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WELCOME TO THE 31 JULY 2024 SEC NEWSLETTER!

Welcome to the latest edition of the SEC Newsletter!

In this edition, we celebrate the success of the SEC Party Engagement Day and include links to watch the recordings of the presentations. We invite you to submit nominations for the SEC Panel elections and share the results of our latest SEC Customer Satisfaction Survey and action plan. We share updates on using IKI Certificates to digitally sign Central Products List (CPL) submissions and the Trust Centre Swap Out Working Group.

You can read the meeting headlines from the latest Panel and SECCo Board meetings, find out more about the launch of SMDA Test House procurement, and the latest on industry consultations.

We include the latest Modifications update from our Change team and invite you to listen to the recent Modcast!

We also have vacancies for those of you who want to join our team and, as always, we keep you informed with upcoming SECAS meeting and events.

We hope you enjoy this edition. Please contact us at the [SECAS Helpdesk](#) if there are any topics you would like to see covered in an upcoming newsletter.

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SEC PARTY ENGAGEMENT DAY! 17 JULY 2024

Thank you to everyone who joined our SEC Party Engagement Day event on 17 July 2024.

It was great to see so many SEC Parties and industry stakeholders in one place. It was an opportunity to network with colleagues, get updates on key industry topics, and ask questions of the SEC Panel and Sub-Committee Chairs. We appreciate all your positive feedback.

We extend our thanks to all the presenters and participants who contributed to the vibrant discussions which made the SEC Party Engagement Day a resounding success.

If you couldn't make it or wish to revisit the insights shared, we've made the presentation slides and recordings available. You can access the slides [here](#) and the recordings [here](#).

Should you have any queries regarding the event, please feel free to reach out to us at secas@gemserv.com



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YOUR CHANCE TO JOIN THE SEC PANEL– CALL FOR NOMINATIONS BY 14 AUGUST 2024

Are you interested in joining the SEC Panel and representing your SEC Party Category? The 2024 SEC Panel Elections are now open for nominations. SEC Parties are invited to submit nominations here by close of business on 14 August 2024 to fill the seats below:

- One Large Supplier
- One Small Supplier
- One Electricity Network Operator
- One Other SEC Party

Those appointed as SEC Panel members are also appointed as SECCo Board Directors. The Panel and Board meet once a month. You can find out more about its role and obligations on the website for SEC Panel here and SECCo Board here.

You don't need to be a SEC Party to be nominated, however only SEC Parties may nominate. If there is more than one nomination per seat, SECAS will hold an election to decide the winner. Each person who has nominated themselves will need to provide a biography to be considered.

Once the nomination window has closed, invitations to vote (for your SEC Party Category only) will be issued on 21 August 2024 and the voting will close on 6 September 2024. Emails will be sent to SEC Parties containing the list of nominees, their relevant experience, and skills relevant to the seat. The outcome will be published in the SECAS newsletter and on the website ahead of the SEC Panel 132 meeting on 24 September 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact secas@gemserv.com.



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SEC CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY RESULTS AND ACTION PLAN

The SEC Customer Satisfaction Survey results are out, and we did great! We take customer satisfaction and experience very seriously, that’s why every year we ask our customers how we are doing, and we are pleased to report that overall, the results were very positive. This is a testament to the hard work and dedication of everyone involved in the SEC. Here are some of the survey highlights:

- Satisfaction with the level of Panel collaboration with DCC, DESNZ and Ofgem saw a notable 13%, 11% and 34% increase respectively.
- Satisfaction with how Sub-Committees meetings were being Chaired have reached 100% in 7 out of the 11 meetings surveyed.
- An impressive 80% satisfaction rate with our newsletter, reflecting a significant 21% increase from previous results.
- Our consultations and webinars have also seen a notable 21% and 10% increase in satisfaction, respectively.
- The clarity and quality of meeting documentation produced by SECAS was appreciated, with an 87% satisfaction rate overall.
- Satisfaction with the level of support provided by SECAS to the Sub-Committees and SEC Panel reached 100% in some areas, with a highlight being a remarkable 60% increase for OPSG.
- Satisfaction with the quality of delivery of modifications saw a pronounced increase across the board, and satisfaction with communications on Modifications and Releases was up by 32% from last year to 96% satisfaction.

However, the survey also identified areas for improvement, and with a clear action plan in place, the SEC is well-positioned to address these improvement areas.

The survey results can be found [here](#), and you can view the action plan [here](#).



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IKI CERTIFICATES AND CPL SUBMISSIONS

Following the implementation of [MP168 'CPL Security Improvements'](#), the SSC agreed to begin a three-month transitional period for Manufacturers to begin using IKI Certificates to digitally sign Central Products List (CPL) submission files (if including a Hash) per the requirement in SEC Appendix Z Section 4.1.

SECAS will be accepting CPL submissions signed using IKI Certificates only from week commencing 14 October 2024. Until this date SECAS will be accepting CPL submissions signed with both IKI Certificates and current signing Certificates.

The [CPL Guidance Document v6.1](#) has been updated to reflect the new CPL file signing requirements.

If they have not done so already, Manufacturers are encouraged to undergo the SMKI RAPP process with the DCC to obtain IKI Certificates to enable compliance. Please contact SSC@gemserv.com if you have any questions.

TRUST CENTRE SWAP OUT WORKING GROUP

The Trust Centre Swap Out (TCSO) Issues Resolution Group (TIRG) is a temporary sub-group of the SEC Operations Group (OPSG). The TIRG will be an OPSG sub-group which will consider the issues contained in the TCSO Issues Log, triage the issues and identify an appropriate Panel Sub-Committee to resolve the issue. The TIRG will also own the process of adding new issues to the TCSO Issues Log. The sub-group will resolve operational issues on the TCSO Issues log and own all issues on the log.

On 22 July 2024, OPSG agreed to the terms of reference for the TIRG. OPSG also agreed to have monthly meetings, starting in September. OPSG have decided that membership of the group is open to all SEC Parties; however, membership requests will be approved by OPSG and will be entirely at its discretion.

SECAS intends to send out an email to all SEC Parties by 2 August 2024, inviting applications for membership of the group. If you have knowledge of TCSO and could help resolve issues related to TCSO, please consider applying for membership.



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SECCO PANEL AND BOARD HEADLINES

The July 2024 Panel and SECCo Board meeting 130 took place on 23 July 2024. Please find the meeting headlines from [SEC Panel 130](#) and [SECCo Board 130](#) uploaded to the SEC Website. The next Panel and SECCo Board meetings will be held on 27 August 2024.

SMDA TEST HOUSE PROCUREMENT

The SMDA Test House procurement has now been launched. The Tender pack can be downloaded from the SMDA website [here](#). Key dates for tender are:

Key Activities	Date
Intent to Tender Response	Tuesday 6 August 2024
Clarification Submission Deadline	12pm Thursday 22 August 2024
Tender Submission Deadline	4pm Wednesday 4 September 2024



Industry News

OFGEM - DCC SUCCESSOR LICENSEE APPT PROCESS CONSULTATION

Ofgem is reviewing the process for appointing a new Smart Meter Communication Licence holder as the current DCC licence approaches its end. The consultation seeks stakeholder input on potential changes to primary legislation, aiming to enhance Ofgem's flexibility in appointing the successor.

This initiative is part of a broader effort to establish a new regulatory framework for DCC. Stakeholders can submit their views until 23 August 2024.

For more information visit Ofgem's consultation [here](#).



Modifications

MODIFICATION REPORT CONSULTATIONS

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

Title: [MP248 'Requirements for DCC Gateway Connection'](#)

Closing Date: 7 August 2024

Impacted Parties: DCC, Network Parties

Download [here](#)

LATEST SEC MODCAST

In this episode, we had a roundup of the past month in SEC Change before providing an overview of a new issue that was discussed at the June 2024 Issues Group: SEC Sub-Committee Seats for Other Users, Meter Data Retrievers and Registered Supplier Agents.

You can access the Modcast [here](#).

If you want to know more about any of the above, please email SEC.Change@gemserv.com or call us on 020 7090 7755.



Key Upcoming Governance Meeting Dates

INDUSTRY EVENTS CALENDAR

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

KEY SEC MEETING DATES

- 01 AUGUST - [TABASC MEETING 104](#)
- 01 AUGUST - [SMETS2 UIT AND MAINTENANCE RELEASES](#)
- 01 AUGUST - [WEEKLY SEC PANEL TESTING REPORT UPDATE CALL](#)
- 05 AUGUST - [STRATEGIC WORKING GROUP MEETING 19](#)
- 06 AUGUST - [DCC/SEC CHAIRS MONTHLY PROGRAMME ENGAGEMENT](#)
- 07 AUGUST- [SEC MONTHLY WORKING GROUP MEETING – AUGUST 2024](#)
- 08 AUGUST- [SEC MONTHLY ISSUES GROUP MEETING – AUGUST 2024](#)
- 08 AUGUST - [SMETS2 UIT AND MAINTENANCE RELEASES](#)
- 09 AUGUST -[WEEKLY SEC PANEL TESTING REPORT UPDATE CALL](#)
- 12 AUGUST- [COMMUNICATIONS TRANSITION GROUP 18](#)
- 13 AUGUST- [SMDA SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING 13](#)
- 14 AUGUST- [SSC MEETING 198](#)
- 15 AUGUST- [TABASC MEETING 104X](#)
- 15 AUGUST- [SMETS2 UIT AND MAINTENANCE RELEASES](#)
- 16 AUGUST- [WEEKLY SEC PANEL TESTING REPORT UPDATE CALL](#)
- 19 AUGUST- [SCIRS 32](#)
- 20 AUGUST- [CHANGE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING 66](#)
- 21 AUGUST- [CHANGE BOARD MEETING 93](#)
- 22 AUGUST- [PSC 06 2208](#)
- 22 AUGUST- [SMETS2 UIT AND MAINTENANCE RELEASES](#)
- 23 AUGUST- [OTHER SEC PARTY QUARTERLY ISSUES CALL – AUGUST 2024](#)
- 23 AUGUST- [LARGE SUPPLIER ENGAGEMENT CALL](#)
- 23 AUGUST- [WEEKLY SEC PANEL TESTING REPORT UPDATE CALL](#)
- 27 AUGUST- [SEC PANEL 131 – 2](#)
- 27 AUGUST- [SECCO BOARD 131](#)
- 28 AUGUST- [SSC MEETING 199](#)
- 29 AUGUST- [SMETS2 UIT AND MAINTENANCE RELEASES](#)
- 29 AUGUST- [SMALL SUPPLIER ENAGAGEMENT CALL](#)



SECAS Publications and Vacancies

SECAS HELPDESK

Please contact the [SECAS Helpdesk](#) with any questions and a member of the team will be happy to help. Helpdesk hours are **Monday-Friday 9-5pm (excluding bank holidays)**

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SECAS VACANCIES

If you're interested in joining us at SECAS, explore our current vacancies and become part of our dynamic team!

[Smart Energy Code Technical Consultant](#)

[Senior Information Security Consultant](#)

