

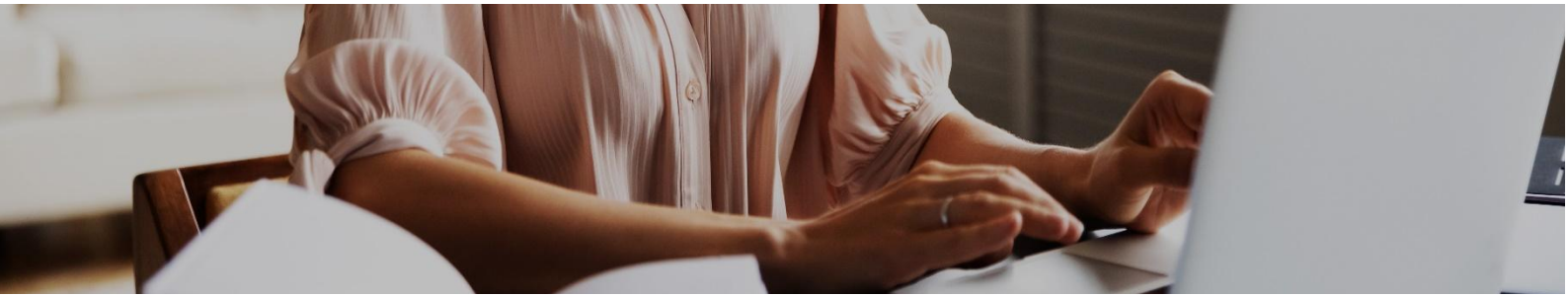
SEC Newsletter



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

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SECCo Business Plan and Budget 2025-2028

This story is of interest to all SEC Parties

The draft of the [SECCo Business Plan and Budget for the period 2025-2028](#) was published on the SEC Website on 16 January 2025. All SEC Parties are invited to provide feedback on the draft by emailing SECAS@gemserv.com by 5pm on 17 February 2025.

All feedback will be considered by the SEC Panel, with potential changes to the draft to be discussed at its meeting in February 2025.

[A webinar](#) has been scheduled for 20 January 2025 (3pm – 4pm), at which SECCo will explain the Business Plan and Budget and allow SEC Parties the opportunity to put any questions to SECCo on the draft in support of your response. To sign up to attend, please email SECAS@gemserv.com by 5pm on 17 January 2025.



Output from Webinar with DCC on SEC Modification 218

This story is of interest to all SEC Parties

SEC Modification 218 was raised by the Data Communications Company (DCC) to holistically review the DCC charging methodology and determine whether any change should be made to it. This is a large and complex issue with significant impacts, requiring careful analysis and engagement with SEC Parties. Supported by SECAS, the DCC has been consulting with industry during the Modification's development, most recently issuing a consultation [DP218 'Review of the SEC Charging Methodology' – Consultation on proposed changes to DCC charges | Smart DCC](#), which poses a series of questions on the implications, risks and benefits associated with proposed changes to the charging methodology. The proposals include updating Fixed Charges for Core Users and Introducing usage-based charges for Other Users.



To support SEC Parties, SECAS hosted a webinar event on 13 January 2025, where the DCC provided an overview of the proposals in the consultation, responding to questions from those who joined. The event was well attended, with over 30 organisations across a range of SEC Party constituencies including Other Users, Energy Suppliers and Energy Networks.

[The recording of the Webinar is now available on the SEC website](#). The DCC will be publishing written answers to questions raised at the webinar to assist consultation respondents. The [consultation](#) closes on 03 February 2025.

Delay to MHHS Timescales

This story is of interest to all SEC Parties & Device Manufacturers

On 29 November 2024, Ofgem formally approved [CR055: Amendments to M10 and corresponding milestones](#). You can read the announcement in full on [Ofgem's website](#). This has led to a re baselining of the overall MHHS Programme Plan.

Key changes

- Milestone M10 'Central Systems Ready for Migrating Meter Point Administration Numbers (MPANs)' moved from March 2025 to September 2025.
- Updates to all corresponding Tier 1 and subsequent Tier 2 and 3 milestones were made, including the Milestone M8 'Code Changes Delivered', which is scheduled for the same day as M10.



The latest version of the plan can be found [on the MHHS Programme website](#).

Changes to the SEC in readiness for MHHS have already been made. We are in discussion with the DCC about the provision of further insight to the new Meter Data Retriever (MDR) role that has been established by the MHHS design. We shall provide more information on how new and existing SEC Parties may wish to make use of the new MDR role in the coming weeks.

Industry Consultations

This story is of interest to all SEC Parties



[DCC Review Phase 2: Determination of Allowed Revenue | Ofgem](#)

You are invited to consider this Ofgem consultation, closing on 06 February 2025. Ofgem is seeking views on new cost controls for the DCC to prepare for its new licence starting in 2027.

[Artificial intelligence \(AI\) in the energy sector guidance: consultation | Ofgem](#)

You are invited to consider this Ofgem consultation, closing on 07 February 2025. Ofgem is seeking feedback on draft guidelines for the safe and responsible use of artificial intelligence (AI) in the energy sector.

[Energy code reform: consultation on code manager selection | Ofgem](#)

You are invited to consider this Ofgem consultation, closing on 30 January 2025. Ofgem is seeking feedback on its proposed method for choosing code managers, who will oversee energy industry rules.

[DP218 'Review of the SEC Charging Methodology' – Consultation on proposed changes to DCC charges | Smart DCC](#)

You are invited to consider this DCC consultation, closing on 03 February 2025. The DCC is reviewing how it charges users of the smart metering network and considering changes to the SEC Charging Methodology to better align charges with network usage and costs.



Upcoming Webinars

This story is of interest to all SEC Parties

Understanding the SECCo Draft Budget 2025 – 2028

When: 20 January 2025, 15:00 – 16:00

Who: SEC Parties

What: A consultation has been issued on the SECCo draft Business Plan and Budget for the period 2025-2028. As in previous years, SECAS will host a webinar to allow SEC Parties the opportunity to raise questions on the draft Budget in support of their consultation responses. We welcome questions to be submitted in advance of the webinar to secas@gemserv.com.

Platform: Microsoft Teams

How: To sign up, please email secas@gemserv.com by 5pm on 17 January 2025

Upcoming Events and SEC Meetings

- 20 January, 13:00 – [Communications Transitions Group 23](#) (Members)
- 20 January, 15:00 – [Understanding the SECCo Draft Budget](#) (Webinar)
- 21 January, 10:00 – [Change Sub-Committee 71](#) (Members)
- 22 January, 10:00 – [Change Board 98](#) (Members)
- 22 January, 10:00 – [Security Sub-Committee 208](#) (Members)
- 23 January, 10:00 – [Privacy Sub-Committee 10](#) (Members)
- 24 January, 10:30 – [Other SEC Party Engagement Call](#) (Open to Party Type)
- 27 January, 12:20 – [Operations Group 133](#) (Members)
- 28 January, 09:30 – [SEC Panel 136](#) (Members)
- 28 January, 14:00 – [SECCo Board 136](#) (Members)
- 30 January, 15:00 – [Small Supplier Engagement Call](#) (Open to Party Type)



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