

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 SEC@talan.com



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 24 February 2026. The Headlines from [SEC Panel 149](#) and [SECCo Board 149](#) are now uploaded to the SEC Website.

The next Panel and Board meetings will be held on 24 March 2026.

Security Sub-Committee guidance for Device Security Assurance

This story is of interest to all SEC Parties, Device Manufacturers and Triage Facility Providers

The Security Sub-Committee (SSC) has recently published several updated security guidance documents, including:

- [SSC Guidance for Device Security Assurance and Triage \(Parts 1–4\)](#)

These updates include the Triage Security Controls Frameworks for:

- Use Case 004: Triage Facilities; and
- Use Case 005: DCC 4G Communication Hubs

The security controls and assurance arrangements for the end-to-end Smart Metering System are defined in the SEC and aim to provide confidence to all SEC Parties that the systems and Devices supporting smart metering are appropriately secure.



- **CPA Policies and Procedures (Parts 1–3)**

These documents set out:

- Policy governance and operation of the Commercial Product Assurance (CPA) Scheme in line with SEC Section G13;
- Requirements for Manufacturers to meet CPA Build Standards; and
- The CPA Risk Review process

- **CPA Security Characteristic for Communications Hubs v1.5**

It is a SEC requirement that smart metering equipment is certified against the Security Characteristics. Only CPA-certified Devices can be added to the Central Products List (CPL), which allows DCC Users to communicate with these Devices.

- **DCC Security Controls Framework**

SSC has updated this framework following an annual review. It sets out the appropriate DCC Security Assessment Methodology to be applied to different categories of security assurance assessment carried out in accordance with Section G9 (DCC Security Assurance).

- **Virtual WAN Device Model Application Form**

Minor amendments have been made to this form. The SSC is required to maintain and make available to Parties, a list of approved Virtual WAN Device (VWD) Models that qualify to be issued with a Virtual WAN Key Infrastructure (VWKI) Device Certificate, as further described in SEC Sections F2.41 to F2.43. VWD Manufacturers wishing to add a Device Model to the approved list should therefore complete the application form and return this to SSC@talán.com.

- **SECPMA Standards Guidance v3.8**

The Smart Metering Key Infrastructure (SMKI) and Policy Management Authority (PMA) Sub-Committee completed an annual review and updated the SECPMA Standards Guidance. The latest version is available via [the Sub-Committee page](#).

If you have any questions regarding SSC Security Guidance or any of the updates outlined above, please contact the SEC Security team at SSC@talán.com.

Upcoming launch of our new digital service desk solution

This story is of interest to all SEC Parties

We are pleased to share that as part of our commitment to improving the service and support you receive from us; SECCo will be launching a digital service desk solution. The digital service desk solution will provide SEC Parties with a single, streamlined way to raise support requests and will allow us to ensure you receive timely updates and responses. The target release date is 05 March 2026 and is subject to the completion of key activities.

What to expect

- Once an email is sent to the SEC@talan.com mailbox, users will receive an automatic reply with a unique ticket number confirming the creation and assignment of your query
 - We have worked to limit the amount of unnecessary automated replies generated; responses to meeting invitations (Accepted, Declined, Tentative, Cancelled, Out of Office) are excluded from automatic replies.
- After your case is resolved, you will receive:
 - An email to confirm your query has been resolved with a description of the resolution
 - A short optional Customer Effort Score (CES) survey to help us continually improve our service to you. To avoid overloading you, we have limited the number of surveys you could receive to three per month.

What will not change

- Your usual point of contact for the SEC helpdesk remains the same, and you should continue to send your queries to SEC@talan.com.

Next steps

- An update will be shared following go-live. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please email SEC@talan.com.

Modifications update

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Refinement Consultations

Title	Closing Date	Impacted Parties	Link
MP281 'Install Codes in the SMI'	11 March 2026	Large Suppliers, Small Suppliers, Other SEC Parties, DCC	DOWNLOAD
Where non-commissioned Devices are changing Supplier, it is often the case that the gaining Supplier cannot complete the commissioning activity as they do not have the install codes to do so. This requires the gaining Supplier to establish the identity of the installing Supplier, and then to request the install codes. The solution is to introduce a method of ensuring the availability of install codes and relevant Device Certificates in a secure repository which can be accessed by the responsible Supplier. This will be achieved by providing functionality for existing install codes to be uploaded to a secure database in the Future Services Management solution.			

Modification Report Consultations

Title	Closing Date	Impacted Parties	Link
MP234 'Addition of Public Task and Legitimate Interests into the SEC'	10 March 2026	Large Suppliers, Small Suppliers, Other SEC Parties	DOWNLOAD
There is no facility within the SEC to support the GDPR principles of Public Task or Legitimate Interest. This means that public authorities, such as Registered Social Landlords and Local Authorities, find it difficult to obtain Consumption Data from those Energy Consumers which they have a duty to protect.			
Title	Closing Date	Impacted Parties	Link
MP289 'BCRD Engagement'	10 March 2026	Large Suppliers, Small Suppliers, DCC, Electricity Network Parties, Gas Network Parties, DCC Other Users	DOWNLOAD

The DCC approach to Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery (BCDR) Testing has evolved since [SECMP0029 'Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Testing Amendments'](#) was implemented in 2018. The DCC believes that the current requirements do not take the DCC approach to testing into account and, as a result, the current SEC engagement requirements are no longer appropriate in every instance of BCDR testing. The Modification is looking to amend Section H "DCC Services" 10.12A and H10.12B to reflect the changes. The Proposer is also looking to add new Section H10.12C to include requirements on the DCC to formalise the production and availability of the DCC BCDR Testing Approach document.

Title	Closing Date	Impacted Parties	Link
MP312 'Caching SRV 4.10 for SMETS1 Devices'	10 March 2026	Large Suppliers, Small Suppliers, DCC, Electricity Network Parties	DOWNLOAD

Each SMETS1 Communications Hub has a limit of SMS messages it can receive until overage charges come into effect (approximately £0.025 per SMS). Following Adoption and Enrolment, this is resulting in significant volumes of SMS messages being generated and is forecasted to increase until its peak in Q2 2026. This will result in significant SMS overage costs. The proposed solution is to introduce the ability to cache SRV 4.10 via a text-only modification. This will result in changes to SEC Appendix AM 'SMETS1 Supporting Requirements'.

Industry news and consultations

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Industry news

DCC Customer Satisfaction Survey

The DCC's March 2026 Customer Satisfaction Survey is now live.

The survey should only take a few minutes to complete and will close on 26 March 2026.

Your feedback is important and will help inform and shape future service delivery.

To provide your feedback, please access the survey using this [link](#). When prompted, please ensure you enter your SEC Party email address, as this will help with grouping scores and reviewing comments.



Industry consultations

[DCC RFI on the number of Communications Hub Replacement Reimbursement Events | Smart DCC](#)

This DCC consultation requests energy Suppliers to provide forecasts for Communication Hub Replacement Reimbursement Events for the next four-year period to inform future funding arrangements. Suppliers are invited to submit their views by **03 March 2026**.

[DSP Consultation on the Device Selection Methodology \(DSM\) for Future DSP | Smart DCC](#)

This DCC consultation seeks feedback on the proposed methodology for selecting which Devices should be used in testing for the Future Data Services Provider programme. You are invited to submit your feedback by **18 March 2026**.

[Consumer Consent Solution | REC](#)

This REC consultation seeks feedback on creating a standard digital system for consumers to control how their energy data is shared. You are invited to submit your feedback by **25 March 2026**.

[Proposed indicators: Ofgem performance and energy sector health | Ofgem](#)

Ofgem seeks feedback on proposed indicators to measure its performance and the overall health of the energy sector, improving transparency and tracking progress against its strategy. You are invited to submit your feedback by **07 April 2026**.

Upcoming events and SEC meetings

Date	Event	Who can attend?
02 March, 13:30	TIRG Meeting 18	Members
04 March, 10:00	SEC Working Group Meeting	Members
04 March, 10:00	Future Services Management Meeting 02	Members
05 March, 09:30	TABASC Meeting 123	Members
10 March, 09:30	Operations Group Meeting 159	Members
11 March, 09:15	SMKI PMA Meeting 139	Members
11 March, 09:30	Performance Assurance Board Meeting 11	Members
16 March, 11:00	SCRIS Meeting 51	Members

16 March, 13:00	Communications Transition Group 34	Members
17 March, 10:00	Change Sub-Committee Meeting 85	Members
19 March, 10:00	Privacy Sub-Committee Meeting 24	Members
20 March, 10:30	Other SEC Party Monthly Engagement Call	Open to Party Type
23 March, 10:30	Large Supplier Engagement Call	Open to Party Type
23 March, 12:30	Operations Group Meeting 160	Members
24 March, 09:30	SEC Panel Meeting 150	Members
24 March, 14:00	SECCo Board Meeting 150	Members
25 March, 09:45	Testing Advisory Group 136	Members
25 March, 10:00	Change Board Meeting 112	Members
25 March, 10:00	Security Sub-Committee Meeting 235	Members
26 March, 15:00	Small Supplier Engagement Call	Open to Party Type

View all upcoming industry events in the [Industry Events Calendar](#)



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