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SEC Release Implementation Document

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About this document

This document is a Smart Energy Code (SEC) Release Implementation Document (RID). It summarises the scope of the SEC Release, the impacts it will have, the timeline and testing strategy, the central costs that will be incurred, and the acceptance criteria for this release.

This document will be updated periodically as the release develops.

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1. Scope

Approved Modification Proposals

The following Modification Proposals have been approved for inclusion in this release:

Targeted Modification Proposals

The following Modification Proposals will be included in this release if a decision to approve is received by the respective cut-off dates:

- [MP303 'Aligning DCC Certificate processes with SMKI standards'](#) proposes to amend four SEC documents to accurately reflect existing DCC Device Certificate validation processes within the SEC.
- [MP310 'Trial Device Assurance Certificate'](#) proposes to clarify SEC Section F 'Smart Metering Systems Requirements' through text-only changes, while a temporary workaround using Letters of Authority for existing ZigBee Certificates has been agreed to prevent trial delays.
- [MP314 'Housekeeping changes for February 2026 SEC Release'](#) proposes to correct the minor errors and inconsistencies identified in the SEC Documents.

DCC Change Requests

There are no DCC Change Requests planned to be implemented alongside this SEC Release.

2. Impacts

This section lists the impacts that the changes will have on participants and their systems, SEC documents and other industry codes. This section assumes all targeted modifications will be approved for inclusion in this release.

SEC Party and DCC impacts

Participant impact matrix					
Modification	Suppliers	Electricity Networks	Gas Networks	Other SEC Parties	DCC
MP303					✓
MP310	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
MP314	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

The impacts on the different participants are summarised below. The business requirements for each Modification Proposal are annexed to the Modification Reports for each modification, which are available on the corresponding modifications' webpages.

SEC Party impacts	
Participant	Summary of impacts
All SEC Parties	(MP310) All SEC Parties will be positively impacted by this modification as it will prevent delays to the Trial Device Models. (MP314) All SEC Parties will be positively impacted by this modification as the minor errors will be corrected, improving clarity of the affected SEC documents.
DCC	(MP303) will impact the DCC positively as it will align the legal text in four SEC documents with existing processes.

DCC impacts	
Area impacted	Summary of impacts
Report Generation	N/A
Operational	N/A
Testing	N/A
Governance	N/A

SECAS impacts

SECAS will need to make the updates to the SEC to implement the modifications approved for this release.

SEC document impacts

The following SEC documents will be updated in this release:

- Section F 'Smart Metering Systems Requirements'
- Section G 'Security'
- Section H 'DCC Services'
- Section J 'Payment of Charges'
- Section L 'Smart Metering Key Infrastructure and DCC Key Infrastructure'
- Appendix A 'Device Certificate Policy'
- Appendix B 'Organisation Certificate Policy'
- Appendix M 'SMKI Interface Design Specification'
- Appendix T 'DCCKI Interface Design Specification'

Each of these documents is affected by the following modifications:

SEC document impact matrix			
Document	MP303	MP310	MP314
Section F		✓	

SEC document impact matrix			
Document	MP303	MP310	MP314
Section G			✓
Section H			✓
Section J			✓
Section L			✓
Appendix A	✓		
Appendix B	✓		
Appendix M	✓		
Appendix T	✓		

The proposed changes to each document are annexed to the Modification Reports for each modification. These are available on the corresponding modifications' webpages.

Other code impacts

No other Codes are impacted by this release.

3. Implementation timeline

This section lists the planned timeline for the implementation of this release.

Release implementation timetable		
Date	Event	Notes
18 Nov 2025	Change Sub-Committee (CSC) baselines RID	The CSC will review the RID and baseline the document.
11 Feb 2026	Operations Group (OPSG) reviews status against the operational acceptance criteria	The OPSG will provide a recommendation to the CSC on whether the release should be implemented as planned. <i>Preliminary reviews of progress will be scheduled across preceding meetings.</i>
17 Feb 2026	CSC go/no-go decision	The CSC will review the status of the release against the acceptance criteria and will determine if the release should be implemented as planned.
26 Feb 2026	Release go-live	The changes are implemented.

4. Test strategy

This release will not impact the DCC Systems and so will not require any Pre-Integration Testing (PIT), Systems Integration Testing (SIT) or User Integration Testing (UIT).

There are no User testing impacts for this release.

5. Costs

This section summarises the costs that will be incurred by the DCC and SECAS in implementing this release.

DCC costs

Breakdown of DCC implementation costs						
Modification	Design, Build & PIT	Additional Cloud Infrastructure	Power BI Report Build (5 Months)	DCC Test Assurance	Penetration Testing	DCC User Acceptance Testing (4 Weeks)
MP303	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
MP310	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
MP314	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

SECAS costs

SECAS will incur two and a half days of effort, equating to around £1,500, to update and implement the changes to the SEC. SECAS estimates a maximum of six days of effort, equating to around £3,600, will be needed for project management of the release. This cost has already been accounted for in the SECAS budget, and so Parties will not incur any additional costs.

6. Acceptance criteria

The following criteria will need to be met before the release can go live.

Prior to go-live, OPSG will review the status of the release against these criteria. It will provide a recommendation to the CSC on whether to implement the release as planned. The CSC will review this recommendation and will determine then if the release should or shouldn't be implemented as planned.

Operational acceptance criteria

1. The DCC has brought to readiness all the new and changed components needed to provide the new services. This will include completing the service design and proving the service operations capability.
2. The DCC has demonstrated that all pre-existing services will be stable in the run-up to deployment of the release.
3. The DCC has proven that the new services can be operated alongside, and integrated with, the existing services.
4. The DCC has assessed the risk posed by existing problems and defects in the existing live service, and the implications these will have for the revised service.

5. The DCC has assessed and addressed the impact on Users arising from any issues, defects or workarounds within the new services.
6. The DCC has demonstrated that lessons learnt from previous SEC Releases and other DCC changes have been taken on board.
7. The DCC has demonstrated there will be no detrimental impact on consumers' experience.
8. The DCC has completed assurance of the Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery processes.
9. SECAS will be ready to implement the approved changes to the SEC on the agreed implementation date.
10. SECAS has brought to readiness all the new and changed components that it is responsible for that are needed to support the new services.

Appendix 1: Version control

Document history		
Version	Date	Changes
0.1	11 Nov 2025	First draft presented to the CSC.
1.0	18 Nov 2025	Scope of the Release baselined by the CSC.
2.0	5 February 2026	Addition of MP303, MP310 and MP314 to the scope of the SEC Release.

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
DSP	Data Service Provider
OPSG	Operations Group
PIT	Pre-Integration Testing
RID	Release Implementation Document
SEC	Smart Energy Code
SECAS	Smart Energy Code Administrator and Secretariat
SIT	System Integration Testing
SMETS	Smart Metering Equipment Technical Specification

Glossary	
Acronym	Full term
UEPT	User Entry Process Testing
UIT	User Integration Testing