DP317 'SMETS1 FOC ANSO implementation housekeeping changes'

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.

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 Bradley Baker from the Data Communications Company (DCC).

The DCC has carried out a competitive re-procurement of the Smart Metering Technical Specifications 1 (SMETS1) Final Operating Capability (FOC) Application, Network, Security and Operations (ANSO) service provision. In order to reflect the change in Service Provider, the DCC has identified references in SEC Appendix AP2 'FOC S1SPKI Certificate Policy' that require updating.

This modification will have no direct impacts on SEC Parties but will ensure SEC documentation remains up to date. Implementation costs are limited to SEC Change team time and effort to update the SEC. Implementation is targeted for an Ad hoc SEC Release on 18 October 2026 to coincide with the contract changes. This is a Fast-Track Modification.

2. Issue

What are the current arrangements?

The ANSO service provision is an essential element supporting the FOC cohort within the SMETS1 service. The FOC ANSO Service Provider currently provide the hosting, associated infrastructure, and service management wrapper for FOC's software application, making it a critical part of the DCC's operations.

The DCC has recently completed a competitive re-procurement for the FOC ANSO services. This exercise resulted in this contract being awarded to a new Service Provider.

What is the issue?

SEC Appendix AP2 'FOC S1SPKI Certificate Policy' contains six references to the current FOC ANSO Service Provider. Following the completion of the DCC's competitive re-procurement and selection of a new Service Provider, these references will need to be updated following the go-live date of the new contract (18 October 2026) to ensure the SEC remains up to date.

What is the impact this is having?

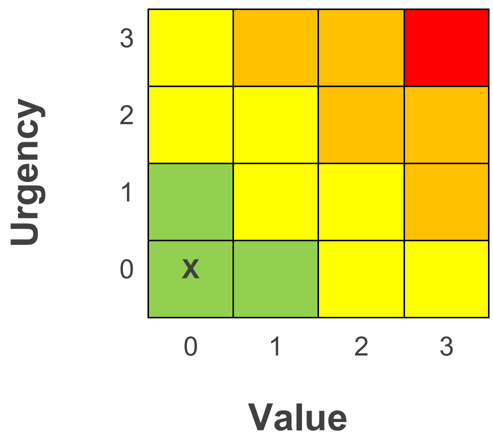
If the references within SEC Appendix AP2 are not updated, the SEC will contain several inaccuracies.

Impact on consumers

There is no impact on consumers.

What is the priority of this modification?

This modification has a priority score of low This rating is based on the following factors:



As this is a housekeeping modification to update references within the SEC it has a low priority but is also easily progressed and unlikely to be time-consuming.

Please refer to Appendix 3 for a full breakdown of how the priority score was calculated.

3. Solution

Proposed Solution

The Proposed Solution is to update the references to the existing ANSO FOC Service Provider within SEC Appendix AP2 to the new Service Provider at the point the contract comes into effect. These changes are shown 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

Breakdown of Other SEC Party types impacted			
	Shared Resource Providers		Meter Installers
	Device Manufacturers		Flexibility Providers
	DCC Other Users		MAPs/ MAMs

This modification will not impact SEC Parties as it is a housekeeping change to update references to the DCC Service Provider that will be providing the SMETS1 FOC ANSO service moving forward.

DCC Systems

DCC System changes

There are no impacts on DCC Systems.

DCC System traffic

There is no impact on DCC System traffic.

SEC and subsidiary documents

The following parts of the SEC will be impacted:

- Appendix AP2 ‘FOC S1SPKI Certificate Policy’

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

Consumers

This modification has no impact on consumers.

Other industry Codes

This modification has no impact on any other Codes.

Greenhouse gas emissions

This modification has no impact on greenhouse gas emissions.

5. Costs

DCC costs

The DCC will not incur any costs in implementing this modification.

SECAS costs

The estimated SEC Change team implementation costs to implement this as a stand-alone modification is one day of effort, amounting to approximately £600. 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

SEC Parties will not incur any costs.

6. Implementation approach

Recommended implementation approach

SECAS is recommending an implementation date of:

- **18 October 2026** (Ad hoc SEC Release) if a decision to approve is received on or before 30 September 2026; or
- **Ad hoc** SEC Release if a decision to approve is received after 30 September 2026.

The implementation has been scheduled to coincide with the contract go-live.

7. Case for change

Business case

Approval of the modification

Approval of this modification will ensure that SEC Appendix AP2 is up to date.

Against approval of the modification

Rejecting this modification will mean that SEC Appendix AP2 is inaccurate and contain out of date references to a previous Service Provider.

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 ensure the SEC is up to date in relation to FOC ANSO Service Provider re-procurement.

[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 is a housekeeping change to update references within the SEC and ensure the SEC documentation is accurate and up to date.

Appendix 1: Progression timetable

Timetable	
Event/Action	**Date**
Draft Proposal raised	10 Mar 2026
CSC converts Draft Proposal to Modification Proposal	17 Mar 2026
CSC Vote	17 Mar 2026

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**
ANSO	Application, Network, Security and Operations
DCC	Data Communications Company
FOC	Final Operating Capability
SEC	Smart Energy Code
SECAS	Smart Energy Code Administrator and Secretariat
SMETS1	Smart Metering Equipment Technical Specifications 1

Appendix 3: Prioritisation Matrix

Prioritisation Matrix[2]							
Legal & regulatory compliance[i]	**Operational performance[ii]**	**Cost benefit[iii]**	**Consumer impact[iv]**	**Security impacts[v]**	**Value**	**Urgency**	**Priority**
1	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**Low**

As this is just a housekeeping modification to update references within the SEC it has a low priority but is also easily progressed and unlikely to be time-consuming.

[i] Ensure that Parties (including the DCC) meet the obligations of all relevant laws, regulations and licence obligations
[ii] Deliver performance improvements enhancing speed, quality, costs, flexibility and dependability
[iii] Realise financial benefits compared to the cost of the change and the impact of doing nothing
[iv] Meet or enhance consumer and end user needs and expectations through offering better services
[v] Deliver or enhance the smart metering security arrangements or reduce the risk of a security incident arising

[2] The impact or improvement in each area is measured on a 0-1-2-3 rating system, where 0 is equal to no expected impact or improvement and 3 is equal to a major expected impact or improvement.