

SEC Newsletter



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Welcome

Welcome to the latest edition of the fortnightly newsletter from the Smart Energy Code.

Key updates include the closure of the Performance Assurance Framework consultation and Non-Operating Device Issues (NODI) progress update which are of interest to all SEC Parties.

NODI progress update

This story is of interest to all SEC Parties

The Non-Operating Device Issues (NODI) group met for the fourth time on 01 April 2026. We have implemented a new process to identify, mitigate and resolve issues that cause non-operating smart meters.

We are excited to confirm that NODI has just completed the investigation and resolution of an industry-wide issue known as 'Status A', which caused some smart meters go into a permanent non-operating state that can't be recovered, with a Device replacement being the only fix.

NODI members have collectively identified the root cause of the issue and agreed mitigation requirements to prevent further instances of Devices becoming non-operational. We thank everyone involved for their collaborative work, which has helped demonstrate how collaborative, industry-wide effort from NODI members, the DCC, and Device Manufacturers can deliver the right outcomes for industry and consumers.

The Operations Group (OPSG) will now be asked to approve the NODI 'Status A' fix on 17 April 2026, at which point we will publish updated User Guidance for industry to follow. The DCC will provide regular reports to Energy Suppliers to help them take the necessary steps to fix the Status A problem.

Upcoming issue investigations at NODI will be:

- ECoS stranded Devices
- SMETS1 FOC performance
- GSME blank payloads
- Meter commissioning issues
- Non-operating reporting enhancements



If you have knowledge on smart Devices and think you could help progress the work of the NODI group to resolve non-operation issues, please contact SEC@talan.com

Keeping your SEC Party details up to date

This story is of interest to all SEC Parties

Did you know that keeping your SEC Party details current is a formal requirement under [SEC Section M6.2](#)? Beyond compliance, it's how we make sure you never miss out on important updates, including SEC Panel, Sub-Committee updates, event invitations and other relevant news.

What needs updating?

- Registered name and address
- Primary and secondary contact details

Where can you check your details?

You can view the SEC Party name and address we hold for your organisation on the [SEC Party Details List](#) on the SEC website. You will need to be [logged in](#) to access the list.

The primary and secondary contact details are not published on the publicly available pages of the website as this is for use by the SEC team.

How do you update your details?

Simply complete the [Change in SEC Party Details Form](#). Once submitted, the SEC team will review and process your update or contact you if more information is needed.

Quick tips for a smooth update:

- Avoid using personal mobile numbers.
- Assign a single, named Primary Contact with a unique email address (not a shared mailbox).

Help us stay connected with you by ensuring your SEC Party details are accurate and up to date.

Consultation closed: PAF Proof of Concept

This story is of interest to all SEC Parties

Thank you to all stakeholders who took the time to consider and respond to our consultation on the draft Performance Assurance Framework (PAF) artefacts supporting the upcoming Proof of Concept (PoC). The consultation closed on 07 April 2026.

We are reviewing your valuable feedback ahead of presenting consultation outputs at the Performance Assurance Board (PAB) meeting on 22 April 2026. Be sure to read the next edition of the SEC Newsletter, where you will find more details about the consultation findings and the next stages of the PoC process.

TAG election outcomes

This story is of interest to all SEC Parties

We recently held the annual Testing Advisory Group (TAG) elections for several seats. Following the nominations received, the results are as follows:

Large Supplier Parties

There were three nominations for three available seats: Mahfuzar Rahman (Scottish Power), Renoop Puthukudy (Octopus Energy) and Ranjit Dulay (E.ON Energy). Mahfuzar, Renoop and Ranjit will each be taking on a consecutive term.



Small Supplier Parties

There was one nomination for three available seats: Robert Trueman (Ecotricity). As there were no further nominations, the nominee will commence a new term.

Other SEC Parties

There were three nominations for two available seats. Following the election, Martin Bell (EUA) will be taking on a consecutive term and James Singleton (Green Energy Operations) has been elected for a new term.

Network Operators (Electricity)

No nominations were received for this seat, so it remains vacant. If you are an Electricity Network Party and would like to submit a nomination, please contact SEC@talan.com.

Network Operators (Gas)

No nominations were received for this seat, so it remains vacant. If you are a Gas Network Party and would like to submit a nomination, please contact SEC@talan.com.

The new term began on 01 April 2026, so the first TAG meeting with new membership will be held on 14 April 2026. The [membership list](#) has been updated to reflect these appointments.

Modifications update

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New Modification

Access the latest information about SEC Modifications by visiting the [Modifications Register](#) on the SEC website. Key updates since the previous newsletter are listed below.

Title	Issue	Solution
DP319 'SRV 11.3 – Activate Firmware Request Firmware Hash Validation'	Service Request Variant (SRV) 11.3 'Activate Firmware' ("Transform" Command Variant 4) sent by Users contains one mandatory Data item relating to the FirmwareHash. Currently, the DCC System forwards the Critical Command, CS06, to the target Device without validating the FirmwareHash. This Data item must align with the Manufacturer Image Hash value held in the Central Products List (CPL) for the Device Model. SEC Appendix AD 'DCC User Interface Specification (DUIS)' currently does not define any specific validation to be applied for SRV 11.3, beyond general validation applicable to all Requests.	The Proposed Solution is to make minor amendments to DUIS Sections 3.2.5, 3.5.10, and 3.8.125.3 to mandate DCC validation of the FirmwareHash Value provided in the SRV 11.3 Request. This validation must confirm that the FirmwareHash matches the Manufacturer Image Hash value (excluding the colon separator between octet values) for an Entry with a 'Current' status on the Central Products List (CPL) for the target device's Device Model.

Industry news and consultations

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Industry news

DESNZ and Ofgem open letter – scoping exercise on provision of wider smart meter data

DESNZ and Ofgem published an open letter on 01 April 2026 regarding a scoping exercise on the provision of wider access to smart metering data. The [open letter](#) is available to view.

Consultations

[Reformed National Pricing Call for Input | National Energy System Operator](#)

NESO is calling for input on the proposed Balancing, Settlement and Dispatch reforms which sit within the wider Reformed National Pricing (RNP) reforms. You are invited to submit your feedback by **14 April 2026**.

[SEC Release TAD consultation documents for the November 2025 SEC Release | Smart DCC](#)

The DCC consultation on the draft Testing Approach Document for the November 2025 SEC Release seeks stakeholder views on how system changes will be tested before implementation. You are invited to submit your feedback by **15 April 2026**.

[P494 Establishing a Smart Data Repository | Elexon BSC](#)

P494 proposes changes to the BSC that will enable robust governance of the Smart Data Repository (SDR) and ensure Elexon remains compliant with UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and its obligations to BSC parties. You are invited to submit your feedback by **17 April 2026**.

[Energy code reform phase 1: transitional measures and code changes | Ofgem](#)

Ofgem seeks feedback on the steps needed to transition to the new governance framework for the phase 1 codes, the Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC) and the Retail Energy Code (REC). You are invited to submit your feedback by **15 May 2026**.

[Whole energy cyber resilience requirements: reshaping cyber regulation in downstream gas and electricity - consultation document | Ofgem](#)

Ofgem seeks feedback on proposals for change to cyber resilience requirements and expansion of the scope of the NIS Regulations for DGE. You are invited to submit your feedback by **22 May 2026**.

[Consultation on the draft second preliminary Strategic Direction Statement for industry codes | Ofgem](#)

Ofgem seeks feedback on the second preliminary Strategic Direction Statement (SDS) for industry codes. You are invited to submit your feedback by **28 May 2026**.

Register now for our “Introduction to the SEC” webinar

A reminder to register for our upcoming “Introduction to the SEC” webinar, taking place on Tuesday, 05 May 2026, from 2–4pm.

This session is ideal for those looking to deepen their understanding of the SEC, particularly new joiners, individuals transitioning into relevant roles, or Parties who have recently joined the SEC. It will offer valuable insights into the SEC, with opportunities to ask questions and engage in discussion with subject experts.



How to Register

Please register using our [Teams sign-up page](#). If you have specific questions you’d like us to address, email SEC@talan.com by 5pm on 30 April 2026. Please share this invitation with colleagues or industry peers who may benefit from attending. We look forward to welcoming you.

Upcoming meetings calendar

Date	Event	Who can attend?
13 April, 11:00	SCRIS Meeting 52	Members
13 April, 11:00	FSM Readiness Group Meeting 05	Members
13 April, 13:30	TIRG Meeting 19	Members
14 April, 09:30	Operations Group Meeting 161	Members
14 April, 14:00	SMDA Sub Committee Meeting 23	Members
16 April, 10:00	Privacy Sub-Committee Meeting 25	Members
20 April, 13:00	SEC Panel Meeting 150X	Members
21 April, 10:00	Change Sub-Committee Meeting 86	Members
22 April, 10:00	Security Sub-Committee Meeting 237	Members
22 April, 11:00	Change Board Meeting 113	Members
22 April, 14:00	Performance Assurance Board Meeting 12	Members
24 April, 10:30	Other SEC Party Monthly Engagement Call	Open to Party Type
27 April, 10:30	Large Supplier Engagement Call	Open to Party Type
28 April, 09:30	SEC Panel Meeting 151	Members

28 April, 14:00	SECCo Board Meeting 151	Members
29 April, 09:45	Testing Advisory Group 137	Members
30 April, 10:00	FSM Readiness Group Meeting 06	Members
30 April, 15:00	Small Supplier Engagement Call	Open to Party Type

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Vacancies

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