

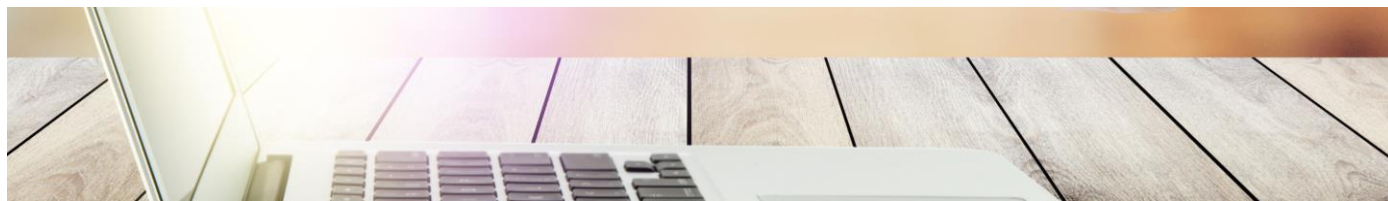
SEC Newsletter



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

Please get in touch by emailing the [SECAS Helpdesk](#) if you have any feedback.



Updated SEC Strategic Plan v5.0

This story is of interest to SEC Parties

The [SEC Strategic Plan](#) has been updated to reflect the latest status of key strategic events that will or could have an impact on the SEC arrangements moving forward.

Recently a Horizon Scanning exercise was carried out to consider events which could arise in 10 years' time, resulting in additional areas being added to the Plan for SEC Panel, the Strategic Working Group and SECAS to monitor. Any key developments relating to the SEC Strategic Plan will be communicated as they arise.

SEC Panel Headlines

This story is of interest to SEC Parties

The September 2024 Panel took place on 24 September 2024. Please find the meeting headlines from [SEC Panel 132](#) uploaded to the SEC Website. The next Panel meeting will be held on 22 October 2024.

Using IKI Certificates to Digitally Sign CPL Submissions

This story is of interest to SEC Parties

At the Security Sub-Committee (SSC) meeting on 10 July 2024, a three-month transitional period was agreed for Manufacturers to allow them to start using Infrastructure Key Infrastructure (IKI) Certificates to digitally sign Central Products List (CPL) submission files (if including a Hash). This is a requirement of SEC Appendix Z Section 4.1 following the implementation of SEC Modification [MP168 'CPL Security Improvements'](#).

From **14 October 2024**, SECAS will only be accepting CPL submissions signed using IKI Certificates. Until this date, SECAS will be accepting CPL submissions signed with both IKI Certificates and current signed Certificates. The [CPL Guidance Document v6.1](#) has been updated to reflect the new CPL file signing requirements.

If you have any questions on the new requirements, please contact SSC@gemserv.com.



Modifications Update

This story is of interest to SEC Parties

Refinement Consultations

As a SEC Party, you can help influence Proposed Solutions, determine the business case for change, and comment on how proposals will affect your organisation. For more information and to respond to the consultations, download the consultation packs linked below and send your responses to the [Change Team](#).

Title	Closing Date	Impacted Parties	Link
MP247 'Future Dating of Service Requests for SMETS1 Devices'	9 October 2024	DCC, Suppliers	Download
MP247 proposes to allow DCC Users to send Future Dated Service Requests to SMETS1 Devices without being held at the DSP.			
MP252 'Amending the process for Communications Hub returns'	9 October 2024	DCC, Electricity Network Parties, Gas Network Parties, Other SEC Parties, Suppliers	Download
MP252 will allow any SEC Party to return Communications Hubs to the DCC.			

Modification Report Consultations

There are currently two open Modification Report Consultations. You are invited to provide feedback to the [Change Team](#) to help us understand your views on whether the modifications should be approved.

Title	Closing Date	Impacted Parties	Link
MP253 'Traffic Management for Price Cap Update Events – User Actions Required'	9 October 2024	DCC, Suppliers, Other SEC Parties	Download
MP253 proposes to introduce an obligation into the SEC requiring DCC Users to follow instructions during a Price Cap Update Event.			
MP272 'SMKI Document Set Changes 2024'	9 October 2024	DCC, Electricity Network Parties, Gas Network Parties, Other SEC Parties, Suppliers	Download
MP272 proposes to implement the changes identified from the SMKI and DCCKI Document Set review.			



OPSG Workshop: Smart Meters Not Operating in Smart Mode

This story is of interest to SEC Parties



The Operations Group (OPSG) recently held a workshop on Smart Meters not operating in Smart Mode. The OPSG focuses on managing operational matters related to services under the SEC, including DCC Services. It aims to foster close cooperation between the DCC and DCC Users.

The workshop was a significant step towards addressing the challenges associated with non-operating devices and establishing potential definitions for the OPSG.

The OPSG Chair emphasised the need for a collective approach to make the tracking of issues more relevant and effective. The Chair highlighted the importance of adhering to the principles set out in the [Good Practice guidance](#) created by the DCC in conjunction with the Department of Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ). Additionally, the Chair stressed the necessity for the OPSG to collaborate effectively in implementing a systematic categorisation of issues contributing to devices not operating in Smart Mode.

Following the workshop, it was agreed that the DCC would return to the OPSG with a view of the top five categories contributing to Smart Meters not operating in Smart Mode. The DCC will work with SECAS to map this information to the data provided in the Performance Measurement Report (PMR).

SEC Parties are encouraged to continue following the Good Practice guidance and to collaborate effectively to resolve the issues identified.

DCC Engagement with SEC Sub-Committee Chairs

This story is of interest to SEC Parties and DCC users

The SEC Sub-Committee Chairs and SECAS meet monthly with the DCC engagement team and programme Directors to discuss key programme changes and impacts, engagement approaches, and share feedback.

Here is a summary of key points from the September 2024 meeting:

- **Dual Control Organisation (DCO) Update:** DCC provided an update on the DCO, including the latest procurement status, next steps, and a three-month engagement plan that includes attending OPSG, SSC, and Technical Architecture and Business Architecture Sub-Committee (TABASC) meetings.
- **Future Service Management (FSM) Progress:** DCC discussed the latest FSM developments, including procurement progress, receiving the Final Business Case Non-objection letter from DESNZ, and updates on Order Management and SEC Changes.

- **You Said, We Did - CH&N Update:** DCC confirmed the Comms Hubs & Network (CH&N) programme's goal of providing earlier access to UIT-A, assuring attendees that adequate resources will be in place to support triage and defect fixing activities.
- **Programme Overviews:** DCC shared a high-level overview of Key Updates across programmes and provided programme one-pagers for Chairs to quickly grasp the latest positions.

GBCS 4.1 Update

This story is of interest to SEC Parties

The EDM I Comms Hubs in Northern Great Britain have successfully completed a pilot phase for over-the-air (OTA) firmware upgrades. This advancement, implemented on 26 March 2024, allows remote updates to Pre-Payment Interface Devices (PPMIDs) and HAN Connected Additional Load Controllers (HCALCs). The pilot's success, approved by the SEC Panel on 27 August 2024, marks a significant milestone for the GBCS 4.1 project. The firmware used in the pilot will now be included in new EDM I Comms Hubs.

This pilot completion is the final step in rolling out GBCS 4.1 firmware to all existing Comms Hubs across Great Britain, including those in the Central and South regions served by Toshiba and WNC Comms Hubs. The DCC is awaiting production forecasts for the new EDM I Comms Hubs with the upgraded firmware, representing a major milestone in modernising the smart meter network across the country.

Industry News and Consultations

This story is of interest to SEC Parties

[Consumer Consent Solution consultation | Ofgem](#)

You are invited to consider this Ofgem consultation, closing on 04 October 2024. Ofgem is seeking feedback on a digital solution that will allow consumers to share their energy data with trusted third parties for tailored services.

[SMETS1 Consultation: FOC \(BG\); Unenrolled L&G meters not included in FOC \(BG\) or FOC \(NP\) cohorts;](#)

[SMETS1 TMAD; DMCT and MDUST | Smart DCC](#)

You are invited to consider this DCC consultation, closing on 08 October 2024. It aims to seek feedback from SEC Parties on various SMETS1-related proposals. Stakeholders are encouraged to review the consultation document and provide feedback using the response template.

[CH&N Consultation on Phase 4 regulatory changes | Smart DCC](#)

You are invited to consider this DCC consultation, closing on 08 October 2024. The DCC is seeking feedback on proposed changes to the Smart Energy Code to support the Communications Hubs & Networks Programme.

[Consultation on proposed changes to DUIS | DESNZ](#)

You are invited to consider this DESNZ consultation, closing on 1 November 2024. DESNZ is seeking feedback on proposed changes to the Data User Interface Specification (DUIS).



[Impact Assessment on Proposed Delay to Timelines | MHHS Programme](#)

You are invited to consider this Impact Assessment published by the Market-wide Half Hourly Settlement (MHHS) Programme, closing on 04 October 2024. CR055 proposes an extension of the Systems Integration Testing (SIT) timelines by five months, resulting in a delay to the Programme Milestone M10 from 07 March 2025 to 13 August 2025, and equivalent delays to later Milestones. Milestone M10 is the point at which Central Systems are deemed ready for the migration of MPANs.

Upcoming Events

Privacy Webinar

When: 8 November 2024, 10:00 - 12:00

Who: Other Users & Other SEC Parties

What: We will provide clarity on the User Independent Auditor (IPA) and Privacy Experts roles, give an overview of the SEC I Obligations with a focus on the Consent Approach and the impact of any recent Mods, and request input on the SEC I review. We will share tips from the Validations team based on trends in User understanding and common areas where Users may encounter difficulties. We will cover the Privacy Change Notification process, reminding Users of their responsibilities and expectations for assessment.

How: Microsoft Teams. To sign up, please email the SECAS Helpdesk SECAS@gemserv.com by 12 October 2024 to confirm your interest and we will send you the webinar invite.

Security Assessment Webinar

When: 29 November 2024, 10:00 - 12:00

Who: SEC Parties

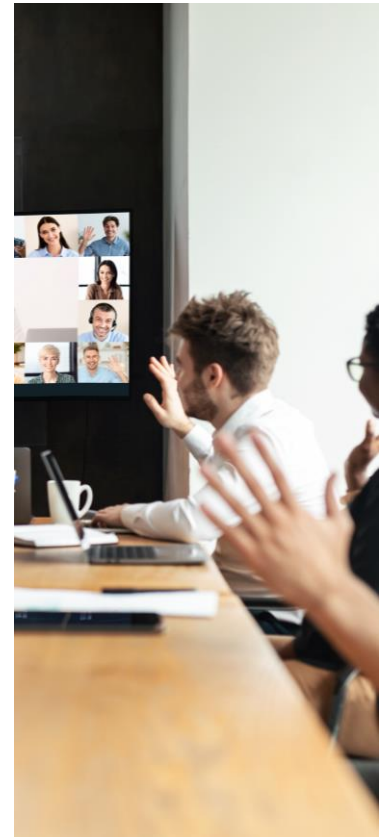
What: SECAS and the User CIO are hosting this webinar to address feedback and provide useful valuable advice to help Parties prepare for their annual assessments. We will clarify the User CIO role, focus on risks and obligations, with a particular emphasis on Small Suppliers, Triage Facility providers, and understanding the ISO27005 risk assessment approach. We will share tips from the Validations team, discuss the Material Change process and Meter Data Retrieval (MDR) role assessment, and run through Users of responsibilities and expectations for their assessment.

How: Microsoft Teams. To sign up, please email the SECAS Helpdesk SECAS@gemserv.com by 25 October 2024 to confirm your interest and we will send you the webinar invite.



Upcoming Events and SEC Meetings

- 02 Oct, 10:00 - [DCC/SEC Chairs Monthly Programme Engagement](#) (Members)
- 02 Oct, 10:00 - [SEC Monthly Working Group Meeting](#) (Members)
- 02 Oct, 10:00 - [SEC Monthly Issues Group Meeting](#) (Members)
- 03 Oct, 09:30 - [TABASC Meeting 106](#) (Members)
- 07 Oct, 13:00 - [Strategic Working Group Meeting 20](#) (Members)
- 08 Oct, 09:20 - [Operations Group Meeting 127](#) (Members)
- 09 Oct, 09:15 - [SECPMA Meeting 122](#) (Members)
- 09 Oct, 11:30 - [Security Sub-Committee Meeting 202](#) (Members)
- 14 Oct, 11:00 - [SCRIS 34](#) (Members)
- 15 Oct, 10:00 - [Change Sub-Committee Meeting 68](#) (Members)
- 17 Oct, 09:30 - [TABASC Meeting 106X](#) (Members)
- 17 Oct, 10:00 - [Privacy Sub-Committee 08](#) (Members)
- 18 Oct, 10:30 - [Other SEC Party Monthly Engagement Call](#) (Open to Party Type)
- 21 Oct, 10:30 - [Communications Transition Group 20](#) (Members)
- 21 Oct, 10:30 - [Large Supplier Engagement Call](#) (Open to Party Type)
- 22 Oct, 09:30 - [SEC Panel 133](#) (Members)
- 22 Oct, 10:00 - [SMDA Sub-Committee Meeting 14](#) (Members)
- 22 Oct, 14:00 - [SECCo Board Meeting 133](#) (Members)
- 23 Oct, 10:00 - [Change Board Meeting 95](#) (Members)
- 28 Oct, 12:20 - [Operations Group Meeting 128](#) (Members)
- 30 Oct, 12:00 - [TAG 119](#) (Members)
- 31 Oct, 15:00 - [Small Supplier Engagement Call](#) (Open to Party Type)



View all upcoming industry events, consultations, and publications from SECAS, the DCC, DESNZ and Ofgem in the [Industry Events Calendar](#).

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