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SEC Change Sub-Committee Meeting 88_1606

16 June 2026, 10:00 – 11:50

Teleconference

SECCSC_88_1606 – Draft Minutes

Attendees:

Representing	CSC Members	Organisation
Change Sub-Committee Chair	Simon Grimwood (SG)	Change Sub-Committee Chair
Large Suppliers	Emma Johnson (EJ)	British Gas
Large Suppliers	Emslie Law (EL)	OVO
Small Suppliers	Daniel Davies (DD)	ESG Global
Network Parties	Kirsty Maddock (KK) (<i>Alternate for Kelly Kinsman</i>)	National Grid Electricity Distribution
Other SEC Parties	Philip Doyle (PD)	Reverve Ltd
Other SEC Parties	Jonathan Lishawa (JL) (<i>Alternate for Gerd Busker</i>)	Prescience
Other SEC Parties	Philip Doyle (PD)	Reverve Ltd
Consumers	Caroline Farquhar (CF)	Citizens Advice

Other Participants		
DCC		
Bradley Baker (BB)	David Walsh (DW)	
Waseem Fazal (WF)	David Rollason (DR)	
Ofgem		
Shaun McRaith (SMc)		
DESNZ		
Rachel Allen (RA)		
SECAS		
Rainer Lischetzki (RL)	Tom Rothery (TR)	
The SEC Change Team		
Abi Obadan (AO) Meeting Secretary	Khaleda Hussain (KH)	Marc Rhodes (MR)
Georgie Severin (GS)	Talia Lattimore (TL)	

Apologies:

Representing	CSC Members	Organisation
Other SEC Parties	Gerd Busker (GB)	Prescience
Other SEC Parties	Charlie Sands	Fuse Energy
Network Parties	Kelly Kinsman (KK)	National Grid Electricity Distribution

1. Welcome and Introductions & Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The Chair welcomed members to the CSC meeting.

The SEC Change Team 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 16/06/2026: The Change Sub-Committee (CSC) agreed that this action should remain open. Status: Open.	
86/01	The SEC Change Team to discuss whether an urgent modification should be raised following further discussions of MP308 and MP311.
DCC concluded that the proposed extension to the deadline would not be going ahead. Meeting Update 16/06/2026: The CSC Chair (SG) noted that the DCC had concluded that the proposed extension to deadlines associated with MP308 and MP311 would not proceed. The CSC therefore agreed that this action be closed. Status: Closed.	
87/01	The SEC Change Team to review the proposed amendments to DP322 and return to a future CSC meeting with the revised amendments.
The SEC Change team are working with the DCC to make amends to the proposed legal text prior to returning to the CSC. Meeting Update 16/06/2026: The CSC Chair (SG) confirmed that discussions with the DCC regarding amendments to DP322 were ongoing. However, it was noted that updates could not be finalised in time for this meeting and the modification would no longer proceed as a fast-track June modification. It was therefore agreed that this action remains open to be addressed at a future meeting. Status: Open.	

Action Reference	Action
87/02	The SEC Change Team to return to a future CSC meeting with further clarification on the cost vs business case for MP085B.
The SEC Change team are working with industry to ascertain updates on expected Device Firmware updates. Meeting Update 16/06/2026: The CSC Chair (SG) confirmed that work to clarify the cost versus business case for MP085B remains ongoing, with further updates to be provided at a future meeting. Status: Open.	
87/03	The SEC Change Team to confirm the delivery of FSM-dependent modifications following FSM implementation.
The SEC Change team are working with the DCC and Proposers to establish whether FSM has resolved the issue of the Proposal. Meeting Update 16/06/2026: The CSC Chair (SG) confirmed that engagement with the DCC and Proposers was ongoing to determine whether Future Service Management (FSM) functionality has resolved the issues raised by the relevant modifications. Status: Open.	

3. SEC Modification Progression

MP318 'Incorporation of Category 3 Issue Resolution Proposal into the SEC – Batch 12 and GBCS Changes'

The SEC Change Team (MR) introduced [MP318 'Incorporation of Category 3 Issue Resolution Proposal into the SEC – Batch 12 and GBCS Changes'](#) outlining that the issue relates to duplicate Unique Transaction Reference Numbers (UTRN) submissions where messages are not sent to Suppliers or Prepayment Meter Interface Devices (PPMIDs) when duplicates are detected, resulting in a poor consumer experience. MR explained that the proposed solution is to amend the Great Britain Companion Specification (GBCS) wording to ensure that messaging behaviour is clarified.

The DCC (BB) advised that contrary to earlier expectations, the modification could no longer be delivered within the November 2026 Smart Energy Code (SEC) Release due to testing already being underway. The CSC Chair (SG) confirmed that the implementation would instead be progressed through an Ad hoc SEC Release.

The CSC:

- **AGREED** that MP318 should be progressed to the Report Phase;
- **APPROVED** the Modification Report and;
- **APPROVED** the implementation approach.

DP323 'Introduction of DCC Charging Arrangement Notice Periods'

The SEC Change Team (GS) presented [DP323 'Introduction of DCC Charging Arrangement Notice Periods'](#) noting that while DCC Charging Methodology is understood, there is currently no defined notice period within SEC Section K 'Charging Methodology' for changes to charging arrangements. GS further noted that this creates uncertainty for Parties, particularly for Distribution Network Operators (DNO),

who must set charges based on assumptions where charging information is not available in a timely manner.

A CSC Member (EL) acknowledged the need for the modification but raised concerns regarding the DCC changing their Charging Methodology for the first time. He highlighted that the changes are subject to external regulatory influences such as Ofgem and the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ). GS acknowledged this concern and confirmed that engagement with the DCC had already taken place and this modification would be presented at the next relevant Finance Sub-Committee meeting.

The CSC:

- **AGREED** that the issue and the impact DP323 is having is clearly defined and understood;
- **AGREED** that DP323 should be converted to a Modification Proposal;
- **AGREED** that MP323 should be progressed to the Refinement Process and;
- **APPROVED** the first package of work and the timetable for MP323.

DP324 'Legacy Communication Hub Returns'

The SEC Change Team (TL) presented [DP324 'Legacy Communication Hub Returns'](#) outlining that current SEC obligations require the DCC to maintain availability of legacy Communication Hubs (CH), which are Long-Range Radio (LRR), 2G and 3G Devices under this Modification, despite declining demand and a shift toward 4G. TL noted that this results in inefficiencies, including unnecessary storage and manufacturing readiness and that the upcoming 4G rollout is expected to significantly increase the volume of returns further exacerbating the issue.

A CSC Member (EL) raised concerns regarding the use of the term "legacy", noting that it may cause confusion within the industry, as it is commonly understood as referring to non-Smart technologies rather than pre-4G CHs. The DCC (DR) acknowledged that this terminology had been used internally and agreed that it would be reconsidered to avoid confusion.

The CSC:

- **AGREED** that the issue and the impact DP324 is having is clearly defined and understood;
- **AGREED** that DP324 should be converted to a Modification Proposal;
- **AGREED** that MP324 should be progressed to the Refinement Process and;
- **APPROVED** the first package of work and the timetable for MP324.

DP325 'SMCL2 Code Changes'

The CSC Chair (SG) presented [DP325 'SMCL2 Code Changes'](#), noting that the SEC currently does not account for the implementation of the new DCC licence (SMCL2), as it assumes a single continuous Communications Provider. SG further noted that implementation of SMCL2 requires updates to charging, invoicing and payment flows, as well as amendments to SEC documentation and terminology. SECAS (TR) noted that they were supporting the DCC from a regulatory perspective and confirmed their involvement as DCC2 regulatory lead.

SG further clarified that the modification would be progressed at pace to meet the November 2026 deadline.

The CSC:

- **AGREED** that the issue and the impact DP325 is having is clearly defined and understood;
- **AGREED** that DP325 should be converted to a Modification Proposal;
- **AGREED** that MP325 should be progressed to the Refinement Process and;
- **APPROVED** the first package of work and the timetable for MP325.

4. SEC Modification Timetables

The SEC Change Team (KH) presented the latest view of the SEC modification timetables, highlighting both active and on-hold modifications.

KH confirmed that the original report date for [MP281 'Install Codes in the SMI'](#) had been moved from June 2026 to November 2026, due to FSM solutions being favoured over Smart Metering Infrastructure (SMI) alternatives.

The CSC **NOTED** the update and **AGREED** the amended decision dates.

5. SEC Releases Update

The SEC Change Team (GS) provided an update on the SEC Releases.

The SEC Modifications affected by the implementation of Future Service (FSM) are:

- [MP137 'Sharing information on Defects and Issues'](#);
- [MP239 'Enduring Solution for Resolving SMETS2 Device Certificate Misalignment Issue'](#) and;
- [MP252 'Amending the process for Communications Hub returns'](#).

A CSC Member (EJ) raised concerns noting that it was mid-June and clarity had not yet been provided on whether FSM had resolved relevant modifications. The CSC Chair (SG) confirmed that demonstrations of DCC solutions were being arranged with Proposers in order to validate outcomes before formally closing modifications.

The June 2026 Release will include:

- [MP289 'BCDR Engagement'](#)

The November 2026 Release will include:

- [MP304 'Scheduling Services for SMETS1 Devices \(SRV 4.3\)'](#) and;
- [MP316 'DUIS SRV12.2 Pre-Notification of CHF Ambiguity'](#) and will target;
- [MP301 'Review of Additional Registration Data \(Gas Transporters\)'](#) and;

A CSC member (EJ) also queried the status of [MP169 'Managing the Consumer's refusal of a Smart Meter'](#), which remained listed against the November 2026 Release on the SEC website. SG confirmed that the SEC Change Team would follow up with EJ offline.

GS also noted that [MP281 'Install Codes in the SMI'](#) and [MP293 'Deferment of DCC Planned Maintenance during Adverse Weather'](#) were removed from the scope of the November 2026 SEC Release following discussions at the May 2026 Change Sub-Committee meeting.

The Ad hoc 2026 Releases will include;

- [MP234 'Addition of Public Task and Legitimate Interests into the SEC'](#)
- [MP241 'Interoperability Checker Update'](#)
- [MP312 'Caching SRV 4.10 for SMETS1 Devices'](#)
- [DP315 'Dual running of DCC Smart Meter Communication Licence'](#)
- [MP317 'SMETS1 FOC ANSO implementation housekeeping changes'](#)

GS noted that there currently are no modifications slated to be included in SEC Releases in February and June 2027.

The CSC **NOTED** the SEC Releases update.

6. June Release Go/No-Go

The SEC Change Team (GS) confirmed that [MP289 'BCDR Engagement'](#) was the sole modification included within the June 2026 Release.

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

7. Any Other Business (AOB)

A CSC Member (EJ) queried whether an updated position on high priority modifications particularly [MP218 'Review of the SEC Charging Methodology'](#), had been formally confirmed following the reprioritisation discussions at previous CSC meetings. The CSC Chair (SG) acknowledged that this had not been clearly reflected and confirmed that the prioritisation would be reviewed and corrected, including updates to published materials where appropriate.

EJ also queried what plans were in place to progress [MP094 'Supporting prepayment customers in no SM WAN scenarios'](#), noting that it remained on hold. SG confirmed that a detailed handover had been provided by the previous CSC Chair and that progression of this modification is planned.

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

Next Meeting: 21 July 2026