

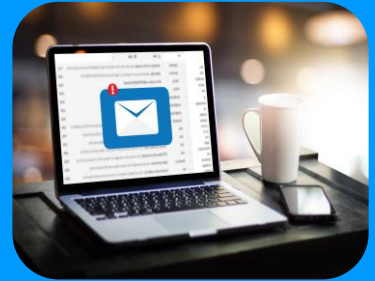
SEC Newsletter

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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.



SEC Panel and SECCo Board Headlines

This story is of interest to all SEC Parties.

The latest meetings of SEC Panel and SECCo Board took place on 23 September 2025. The Headlines for [SEC Panel 144](#) and [SECCo Board 144](#) are now uploaded to the SEC Website.

The next Panel and Board meetings will be held on 28 October 2025.

Testing Advisory Group (TAG) Chair Update

This story is of interest to all SEC Parties.

Introduction to the TAG – by Martin Hanley, TAG Chair

[TAG](#) is one of the SEC Panel's oldest Sub-Committees, providing governance over testing for those parts of the DCC Total System that its Users make use of to communicate with smart meters. As Chair of the TAG, I bring decades of experience in software development and testing within the energy sector.

TAG's role is to ensure that every release is thoroughly tested, giving confidence that all changes and fixes contained within are working as intended and that no side effects are introduced. Once testing is complete, TAG reviews the results to confirm the process was robust and that any issues are either resolved or clearly managed. This independent perspective is crucial in assuring each release is ready to go live.

Recent TAG Sub-Committee Highlights

In addition to reviewing the DCC's main system testing phases, the TAG has extended its reviews to include earlier DCC testing phases and the User testing phase. This more comprehensive approach, including last-minute reviews on the morning of go-live, will significantly boost confidence in future releases.

Several of the in-flight critical programmes generates a significant amount of documentation that passes through the TAG. For example, over the last few months alone, we have approved the testing approaches and results for over two dozen separate programmes. With major parts of the DCC Total System being replaced in the next few years, I expect the volume of testing to increase making the TAG's role even more essential.

If you have questions about our processes, want to get involved, or have feedback on how we can further strengthen testing governance, please reach out to SECAS@gemserv.com, your engagement is vital to our continued success.

Issues Log Update

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A new issues log, compiled from matters identified across SEC Sub-Committees, on SEC impacted issues has been published on the [About SEC Change – Smart Energy Code](#) under the “Where can I get further information” section of the SEC website. This provides Parties with regular visibility of these issues.

DCC Engagement with Sub-Committee Chairs

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The SEC Sub-Committee Chairs meet monthly with the DCC engagement team and programme Directors to discuss key programme changes and impacts, engagement approaches, and share feedback. Below is a summary of the key points from the September meeting:

Enduring Change of Supplier (ECoS) Re-Procurement

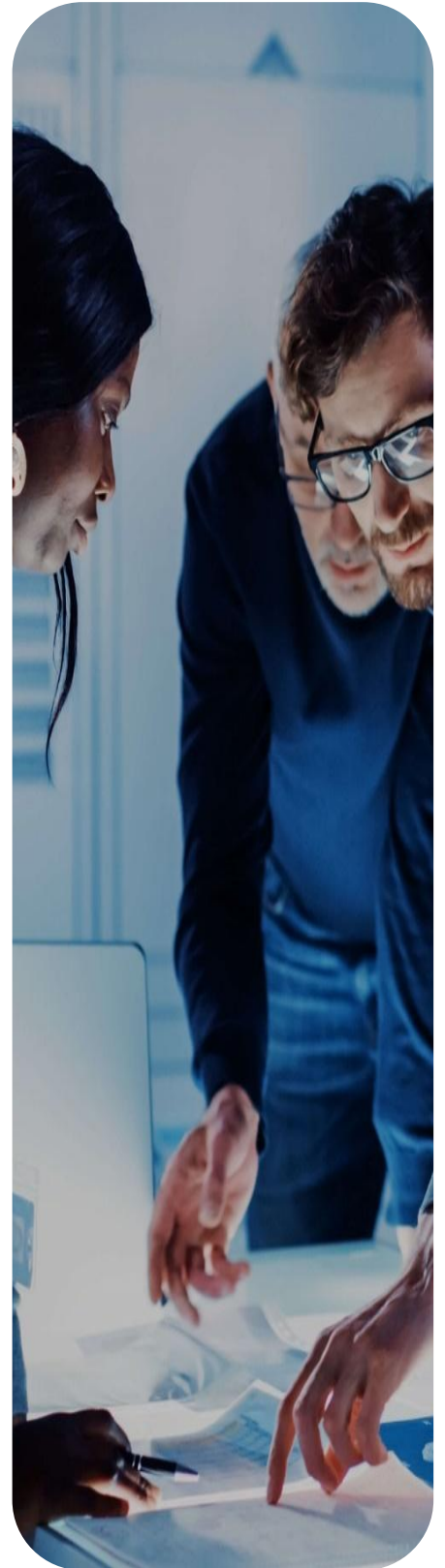
The DCC updated on its plans to manage the ECoS contract, which will end in 2028, triggering a re-procurement process. The DCC will be reviewing current services and exploring more efficient, cost-effective options. The DCC will be engaging stakeholders in late September 2025 via SEC Sub-Committees.

Overage Risks

The DCC set out that, due to an expected doubling of SRV volumes by mid-2027, it is considering how to manage the costs of increased network traffic (overage risks) —especially for SMETS1 prepayment customers. A SEC Modification is being considered to shift to scheduled reads. DCC will engage high-volume users to update them on service and commercial decisions.

Future Service Management Live Services Criteria SC Evidence

To support the Future Service Management Go-Live, The DCC set out its plans to submit a Live Service Criteria document by 09 February 2026. It will include evidence for six DESNZ-agreed criteria, reviewed by SEC Sub-Committees (led by Operations Group (OPSG)).



Modifications

Refinement Consultations

Title	Closing Date	Impacted Parties	Link
MP169 'Managing the Consumer's refusal of a Smart Meter'	01 October 2025	All SEC Parties	DOWNLOAD
Consumers can refuse a Smart Meter, but Suppliers cannot install one in 'dumb' mode under current rules. The proposed solution is to introduce a new 'Restricted' mode for SMETS2+ meters in credit, marked by a DSP flag to show limited communications due to consumer choice. Suppliers could set or clear this mode via the SSI/SSMI, restricting available services. This adds an extra step after all reasonable efforts, as outlined in the Modification Report, have been made.			

Request for Information

Title	Closing Date	Impacted Parties	Link
MP291 'DNO Alerts to Suppliers'	08 October 2025	Suppliers, DCC	DOWNLOAD
Suppliers will utilise Data, Events and Alerts received from Smart Metering Systems (SMS) on consumers' premises to determine whether the meter has been tampered with or evaluate the meter for energy theft. Suppliers have obligations under the Standard Licensing Conditions (SLC) and the Retail Energy Code (REC). Suppliers are also required to act on Anomalous Events and Alerts under SEC Section G13.5-G13.6. The current available Data does not provide the level of granularity that would make the meter tampering modelling mechanisms as accurate as possible. The Proposer would like Suppliers to have visibility of a number of Alerts that would provide the level of granularity needed to make the modelling mechanisms as accurate as possible. In turn, this would allow for more investigations into meter tampering/Energy theft to be carried out.			

Latest Modcast Published

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[Listen to our latest Modcast now!](#)

In this episode, we round up the past month in SEC Change as well as a deep-dive into the 300th Modification, [MP300 'Additional Operational Metrics to Measure on Success'](#), as presented by Lydia Bentley from the SEC Change team. We also give listeners an overview of the five new modifications raised this month.

Keep 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 more than just helpful—it's a formal requirement under [SEC Section M6.2](#). Beyond compliance, it's how we make sure you never miss out on relevant and important updates, including SEC Panel updates, engagement event invitations and SEC product releases.

How to Update Your Details

Changing your details is quick and easy. Just fill out our online '[Change in Party Details](#)' form. The form allows SEC Parties to securely update their nominated Primary and Secondary Contact information. These details are not published. Once the form is submitted, a member of the team will review your update and either process it or reach out for more information, if required.

Quick Tips

- Avoid using personal mobile numbers when updating your contact information.
- When assigning a new Primary Contact, please ensure it's a single named individual. The associated email address should be unique and not a shared mailbox.

Staying connected is easier when your details are current. Help us help you by keeping your SEC Party Details accurate and complete.

Industry News and Consultations

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[Smart Secure Electricity Systems \(SSES\) Programme: Enduring Governance](#)

DESNZ proposes giving Elexon long-term governance of the Smart Secure Electricity Systems programme. You are invited to submit your feedback by **29 September 2025**

[Adjustment Scheme for the Future Service Management Programme - Smart Energy Code](#)

The consultation seeks feedback on a proposed Baseline Margin Project Performance Adjustment (BMPPA) scheme. You are invited to submit feedback by **02 October 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**.

[Consultation - Smart metering policy framework post 2025 | DESNZ](#)

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**.

[DESNZ - Consultation on DCC User Interface Specification](#)

The consultation proposes incorporating updates into the SEC for the DCC User Interface Specification, Message Mapping Catalogue, and Technical Specification Applicability Tables. You are invited to share your views by **24 October 2025**.

[4G Communications Hub only exchange site visits: proposed methodology for calculating a centralised price | Ofgem](#)

Ofgem proposes a methodology for calculating a centralised reimbursement amount that energy suppliers would receive for successful 4G-only exchange site visits. You are invited to share your views by **04 November 2025**

[Draft new Smart Meter Communication Licence | Ofgem](#)

Ofgem invites your feedback on a draft Smart Meter Communication Licence that would apply to a successor licensee, embedding decisions from the DCC review such as a not-for-profit model, ex-ante cost control, and independent governance, closing on **07 November 2025**.

Upcoming Events and SEC Meetings

Date	Event	Who can attend?
01 October, 10:00	SEC Working Group Meeting	Members
01 October, 13:00	SEC Issues Group Meeting	Members
02 October, 09:30	TABASC Meeting 118	Members
06 October, 13:30	TIRG Meeting 113	Members
07 October, 10:00	Customer Challenge Group 03	Members
08 October, 10:00	Security Sub-Committee Meeting 225	Members
08 October, 09:15	SMKI PMA Meeting 134	Members
08 October, 09:30	Performance Assurance Board 106	Members
13 October, 10:30	DCC2 Board Advisory Forum	Members
14 October, 09:20	Operations Group Meeting 150	Members
16 October, 10:00	Privacy Sub-Committee 19	Members
20 October, 13:00	Communications Transition Group 32	Members
21 October, 10:00	Change Sub-Committee Meeting 80	Members
21 October, 10:00	Customer Challenge Group 04	Members
22 October, 10:00	Change Board Meeting 107	Members
22 October, 10:00	SMDA Sub-Committee Meeting 20	Members
24 October, 10:30	Other SEC Party Engagement Call	Open to Party Type
27 October, 10:30	Large Supplier Engagement Call	Open to Party Type
27 October, 09:20	Operations Group Meeting 151	Members
28 October, 09:30	SEC Panel 145	Members
28 October, 14:00	SECCo Board 145	Members
29 October, 09:40	Testing Advisory Group 131	Members
30 October, 15:00	Small Supplier Engagement Call	Open to Party Type



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