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'Housekeeping for November 2025 SEC Release'

Modification Report

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About this document

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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1. Summary

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.

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 Self-Governance modification.

2. Issue

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.

What is the issue?

Any errors identified within the SEC make SEC documents harder to interpret and potentially lead to confusion or misunderstanding.

What is the impact this is having?

If these corrections are not resolved, the SEC Documents will contain inconsistencies. Leaving these in could cause confusion for Parties when reading these documents and increases the chances 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 Documents.

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.

Further detail about the Parties this Draft Proposal may impact will be identified as further errors and inconsistencies are identified.

DCC System

This modification does not impact the Data Communications Company (DCC) Systems.

SEC and subsidiary documents

The following parts of the SEC will be impacted:

- TBC

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

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

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.

7. Case for change

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)[1] 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.

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.

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

Appendix 1: Progression timetable

Timetable	
Event/Action	**Date**
Draft Proposal raised	4 Jul 2025
Presented to CSC for initial comment	15 Jul 2025
CSC converted Draft Proposal to Modification Proposal	15 Jul 2025
Modification Report approved by CSC	*16 Sep 2025*
Modification Report Consultation	*22 Sep 2025 - 10 Oct 2025*
Change Board Vote	*22 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
SEC	Smart Energy Code
SECAS	Smart Energy Code Administrator and Secretariat