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MP297

‘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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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 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.

The issues identified as part of this modification impact SEC Schedule 4 'SECCo', SEC Section F 'Smart Metering Systems Requirements' and SEC Appendix AD 'DCC Users Interface Specification' (DUIS).

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 Fast-Track 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.

The DCC User Interface Specification (DUIS)

The DUIS specifies the technical details of the DCC User Interface. It sets out mechanisms, formats, protocols, and other technical details necessary for DCC Users to send and receive communications to and from the DCC. The document is currently only updated at a maximum of once a year, either through a major (X+1.X) or minor (X.X+1) uplift. The latest version is DUIS v5.3. Therefore, any housekeeping associated with DUIS should be included in this modification.

What is the issue?

Any errors identified within the SEC make SEC documents harder to interpret and potentially lead to confusion or misunderstanding. The main proposed housekeeping changes are listed below along with the specific amendments that are needed in this modification:

Impacted SEC Documents	Impacted Sections/Clauses	DUIS Version
SEC Schedule 4 - SECCo	2.1	-
SEC Section F – Smart Metering Systems Requirements	F2.19	-
SEC Appendix AD – DCC User Interface Specification (DUIS)	3.8.43.3	5.3 and 5.4
	3.8.63	3.1, 4.0, 5.0, 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3
	3.8.104.4	All
	3.8.104.4	5.4 WAN Changes
	3.8.120.3	5.4
	3.8.120.4	All
	3.8.121.3	5.4
	3.8.121.4	All

This table shows which changes will be applied to which versions of DUIS.

	1.1	2.0	3.0	3.1	4.0	5.0	5.1	5.2	5.3 (26 June 25)	5.4 (6 November 2025)	What is the change?
Appendix AD - DCC User Interface Specification											
3.8.43 Create Schedule											
3.8.43.3 Specific Validation for this Request									X	X	Versions 5.3 and 5.4 only. Adding 2 extra response codes to the table
3.8.63 Read Event Or Security Log				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Versions 3.1, 4.0, 5.0, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3 and 5.4. Typo error corrected 'ECS35g' not 'f'
3.8.104 Read Inventory											
3.8.104.4 Specific Data Items in the Response	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	All versions. Spelling error corrected to 'Status'
3.8.104.4 Specific Data Items in the Response										X	Version 5.4. VWAN change, DESNZ. Adding a row 'Connectivity' on table 227
3.8.120 Communications Hub Status Update – Fault Return											
3.8.120.3 Specific Validation for this Request										X	MP252. 5.4
3.8.120.4 Additional DCC System Processing	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	MP252. All versions. Adding 'Additional DCC System Processing' paragraph
3.8.121 Communications Hub Status Update – No Fault Return											
3.8.121.3 Specific Validation for this Request										X	MP252. 5.4
3.8.121.4 Additional DCC System Processing	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	MP252. All versions. Adding 'Additional DCC System Processing' paragraph

What is the impact this is having?

If these corrections are not resolved, the SEC Documents will contain inconsistencies. Although these are not typographical errors, cosmetic and other inconsistencies, omissions and other clarifications, not addressing these errors could lead to confusion for Parties when using these documents and in some instances do not reflect how the DCC Systems work correctly.

If these errors remain, it could make it harder for Parties to utilise SEC documents and make them 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 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 Scheduling 4 'SECCo'
- SEC Section F 'Smart Metering System Requirements'
- Appendix AD 'DCC User Interface Specification'

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. Agreed Implementation approach

Agreed implementation approach

The Change Sub-Committee (CSC) agreed 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.

As this is a Fast Track Self Governance Modification the Change Sub-Committee will be asked to vote to approve on 21 October 2025.

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 of the Change Sub Committee

At the October CSC meeting members asked why DUIS changes to 'Communications Hub Status Update – Fault Return' 3.8.120.2 'Specific Validation for this request' and 'Communications Hub Status Update – No Fault Return' 3.8.121.3 'Specific Validation for this Request' were included in DP297 when they have already been added by the [MP252 'Amending the process for Communications Hub returns'](#) legal text which is due to be implemented in the November 2025 SEC Release. SECAS advised the changes were included in DP297 because the request by the Proposer was for this to be applied to **all** versions of DUIS. SECAS highlighted the legal text changes approved by Change Board for MP252 were only for the new DUIS version (which will be 5.4), this was an oversight in MP252. DP297 included the changes to be applied to all previous DUIS versions as highlighted on the table in Section 2 of this Report.

A CSC member also asked why 3.8.104.4 'Connectivity' was included in DP297 as this was being brought in via a DESNZ designation to introduce Virtual Wide Area Network (VWAN) functionality. The table in Section 2 shows that the changes to the spelling error in this section will be applied to all versions of DUIS but the Connectivity section will only apply to DUIS v5.4.

A CSC member also asked about the error codes in 3.8.43.3. The DCC confirmed that these are already being used but there is currently no explanation in DUIS for recipients to understand what they are for. This text change will clarify that.

The CSC agreed with the changes as housekeeping and unanimously voted to implement the changes into the November 2025 SEC Release.

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.

Appendix 1: Progression timetable

Timetable	
Event/Action	Date
Draft Proposal raised	4 Jul 2025
Presented to CSC for initial comment and request to put on hold	19 Aug 2025
Fast-Track Modification Report approved by CSC	21 Oct 2025

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

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
DUIS	DCC User Interface Specification
SEC	Smart Energy Code
SECAS	Smart Energy Code Administrator and Secretariat