

SEC Newsletter



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Welcome

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

We would love to hear from you - get in touch by [emailing the SECAS Helpdesk](#) if you have any feedback.



SECCo Board Headlines

This story is of interest to all SEC Parties

The latest meeting of the SECCo Board took place on 26 August 2025. The Headlines from [SECCo Board 143](#) are now uploaded to the SEC Website.

The next Panel and Board meetings will be held on 23 September 2025.

New Sub-Committee and Advisory Board

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Board Advisory Forum (BAF)

The SECCo Board established the DCC2 Board Advisory Forum (BAF) to support its programme of work. The Forum will assist in assessing whether to submit a proposal to become the holder of the second DCC Licence through a newly formed Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) and help define the terms on which any proposal should be based.



The Forum plays a vital role in advising the SECCo Board on key programme elements, including the Licence Award process, business handover, and the future operating model for DCC2.

The main duties of the BAF are to:

- Provide views and concerns on the Licence Award and business handover process;
- Advise on the future operating model for DCC2;
- Review and comment on the DCC Business Handover Plan, TUPE transfer, contract novation, and corporate services transition;
- Consider the DCC's Ex Ante draft budget and other programme artefacts as they become available through the Licence Award process; and
- Identify issues requiring wider consultation with SEC Parties.

Customer Challenge Group (CCG)

A new Sub-Committee, [Customer Challenge Group](#) has been established to strengthen the voice of SEC Parties under the forthcoming 'ex ante' model of DCC Price Control.

The main duties of the CCG are to:

- Provide effective challenge and feedback to DCC on its draft Business Plan (prepared under LC 34A of the DCC Licence);
- Provide a view to Ofgem on behalf of the DCC's customers and consumers to assist Ofgem's assessment of the DCC's Price Control submission;
- Monitor the DCC's delivery of the approved Business Plan; and
- Provide feedback to the DCC and a view to Ofgem on any reopener applications for adjustment to the Allowed Revenue submitted by DCC.

User CIO Announcement

We completed the re-procurement process for the User Competent Independent Organisation (User CIO)/ Independent Privacy Auditor (IPA) who conduct Security and Privacy Assessments on behalf of two SEC Sub-Committees, Security Sub-Committee (SSC) and Privacy Sub-Committee (PSC). We are delighted to confirm that Ernst and Young (E&Y) has been awarded the contract and has already begun their mobilisation activity.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome E&Y on board and to thank Deloitte, who has held the role since 2016, and delivered excellent service over the past decade. The move to E&Y is expected to bring

benefits to Parties by reducing individual Security and Privacy Assessment costs, and introducing efficiencies in ways of working, lowering operational costs for the benefit of all SEC Parties.

There will be a short dual running period during the set-up and mobilisation phase to be completed by the end of October. E&Y will assume responsibility for all Assessment delivery from 01 November 2025 onwards. Deloitte will continue to provide support on any in-flight Assessments or those requiring their support for SSC review, which are anticipated to have completed by the end of January 2026.

All Parties with confirmed bookings for their Assessment – your booking dates will not change but will be transferred to E&Y. We will be reaching out to SEC Parties shortly to arrange introductory calls with the E&Y team ahead of your next Assessment to support this process.

Minor updates are being made to the SEC website to reflect the change in provider, and all guidance documentation will be reviewed during the mobilisation phase which is due to conclude at the end of October 2025.

If you have any questions about these changes, please contact the Security and Privacy team on via ssc@gemserv.com or psc@gemserv.com

SEC Elections – Results Announcement

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SEC Panel Election Results

The annual SEC Panel elections have concluded. Results are as follows:

- **Large Supplier Parties:** Ralph Baxter (Octopus Energy) re-elected for a consecutive term.
- **Small Supplier Parties:** Carolyn Burns (ESG Global Ltd) re-elected for a consecutive term.
- **Other SEC Parties:** Michael Snowden (Secure Meters UK Ltd) re-elected for a consecutive term and Joshua Cooper (Hilderbrand Technology Ltd) elected for a new term.
- **Network Operators (Gas):** Tom Stuart (Wales & West Utilities) elected for a new term.



The new term begins on 16 September 2025, with the first Panel meeting held on 23 September 2025.

Security Sub-Committee Election Results

The annual Security Sub-Committee elections have concluded. The successful candidates are:

- **Large Supplier Parties:** Alastair Cobb (British Gas) and Martin Christie (E.ON), both re-elected for a consecutive term; and Mitchell Gattung (OVO), elected for a new term.
- **Small Suppliers Parties:** James Burney (SSE), re-elected for a consecutive term.
- **CPL Manufacturer:** Michael Snowden (Secure Meters), elected for a new term.
- **Other User:** Clive Eisen (Hildebrand), elected for a new term.
- **Electricity Networks Representative:** Geoff Huckerby (CGI), re-elected for a consecutive term.

The new term runs from 10 September 2025 to 2027

Operations Group Election Results

The annual Operations Group elections have concluded. The successful candidates are:

- **Large Supplier Parties:** Emslie Law (OVO), re-elected for a consecutive term; Daniel Chambers (British Gas), elected for a new term; and Kevin Donnelly (Scottish Power), re-elected for a consecutive term.
- **Other SEC Parties:** Adam Cooke (Macquarie), elected for a new term.
- **Network Operators** (Electricity), Stephen Macfarlane (SPEN), elected for a new term.

The new term begins on 14 October 2025, with the first meeting (OPSG 150) taking place on 14 October 2025.

New Sub-Committee: Customer Challenge Group – Election Results

The Customer Challenge Group (CCG) elections have concluded, and the inaugural meeting of the CCG was held on 09 September 2025.

Mark Bygraves has been appointed by SECCo as the Independent Chair of the Customer Challenge Group.

Following the elections process, results are as follows:

- **Large Supplier Parties:** Rochelle Harrison (British Gas), Martin Christie (E.ON), and Alex Hurcombe (EDF) have been appointed to the Committee.
- **Small Supplier Parties:** Kerry Maisey (SSE) has been appointed to the Committee. An additional vacancy exists for Small Supplier Parties.
- **Other SEC Parties:** Beth Tatton (Calisen Asset Management Limited) has been appointed to the Committee.

- **Network Operators:** Rachael Prosser (National Grid) has been appointed to the Committee. An additional vacancy exists for Network Operators.
- **Consumer Representative:** Matt Cole (Independent) has been appointed to the Committee. An additional vacancy exists for Consumer Representatives.

We have three vacant seats, one for each of the Small Supplier, Network Operator and Consumer Representative, if you would like to nominate yourself or an individual, please contact the [SECAS helpdesk](#).

SECCo have also appointed Ash Pocock and David Hart to provide Subject Matter Expertise to the group, as non-core Members.

Thank you to all who participated in the nomination and voting process. For questions or feedback, please contact the [SECAS Helpdesk](#). SEC Parties can request to see the number of votes per candidate by contacting the [SECAS Helpdesk](#). Parties will be asked to kindly treat this information with discretion.

Security Controls Framework Update

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Please note, the following updates have been made to the Security Controls Framework (SCF) Parts 1 and 2:

- Changes have been made to SCF Part 2 in relation to ISO 27005:2018 control 8.2.3 referenced in Appendix A, and amended to reflect ISO 27005:2022, ISO 27001:2022 and ISO 27002:2022 threat intelligence requirement.
- Changes have been made to the relevant sections of ‘What User CIO Would Expect to See’ sections for G5.15.
- Changes also include the addition of the appropriate approval of documents element at the start of appendix B and within the G5.17/G5.18 obligation.
- Amendments to SCF Part 1 are administrative to align with the updates to Part 2.



The following updates have been made to the Agreed Interpretations v2.6:

- References to ISO 27001 and ISO 27005 have been amended throughout the document.

- ISO 27005:2018 control 8.2.3 in Section 7 amended to reflect the updated ISO 27005:2022 Annex A2.5.
- The latest briefing note issued by SSC on 26 June 2025 in relation to Emerging Technologies has been added to Appendix A.

The SCF v2.16 [Part 1](#), the SCF v2.16 [Part 2](#) and the [Agreed Interpretations v2.6](#) are available on the SEC website.

Modifications

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Title	Issue	Solution
DP300	MP242 introduced DCC reporting metrics for seven key business processes. DP300 aims to introduce an additional four business processes to the DCC Performance Indicators Document (PID).	The Proposed solution is to add a new clause into Section H - 'DCC Services' that would allow for new Business Processes to be introduced into the PID on a consequential basis to allow for reporting using the MP242 mechanism.
DP301	Currently Gas Network Parties have an obligation under the Smart Energy Code to provide Additional Registration Data to the DCC. Other Registration Data under the SEC is covered by the following condition E2.2, which allows for the DCC to obtain the required data directly from Central Switching Service, utilising their dual role within the Retail Energy Code (REC). The Proposer is looking to see whether Additional Registration Data is also provided for in REC, and if not, whether this should be a REC rather than SEC obligation	The proposed solution is to remove the Additional Registration Data requirement from the SEC and transfer it to the REC, allowing Gas Network Parties to completely secede from the SEC.
DP302	Electricity Network Operators (ENOs) carry out network alterations both at a consumer premise level as well as at the low voltage level that could lead to incorrect polarity for consumers. When incorrect polarity is detected, remedial action should be taken as soon as possible. ENOs currently have limited means of proactively detecting polarity issues after carrying out network alterations.	Three Supplier Alerts – <i>0x81B8 'Incorrect Polarity'</i> , <i>0x81B7 'Incorrect phase sequencing'</i> and <i>0x81BB 'Reverse Current'</i> – could provide ENOs the necessary Data to determine whether there are any issues, allowing them to act sooner and more efficiently. These Alerts are currently only available to Suppliers, but the potential solution would look at allowing ENO visibility of the Alerts as well.

Title	Issue	Solution
DP303	The DCC have identified three issues relating to the misalignment of four SEC Documents, existing Device Certificate validation processes and SMKI standards	Any proposed solution(s) for this proposal are still under review
DP304	For SMETS1, SRV 4.3 'Read Instantaneous Prepay Values' can currently only be requested on an 'On-Demand' service basis or as a 'Future Dated' service. Due to the SMETS1 network each request requires at least one SMS text message. The volume of SRVs is forecasted to increase x3 up until 2033 (which will almost double the volume of SMS)	By making SRV4.3 such that it can be scheduled, and with Users using Schedulable rather than On Demand or Future Dated, DCC estimates considerable cost savings.

Industry News and Consultations

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[Guaranteed standards for smart metering | Ofgem](#)

Ofgem proposes standards which aim to ensure faster installations, and fair automatic compensation, supporting consumer protection in the smart meter rollout by 2026. You are invited to submit feedback by **12 September 2025**.

[Transmission Network Blending | DESNZ](#)

DESNZ is seeking views on the potential introduction of hydrogen into the gas network as a blend with natural gas. You are invited to share your feedback by **16 September 2025**.

[Call for Evidence Enhancing the smart meter installation journey towards Clean Power 2030 | DESNZ](#)

DESNZ is inviting industry feedback on a range of proposals aimed at accelerating the rollout of smart and low-carbon product installations. You are invited to share your views by **03 October 2025**.



DESNZ is seeking views on the future regulatory framework for smart meter rollout, operation, and the pre-emptive exchange of communications hubs. You are invited to share your views by **03 October 2025**.

Upcoming Events and SEC Meetings

Date	Event	Who can attend?
15 September, 13:00	Communications Transition Group 31	Members
16 September, 10:00	Change Sub-Committee Meeting 79	Members
18 September, 08:00	Privacy Sub-Committee Meeting	Members
19 September, 10:30	Other SEC Party Engagement Call	Open to Party Type
22 September, 10:30	Large Supplier Engagement Call	Open to Party Type
22 September, 12:20	Operations Group Meeting 149	Members
23 September, 09:30	SEC Panel 144	Members
23 September, 14:00	SECCo Board 144	Members
24 September, 09:45	TAG 130	Members
24 September, 10:00	Change Board Meeting 106	Members
24 September, 10:00	Security Sub-Committee Meeting 224	Members
25 September, 15:00	Small Supplier Engagement Call	Open to Party Type

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