

MAY 2024

SEC Newsletter



WELCOME TO THE MAY 2024 SEC NEWSLETTER!

Welcome to the May 2024 SEC Newsletter!

In this edition, we have an exciting update on the 4G Communication Hubs Rollout! We also share key reports by the Panel and its Sub-Committees and offer SEC Parties a clear view of the Panel's budget performance over the past regulatory year, responding to feedback from SEC Parties.

We invite SEC Parties to save the date for our SEC Party Engagement Day and we also celebrate the launch of the new SEC website and share the links to the headlines from the Panel and SECCo Board May 2024 meetings. We issue a Call for Nominations to Join the SMKI PMA for a Large Supplier seat and a Gas Network seat.

We also have vacancies for those of you who want to join our team! Check out our latest updates on modifications, tune in to our newest Modcast, and stay informed with all the upcoming industry events and meetings for June 2024!

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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TRUST CENTRE SWAP OUT WORKING GROUP

In preparation for the introduction of 4G Communication Hubs (CHs) into the DCC System, the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) has initiated a series of tests to ensure a smooth transition. Several energy Suppliers are conducting CH swap-outs to assess the Trust Centre Swap Out (TCSO) processes and device functionality, with DESNZ closely collaborating through a dedicated TCSO working group. This collaboration is vital for the successful deployment and operation of the new 4G CHs.

Following discussions with SECAS and the Sub-Committee Chairs, DESNZ is looking to delegate the resolution of TCSO-related issues to the relevant SEC Sub-Committees. The TCSO is a key security measure for the efficient installation of CHs, and with the upcoming 2G network sunset, energy Suppliers will need to replace all SMETS1 2G and SMETS2 2/3G CHs with 4G-capable CHs ahead of 2G sunset.

In light of this, the SEC Panel has approved SECAS's proposal to create a new group focused on TCSO, which was presented at the SEC Panel meeting on 28 May 2024. We encourage SEC Parties to consider joining this group, which will primarily consist of SEC Operations Group members, though wider participation is welcomed. The next steps include finalising the Terms of Reference for the group. Once finalised, invitations to join will be sent directly via email and announced in our newsletter. Watch this space for further updates!



SEC END OF REGULATORY YEAR AND BUDGETARY REPORTS

At the end of each Regulatory Year, the SEC produces the End of Regulatory and Budgetary Year Reports. The End of Regulatory Year Report outlines activities undertaken by the SEC Panel and its Sub-Committees throughout the year in delivering the operation of the Smart Energy Code (SEC), supported by the Smart Energy Code Administrator and Secretariat (SECAS) team. The report details the main areas of focus for the Panel, Board and each of its Sub Committees, and a summary of the consultations the SEC Panel has responded to and the reasoning behind its responses. The report also includes a summary of activities from Alt HAN co and a Panel evaluation of whether the SEC continues to meet the SEC Objectives. The End of Regulatory Year Report is published [here](#).

The End of Budgetary Year Report is provided for transparency purposes for Parties to view the outturn of the Panel budget over the same regulatory year. This year, the report responds to feedback received from SEC Parties and, whilst recognising the achievements of the SEC so far, highlights the challenges on the horizon and presents how the SEC model will evolve to address those challenges. The End of Budgetary report is published [here](#).

Please contact secas@gemserv.com if you have any questions.



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SAVE THE DATE! SEC PARTY ENGAGEMENT DAY IS ON 17 JULY 2024

SEC Parties are encouraged to attend this year’s annual SEC Party Engagement Day on 17 July 2024. It’s not a date to miss!

This will be an in-person all-day event which will be held at the etc. venues Fenchurch Street in London where SEC Parties will have the opportunity to:

- Meet SEC Panel members and ask questions.
- Hear from industry experts about key topics and developments.
- Participate in a range of workshops.
- Network with industry colleagues.

The agenda is being finalised so if you have any suggestions for topics to include, please get in touch by sending an email to secas@gemserv.com.

An email will be sent to SEC Parties imminently to confirm their interest to attend the event at which point more information will be shared.



THE NEW SEC WEBSITE IS NOW LIVE!

We are thrilled to announce that the new [SEC website](#) is now live! The new website boasts a sleek, modern design that simplifies navigation and enhances user experience. With improved features and functionalities, the website is tailored to meet the specific needs of SEC Parties.

We acknowledge that there have been some teething problems since go live. Rest assured; these issues are being actively addressed to ensure an optimised user experience.

To help you get acquainted with the new website, we encourage you to take advantage of the [website video tour](#) and the [user guide](#). These resources are designed to support you in familiarising yourself with the website's layout and features.

Your feedback is invaluable to us. As we continue to refine and improve the website, we welcome any suggestions you may have. If you encounter any difficulties or have ideas for enhancements, please do not hesitate to reach out to secas@gemserv.com.

Thank you for the support you’ve given so far.



SECCO PANEL AND BOARD HEADLINES

The May 2024 Panel and SECCo Board meeting “128” took place on 28 May 2024.

Please find the meeting headlines from [SEC Panel 128](#) and [SECCo Board 128](#) uploaded to the SEC Website.

The next Panel and SECCo Board meetings will be held on 25 June 2024.



CALLING ALL LARGE SUPPLIERS AND NETWORK OPERATORS

The SMKI PMA is seeking nominations for the upcoming vacancies in the Large Supplier seat and the Gas Network seat, as the tenure of the current members concludes in July 2024. The SMKI PMA, which convenes monthly on the second Wednesday, plays a crucial role in managing the SMKI's requirements and overseeing governance and changes for the relevant SEC content and artefacts.

Interested Parties are encouraged to submit their nominations through the **online form** [here](#) by **Wednesday, 12 June 2024**.



Industry News

SEC PANEL TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON ‘DESNZ - DELIVERING A SMART AND SECURE ELECTRICITY SYSTEM: IMPLEMENTATION’

In April 2024, the government published an important consultation on regulating Energy Smart Appliances (ESA). The initiative focuses on regulating Energy Smart Appliances (ESA), licensing organisations that handle Load Control activities and creating standardised Time of Use Tariffs.

The SEC Panel, which met on 28 May 2024, will respond to this consultation, and provide feedback.

Stakeholders have until 11 June 2024, to submit their responses.

Visit [here](#) for more details.



DCC REVIEW PHASE 2: GOVERNANCE AND CENTRALISED REGISTRATION SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS

The Data Communications Company (DCC), which operates a secure national network for smart metering in Great Britain under a licence granted in 2013, is nearing the end of its initial 12-year period. The government is now reviewing the regulatory framework for DCC's future operations.

A new consultation outlines proposals for future governance and the Centralised Registration Service. This is part of the second phase of the review, with two more consultations expected this summer on cost control and DCC's future role and objectives.

For further information, visit: [DCC Review Phase 2: Governance and Centralised Registration Service arrangements | Ofgem](#)



Modifications

NEW DRAFT PROPOSAL

There has been one new Draft Proposal raised since the last newsletter. You are invited to provide feedback to the [Change Team](#) to help us understand whether these issues affect you.

[DP269 'June 2024 SEC Release Supporting Changes'](#)

Following approval of [MP256](#), 'SEC Alignment with DCC SMETS1 MHHS Capacity Requirements the DCC' identified some minor alterations to the legal text that are required to accurately reflect and specify the intent of the modification, as the current legal text could be open to differing interpretations.



REFINEMENT CONSULTATIONS

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

MP263 'Improving transparency of DCC indicative costs' Download here .	Closing Date: Thursday 6 June 2024	Impacted Parties: DCC, Network Parties, Suppliers
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Modifications

MODIFICATION REPORT CONSULTATION

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

MP207 'Allowing Registered Supplier Agents to Maintain Meter Firmware' Download here .	Closing Date: Thursday 13 June 2024	Impacted Parties: DCC, Other SEC Parties, Registered Supplier Agents, Suppliers
MP224 'SEC Performance Assurance Framework' Download here .	Closing Date: Thursday 13 June 2024	Impacted Parties: Impacted Parties: DCC, Other SEC Parties, Registered Supplier Agents, Suppliers
MP230 'Review the SLA for delivery and completion for SMETS1 firmware' Download here .	Closing Date: Thursday 13 June 2024	Impacted Parties: DCC, Suppliers
MP246 'DCC User access to metadata via the DCC Self-Service Interface (SSI)' Download here .	Closing Date: Thursday 13 June 2024	Impacted Parties: DCC
MP262 'Extending the Installation End Date for CHTS v1.0 and GBCS v1.1' Download here .	Closing Date: Thursday 13 June 2024	Impacted Parties: Other SEC Parties, Suppliers

Modifications

MP219 UPDATE

The associated changes to the Privacy Controls Framework (PCF) for [MP219 'Accessing Consumption Data on behalf of SEC Parties'](#) have been agreed by the Privacy Sub-Committee. The Modification Report Consultation will open on Wednesday 29 May until 5pm on 19 June 2024. If you have any questions, please contact sec.change@gemserv.com.



LATEST SEC MODCAST

In this episode, we had a roundup of the past month in SEC Change before going into the detail of the June 2024 SEC Release, including what is in the scope of the release, who these changes impact and how to get more information and support.

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

The Industry Events Calendar is available [here](#). The purpose is to provide a one-month view of upcoming industry events, consultations, and publications from SECAS, the DCC, DESNZ and Ofgem. The calendar is a snapshot at the time of publication and will be updated monthly.

KEY SEC MEETING DATES

- 03 June - [Strategic Working Group Meeting 18](#)
- 04 June - [Cross Functional Design Authority](#)
- 04 June - [MHHS EWG](#)
- 05 June - [MHHS Migration Working Group](#)
- 05 June - [SEC Monthly Working Group Meeting – June 2024](#)
- 05 June - [SEC Monthly Issues Group Meeting – June 2024](#)
- 06 June - [TABASC Meeting 102](#)
- 06 June - [Cross Functional Design Authority](#)
- 06 June - [M7/ M8 Planning](#)
- 06 June - [SMETS2 UIT and Maintenance Releases](#)
- 10 June - [Communications Transition Group 16](#)
- 11 June - [Operations Group Meeting 119](#)
- 11 June - [Cross Functional Design Authority](#)
- 11 June - [SMDA Sub-Committee Meeting 12](#)
- 12 June - [TAG 114X](#)
- 12 June - [Top Issues Forum](#)
- 12 June - [SSC Meeting 194](#)
- 12 June - [GBCS Working Group Meeting](#)
- 13 June - [Cross Functional Design Authority](#)
- 13 June - [TSRIS](#)
- 13 June - [Supply Chain Working Group](#)
- 13 June - [SMDG](#)
- 13 June - [SMETS 2 UIT and Maintenance Releases](#)
- 14 June - [Weekly SEC Panel Testing Report Update Call](#)
- 18 June - [Change Sub-Committee Meeting 64](#)
- 18 June - [MHHS Code Drafting Working Group](#)
- 18 June - [Cross Functional Design Authority](#)
- 18 June - [TED EG](#)
- 19 June - [TBDG](#)
- 19 June - [GBCS Working Group Meeting](#)
- 20 June - [TABASC Meeting 102X](#)
- 20 June - [PSC 04 2006](#)
- 20 June - [MHHS M7/M8 Planning](#)
- 20 June - [Cross Functional Design Authority](#)



Key Upcoming Governance Meeting Dates

KEY SEC MEETING DATES

- 20 June - [SMETS2 UIT and Maintenance Releases](#)
- 21 June - [Other SEC Party Monthly Engagement Call – June 2024](#)
- 21 June - [Weekly SEC Panel Testing Report Update Call](#)
- 24 June - [Operations Group Meeting 120](#)
- 25 June - [SEC Panel 129](#)
- 25 June - [SECCo Board 129](#)
- 25 June - [Cross Functional Design Authority](#)
- 26 June - [TAG 115](#)
- 26 June - [MHHS: Cross Code Advisory Group](#)
- 26 June - [SSC Meeting 195](#)
- 26 June - [Change Board Meeting 91](#)
- 27 June - [MHHS: Data Cleanse Working Group](#)
- 27 June - [DCC Operations Forum](#)
- 27 June - [Cross Functional Design Authority](#)
- 27 June - [MHHS: Programme Advisory Group](#)
- 27 June - [SMETS2 UIT and Maintenance Releases](#)
- 27 June - [Small Supplier Engagement Call](#)

You can view all upcoming and previous event / meeting dates in the [online calendar](#).



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)**.



SECAS VACANCIES

If you would like to join the SECAS team, you may be interested in the following vacancies:

- [Senior Information Security Consultant](#)
- [Smart Energy Change Consultant](#)

