DP322

'June 2026 SEC Release 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 Richard Harvey from the Data Communications Company (DCC).

The SEC Change team maintain 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 the SEC Change team 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. The issues identified as part of this modification impact SEC Section F 'Smart Metering System requirements' and SEC Appendix AP1 'Secure S1SPKI Certificate Policy'.

This modification will have no direct impacts on any SEC Parties but will give greater clarity and transparency to the SEC. Implementation costs are limited to SEC Change team time and effort to update the SEC. Implementation is targeted for the June 2026 SEC Release. This is a Self-Governance modification.

2. Issue

What are the current arrangements?

When the Certificate Policy was first published ready for Schema approval, it was not known how long the Certificate approval would continue to issue certificates for. As this service is no longer issuing Device Certificates this means that the Certificate Policy requirement to re-key the Smart Meter System Operator (SMSO) Transport Layer Security (TLS) and the Key Management Services (KMS) certificates at the end of the five-year validity period is no longer necessary.

What is the issue?

The SEC Appendix AP1 'Secure S1SPKI Certificate Policy' currently states the SMSO TLS End Entity Certificates are valid to operate for five years from date of creation.

What is the impact this is having?

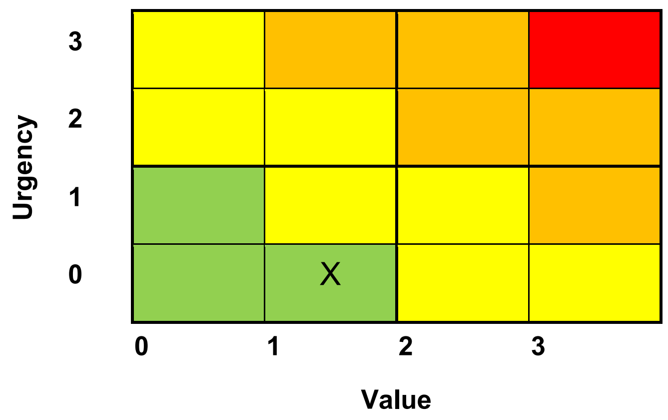
If the Certificate Policy is not updated the DCC will continue to fail the Schema audits as the Certificate Policy will not match the current reality of how or why the Certificates are no longer monitored or issued. If these corrections are not resolved, the SEC will contain inconsistencies.

Impact on consumers

The identified errors do not impact consumers.

What is the priority of this Modification?

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



These scores have been allocated based on the below factors:

- The Proposed Solution would provide clarity to the requirements within SEC causing less confusion and ambiguity.

3. Solution

Proposed Solution

The Proposed Solution is to correct the errors and inconsistencies identified in the SEC through implementation of text only changes.

The proposed legal text changes 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 errors and inconsistencies within the SEC will be addressed and corrected.

DCC System

This modification does not impact the DCC Systems.

SEC and subsidiary documents

The following parts of the SEC will be impacted:

- SEC Section F 'Smart Metering System Requirements'
- SEC Appendix AP1 'Secure S1SPKI Certificate Policy'

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 SEC Change team implementation costs 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

The SEC Change team is recommending an implementation date of:

- **25 June 2026** (June 2026 SEC Release) if a decision to approve is received on or before 11 June 2026; or
- **ad hoc SEC Release** ten Working Days after decision if a decision to approve it received after 11 June 2026.

The June 2026 SEC Release is next viable SEC Release in which to aim for implementation.

7. Case for change

Business case

This modification will only incur the costs for SEC Change team 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 misinterpretation.

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.

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

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 SEC Change team cost to implement.

Appendix 1: Progression timetable

Timetable	
Event/Action	**Date**
Draft Proposal raised	12 May 2026
Presented to CSC for initial comment	*19 May 2026*
CSC converted Draft Proposal to Modification Proposal	*19 May 2026*
Modification Report approved by CSC Fast-Track	*19 May Apr 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**
CSC	Change Sub-Committee
DCC	Data Communications Company
SEC	Smart Energy Code
SECAS	Smart Energy Code Administrator and Secretariat