO) Meeting Secretary	Khaleda Hussain (KH)	Simon Grimwood (SG)
Georgie Severin (GS)		

Apologies:

Representing	CSC Members	Organisation
Other SEC Parties	Charlie Sands	My Fuse Energy

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 20/01/2026: The CSC Chair (AB) advised that Robin Healey (RH) continues to monitor paper classifications, with the intention of downgrading where appropriate. The CSC Chair (AB) noted that RH was not present to provide an update and confirmed the action would remain open until RH can attend a future meeting and confirm that the action can be closed. Status: Open.	

3. SEC Modification Progression

‘DP314 ‘Housekeeping Changes for February 2026 SEC Release’

SECAS (KH) presented a summary of DP314 ‘Housekeeping Changes for February 2026 SEC Release’ raised by the DCC and recommended that this be treated as a Fast-Track Modification. She confirmed that if CSC agreed then members would be required to vote on this item at this meeting. SECAS (KH) explained that the Smart Energy Code (SEC) contains minor typographical and grammatical errors and inconsistencies introduced by designations and other modifications, which could cause confusion or misinterpretation for Parties. SECAS (KH) further noted that the Proposed Solution is to correct these minor errors by updating the SEC.

A CSC member (DD) queried if the wording amended by SECAS was entirely new text in Section L1.1 or if it already existed in the SEC. SECAS (GS) responded that the content already exists in the SEC, but the Section currently reads as a single long sentence. The SEC Lawyer had proposed splitting Section L1.1 and separating the sentence by adding it under Section L1.1 (e) and splitting the legal text under (e) (i) and (ii) which would align it with legal text protocol and to improve clarity. The member (DD) acknowledged the rationale and the clarification and was happy to proceed on the basis that it was not a new section which was being added and rather it was a readjustment to the layout of the section.

Following this clarification the CSC Chair (AB) proceeded to a vote and the CSC unanimously:

- **AGREED** that the issue and the impact DP314 is having is clearly defined and understood;

- **AGREED** DP314 should be converted to a Modification Proposal;
- **APPROVED** the Modification Report;
- **APPROVED** the implementation approach and;
- **APPROVED** MP314 as a Fast Track Self-Governance Modification and that it would better facilitate SEC Objective (g)¹.

4. SEC Modification Timetables

SECAS (KH) provided an update on the timetables for Modification Proposals, providing an updated Prioritisation Matrix and summaries of high and very high priority modifications. SECAS (KH) noted 33 active modifications and five modifications on hold.

A CSC member (DD) queried whether, [MP169 'Managing the Consumer's refusal of a Smart Meter'](#) needed to go back to Working Group or what the next step would be following the Request for Information (RFI) responses. The CSC Chair (AB) clarified that it could return to the Working Group if members preferred but noted that many Parties were uncomfortable putting responses in writing and preferred their comments to be anonymous. The CSC Chair (AB) noted that SECAS had therefore not published RFI responses on the website and was working through how to summarise the feedback together into a solution, while discussing the issue with Ofgem and Department of Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ). The CSC Chair further noted that the topic is sensitive and not ready for discussion in an open forum.

The CSC Chair then proceed to offer to speak offline with members about MP169 if they had any further enquiries.

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 Delivery and the CSC **NOTED** the updates. SECAS (KH) also advised members if in there are any further items in the future which require delivery work by the DCC then to inform SECAS and SECAS will add these into the Post Decision Delivery item. Members noted this request.

6. SEC Releases Update

SECAS (GS) presented an update on the SEC Releases confirming that:

The February 2026 Release will include the following the approved SEC Modifications:

- [MP310 'Trial Device Assurance Certificate'](#) and targeted modifications;
- [MP303 'Aligning DCC Certificate processes with SMKI standards'](#) and;

¹ (g) To facilitate the efficient and transparent administration and implementation of this Code.

- DP314 now [MP314 'Housekeeping Changes for February 2026 SEC Release'](#).

The June 2026 Release is expected to include targeted modifications:

- [MP289 'BCDR Engagement'](#) and;
- [MP313 'Remove the DCC requirement to delete CHs from the SMI'](#)

The November 2026 Release will include approved modification:

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

A CSC member (DD) queried whether modifications associated with Future Service Management (FSM) would need to return through the modification process when FSM goes live. SECAS (GS) outlined that [MP239 'Enduring Solution for Resolving SMETS2 Device Certificate Misalignment Issue'](#) and [MP252 'Amending the process for Communications Hub returns'](#) had already been implemented, with FSM affecting the way the functionality is used going forward. The DCC (DW) confirmed this and noted that once FSM goes live, Parties will move to using FSM functionality. In addition to this, the DCC (DW) further clarified that there would be no requirement to go back to Change Board or a repeat of the modification process.

The CSC Chair (AB) noted that [MP137 'Sharing information on Defects and Issues'](#) remains open and is dependent on whether business requirements are delivered in FSM. The DCC (DW) advised that the CSC Chair (AB) was monitoring the progress of this modification. The CSC Chair (AB) noted that she had been assured that the business requirements were included within the FSM programme but had not seen confirmation and would investigate this further. The CSC member (DD) then queried whether MP137 might need to go through the modification process if FSM does not deliver the required functionality. The CSC Chair confirmed that this action may be needed if the functionality has not been included in FSM and noted that they would return to a future CSC meeting with an update.

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

7. June 2026 SEC Release Baseline

SECAS (GS) presented the approved modifications for the June 2026 SEC Release.

A CSC member (EJ) noted that the SECAS website still stated that [MP235 'Enhanced Meter Data Access for Other Users'](#) would be part of the June Release and the CSC Chair (AB) confirmed this would be amended.

The member (EJ) then queried why [MP313 'Remove the DCC requirement to delete CHs from the SMI'](#) could not be delivered sooner than June 2026 and expressed concern about the risk of further deletions of Communications Hubs. A member (DD) responded and noted that there was no ongoing risk of further deletions because the functionality was currently turned off and that the

DCC had been told not to turn it back on. They further added that the modification was to ensure the functionality permanently remained turned off.

The CSC **AGREED** that the June 2026 SEC Release should go ahead and the CSC **NOTED** the update.

8. New Prioritisation SDS Statement

The CSC Chair (AB) introduced Ofgem's move toward a new prioritisation approach aligned with the Strategic Direction Statements (SDS) and explained the current SECAS prioritisation methodology (including weighting) and the potential move to SDS-based scoring.

A CSC member (EL) queried whether the acronym "SMART" (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Time-bound) was being used and the Chair clarified that it should not be capitalised as it refers to smart metering rollout and retail operations. The member (EL) then noted that applying criteria that did not naturally fit (for example for housekeeping updates) could force artificial scoring.

A CSC member (CF) noted that Citizens Advice's response to Ofgem's prioritisation consultation emphasised that there must be capacity for standard modifications to progress in a timely manner and that it was not appropriate for only high priority items to proceed because standard items may still be important for particular groups of Consumers or Parties.

A CSC member (EJ) then queried whether Parties could challenge prioritisation decisions if they disagreed and the CSC Chair (AB) noted that they could not. The member (EJ) then highlighted that this would place significant responsibility on CSC decisions and noted the approach could reduce the ability to apply common sense where proposals may not score highly based on these strict criteria but could obviously be important. The CSC Chair (AB) responded noting that urgency could potentially be reflected through the complexity and importance criteria but noted that they were uncertain on how the calculation approach would be applied given Ofgem's stated position on preferring no differential weighting.

The DCC (DW) suggested that 'proximity to release' should be included within the Complexity criteria and the CSC Chair (AB) clarified that this was captured within the 'Length of implementation' description. The DCC (DW) noted that this was a complicated way of expressing the concept and the CSC Chair (AB) noted this concern.

The CSC Chair (AB) then asked Ofgem to confirm the implementation timeline and Ofgem (CU) confirmed that Ofgem were looking to implement the approach in April 2026. The CSC Chair (AB) then noted that SECAS would be expected to be asked to reassess existing modifications by April 2026 and indicated that SECAS required more time due to the engagement that would be required with Proposers. She noted that SECCo had pushed back on this in its response to the Ofgem Consultation. Ofgem (CU) confirmed that they would pass this feedback on to Ofgem's Code Reform Team.

The CSC **NOTED** the update.

9. Elections Update

SECAS (AO) provided an overview of the CSC elections process, confirming that the current term ends on 31 March 2026, with a call for nominations commencing on 3 February 2026. SECAS (AO) noted that a vote would be required if more than one nomination is received per vacancy.

The CSC Chair (AB) asked the Large Supplier (EL) and Network Party (KK) to consider re-nominating themselves.

The CSC **NOTED** the update.

10. AOB

Ofgem (CU) advised that the CSC 83 meeting was their last meeting as they were leaving Ofgem's industry Codes team and that another colleague would attend initially until a replacement is appointed. They further noted that details would be provided to the CSC Chair (AB). Ofgem (SM) confirmed that they would remain and the CSC Chair (AB) thanked Ofgem (CU) for their contributions.

Next Meeting: 17 February 2026