

SEC Newsletter



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

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



SECCo Panel and Board Headlines

This story is of interest to all SEC Parties

The latest meetings of SEC Panel and SECCo Board took place on 25 February 2025. The Headlines from [SEC Panel 138](#) and [SECCo Board 138](#) are now uploaded to the SEC Website.

The next Panel and Board meetings will be held on 29 April 2025.

SECCo Consultation: SPV for the DCC2 Licence Procurement Process

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SECCo is consulting on the potential establishment of a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) to participate in the procurement process for the DCC2 Licence.

The [SPV Consultation](#) focuses on potential changes to the SEC to allow for the establishment of a SECCo subsidiary that could become the successor DCC Licence holder.

SECCo is seeking responses from all SEC Parties. Your feedback will help the SECCo Board decide whether to request approval from DESNZ to establish an SPV and whether to enter the Ofgem procurement process or prepare for a potential Ofgem direct award scenario. The consultation closes on **02 April 2025**. Please send your responses or questions to Consultations@seccoltd.com.



OPSG Update on 4FSK (Frequency Shift Keying) Implementation in the North Region

This story is of interest to all SEC Parties

At the Operations Group (OPSG) meeting 136 on 11 March 2025, the DCC requested approval from OPSG to proceed with the implementation of 4FSK in the North region. As a further extension to the already costly CSP North Scaling & Optimisation programme, the introduction of 4FSK was promised to enable Service Users to complete some basic business processes quicker but would not have provided any user benefit to the Install & Commission or Meter firmware distribution processes.

On the basis that upon successful installation of smart metering equipment in the North region, basic business processes are operating efficiently once devices are connected, and 4FSK delivering no direct (or indirect) improvements to the key problem business processes such as Install & Commission, the OPSG foresees no notable industry or Energy Consumer benefits compared to the circa £5.8m implementation costs, and has rejected its implementation.

This is a great example of the SEC Sub-Committee ensuring that decisions on proposed investments in the smart metering infrastructure are delivering real value to industry and consumers alike and are focused on resolving the key issues for the consumer experience. Bravo OPSG!

SMDA Testing Service Procurement Outcome

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SMDA is pleased to announce that Critical Software Limited has been awarded the SMDA Testing Service Contract.

The Scheme is excited to continue the successful partnership with Critical Software Limited after a competitive tender process. This marks a significant journey from the SMDA Review, commissioned by the SEC Panel in 2023, which aimed to ensure the Scheme's value to the industry and identify areas for improvement.

The SMDA Review, with input from the SMDA Sub-Committee members, confirmed the value and benefit of the Scheme in providing interoperability and interchangeability testing assurance, ensuring its future continuation.

The re-procurement of testing services, managed by the Scheme Operator and overseen by the SMDA Sub-Committee, has led to reduced testing fees, benefiting Manufacturers and users of SMDA testing services. The Scheme Operator and Critical Software Limited are committed to maintaining the current quality of service and implementing process improvements (including test automation) moving forward.

The SMDA Sub-Committee Chair, Carmen Strickland commented, “This was an excellent opportunity to ensure that the scheme meets the needs of SMDA now and for the future. Critical Software Limited are a trusted service provider, and this is an opportunity to improve the SMDA service further”.

If you want to find out more about SMDA please contact smdaso@gemserv.com.



Sub-Committee Elections Outcomes

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Performance Assurance Board (PAB) Election Outcomes

Following the closure of the nomination period, we are delighted to confirm the appointment of the following PAB Members:

SEC Party Type	Representative	Organisation
Large Suppliers	Emma Johnson Emslie Law	British Gas OVO
Small Suppliers	Lee Head	SSE
Networks	Fungai Madzivadondo	ENA
DCC	Arik Dondi	DCC

Remaining Seats Available

One Large Supplier seat, one Small Supplier seat, one Network seat, two Other SEC Parties seats and one Consumer Representative seat remain vacant.

You can still nominate a representative for the above categories until all positions are filled. Submit your nomination via the SEC website today. For queries, contact SECAS@gemserv.com. Our first in-person meeting will take place on **Wednesday, 14 May 2025**, at **77 Gracechurch Street, London, EC3V 0AS**. We look forward to a productive session as we begin our work on developing and implementing the Performance Assurance Framework.

Change Sub Committee (CSC) Elections outcome

Following the closure of the nomination period, we are delighted to confirm the appointment of the following CSC Members:

The new term for the nominated members began on **10 March 2025**, and the first CSC meeting with the 2025 membership was held on **18 March 2025**.

SEC Party Type	Representative	Organisation
Large Suppliers	Emma Johnson (Returning Member)	British Gas
Small Suppliers	Daniel Davies (Returning) Charlie Sands (New)	ESG Fuse Energy
Other SEC Parties	Philip Doyle (Returning) Gerdjan Busker (New)	Resolve Limited Prescience

The online membership list is now updated to reflect the results from this election.



Modifications Update

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Modification Report Consultations

Title	Closing Date	Impacted Parties	Link
MP241'Interoperability Checker Update'	09 April 2025	Large Suppliers Small Suppliers DCC	DOWNLOAD
MP241 proposes to enhance the Citizen’s Advice Interoperability Checker Service by utilising DCC System Data specific to consumers’ Smart Metering Systems to determine whether Devices on consumers’ premises are operable in Smart Mode. The modification proposes this solution apply to Electricity Smart Metering Equipment (ESME) only in the first instance, pending further work on Gas Smart Metering Equipment (GSME).			

Latest Modcast

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In this episode, we welcome a special guest; Sam Manson from the DCC! After our usual roundup, Sam will provide an insightful overview of the upcoming IPV 4G Comms Hubs programme, which will start rolling out to consumer homes from July 2025. We also welcome Marc Rhodes from the SEC Change team to give us an overview of MP285 ‘Radio Teleswitch Service switch off’.

Celebrating 100 Meetings of the Change Board

This story is of interest to all SEC Parties

The Change Board celebrated its 100th meeting on 26 March 2025.



Since its inception, Change Board members have collaborated to assess, approve, and implement transformative changes that have positively impacted the industry and consumers in numerous ways, delivering 176 modifications to the SEC as of March 2025.

Change Board Chair, Ali Beard stated, "The Change Board members work tirelessly to scrutinise the modifications presented to them, ensuring they meet the SEC objectives, and help deliver the benefits of smart meters to industry and consumers alike. The Change Board has also provided valuable insights into various matters, including the business benefits of requesting impact assessments and the costs of releases".

As we celebrate this important milestone, we remain focused on adapting to future challenges and seizing opportunities to improve the SEC Change Process. We will also work collaboratively with SEC Parties and key stakeholders to ensure the benefits of change are realised and deliver value for SEC Parties and consumers.

Here's to the next chapter of innovation and success.



SEC Events

Upcoming Events

Understanding the Central Products List (CPL)

When: 28 April 2025, 10:00 - 11:00

Who: SEC Parties

What: The webinar will cover various aspects of the CPL, including its importance, users, and limitations. Additionally, we will demonstrate how to view the CPL, submit a Device Model, and access the Firmware Information Repository (FIR). You will also be provided with information on where to find further details, what to include in your submission email, and answers to frequently asked questions.

Platform: Microsoft Teams

How: To sign up email the [SECAS Helpdesk](#) by 17:00 on 23 April 2025.



Previous Events

Introduction to SEC Webinar Slides and Recording Now Available!



Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Introduction to SEC webinar on 19 March 2025! If you missed it -or wish to revisit, the [slides](#) and [recording](#) are now available.

Access all of our [previous webinars](#) and [upcoming webinars](#). If you have any questions or need additional information, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at secas@gemserv.com.

Industry News and Consultations

[Consultation on Business Handover Plan \(Version 16\) | Smart DCC](#)

You are invited to consider this DCC consultation, closing on 04 April 2025. DCC is seeking feedback on Version 16 of its Business Handover Plan (BHP), which outlines the process for smoothly transitioning operations to a new license holder if needed.

[Making Settlement data more accessible to support drive to Clean Power 2030 - Elexon](#)

Elexon is seeking input on how to share detailed consumption data from half-hourly settlement to encourage innovative tariffs and help consumers be more flexible. You are invited to consider this consultation, closing on 11 April 2025.

Upcoming Events and SEC Meetings

- 02 April, 10:00 - [SEC Working Group Meeting](#) (Members)
- 03 April, 09:30 - [TABASC 112](#) (Members)
- 07 April, 13:30 - [TIRG 07](#) (Members)
- 08 April, 09:20 - [Operations Group 138](#) (Members)
- 09 April, 09:15 - [SMKL PMA128](#) (Members)
- 09 April, 11:30 - [Security Sub Committee Meeting 213](#) (Members)
- 14 April, 13:00 - [Communications Transition Group 26](#) (Members)
- 15 April, 10:00 - [Change Sub-Committee Meeting 74](#) (Members)
- 16 April, 10:00 - [SMDA Sub-Committee 17 Meeting](#) (Members)
- 17 April, 09:30 - [TABASC 112](#) (Members)
- 17 April, 10:00 - [Privacy Sub-Committee 13](#) (Members)
- 23 April, 10:00 - [Change Board Meeting 101](#) (Members)
- 25 April, 10:30 - [Other SEC Party Engagement Call](#) (Open to Party Type)
- 28 April, 12:20 - [Operations Group Meeting 139](#) (Members)
- 28 April, 10:30 - [Large Supplier Engagement Call](#) (Open to Party Type)
- 29 April, 10:00 - [Understanding the Central Products List \(CPL\) Webinar](#) (Open to Parties)
- 29 April, 09:30 - [SEC Panel 139](#) (Members)
- 29 April, 14:00 - [SECCo Board 139](#) (Members)
- 30 April, 09:45 - [Testing Advisory Group 125](#) (Members)



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