SEC
Smart Energy Code

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DP314
'Housekeeping Changes for February 2026 SEC Release'

Modification Report

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About this document

This document is a draft 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.

Contents

This document also has one annex:

- **Annex A** contains the redlined changes to the Smart Energy Code (SEC) required to deliver the Proposed Solution.

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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 notified to SECAS are placed on the log and are amended at an appropriate point. The Proposed Solution to this modification aims to address all the outstanding issues that are currently identified on the log, and any identified and notified to SECAS while the modification is in progress.

This modification will have no direct impacts on 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. Implementation is targeted for the February 2026 SEC Release. This is a Fast-Track Modification.

2. Issue

What are the current arrangements?

The current SEC Documents have some minor errors which were either in the SEC from inception or introduced via various changes over the years since it was created. SECAS maintains a log of these errors, which are either identified by SECAS or notified to SECAS by other parties.

What is the issue?

These errors make the document harder to understand and potentially leading to confusion or misinterpretation. The housekeeping changes are listed below along with the specific amendments that are needed in this modification:

Summary of error	Sections affected	Proposed change
Presence of *and* where unnecessary	SEC Section G 8.3	Deleting of the word 'and'
Presence of *those* where unnecessary	SEC Section H8.17	Remove unnecessary wording.
Crowding of requirements where sub-paragraphs should be added.	SEC Section J4.8 and J4.9	De-capitalising affected sub-paragraph.
Presence of *and* where unnecessary and adding of section e	SEC Section L14.7(e)	Remove unnecessary working and adding of Section L1.1 e (i) and (ii)

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What is the impact this is having?

If these corrections are not resolved, the SEC Documents will contain inconsistencies. Although these are only typographical errors, cosmetic and other inconsistencies, omissions and other clarifications, leaving these in could cause confusion for Parties when reading these documents.

If these errors remain, it could make it harder for Parties to comply with these documents and make the documents in question harder to maintain, increasing the chance 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.

The redlined changes to the SEC required to deliver the Proposed Solution can be found in Annex A.

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 the SEC Documents will have greater clarity and transparency.

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:

- Section G 'Security'
- Section H 'DCC Services'
- Section J 'Payment of Charges'
- Section L 'Smart Metering Key Infrastructure and DCC Key Infrastructure'

The changes to the SEC required to deliver the Proposed Solution can be found in Annex A.

Technical specification versions

This modification does not include any technical specifications.

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. Implementation approach

Recommended implementation approach

SECAS is recommending an implementation date of:

- **26 February 2026** (February 2026 SEC Release) if a decision to approve is received on or before 13 February 2026
- **Ad hoc SEC Release** if a decision to approve is received after 13 February 2026

The modification needs to be implemented as soon as reasonably practicable to clarify any ambiguities. The February 2026 SEC release is next scheduled release this modification could be implemented in.

As this is a Fast Track Self Governance Modification the Change Sub-Committee will be asked to vote to approve on 20 January 2026.

7. Case for change

Business case

This modification will only incur the costs for SECAS time and effort and will address multiple inconsistencies and points of potential confusion or misinterpretation.

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.

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

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 multiple inconsistencies and points of potential confusion or misinterpretation. There are no DCC costs and only a minimal SECAS cost to implement.

Appendix 1: Progression timetable

Timetable	
Event/Action	**Date**
Draft Proposal raised	13 Jan 2026
Presented to CSC for initial comment	*20 Jan 2026*
CSC converted Draft Proposal to Modification Proposal	*20 Jan 2026*
Modification Report approved by CSC as Fast Track	*20 Jan 2026*

Italics denote planned events that could be subject to change

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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**
DCC	Data Communications Company
SEC	Smart Energy Code
SECAS	Smart Energy Code Administrator and Secretariat