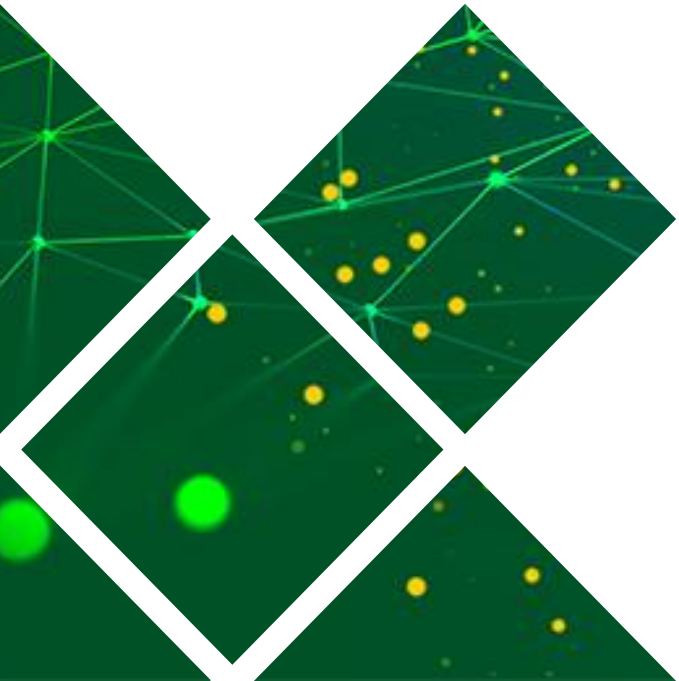


SEC Change Monthly Working Group Meeting

April 2026



Competition Act Compliance

It is everyone's responsibility to say something

The Chair will move the conversation on



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Housekeeping

- Please raise your hand
- Please be clear, explain acronyms
- This session will be recorded for minuting purposes, please be courteous!
- Just a reminder that we should be able to have free discussions of ideas



■ Introductions

- When I say your name, please:
 - Say hello so we can check your audio is working



MP293: Deferment of DCC Planned Maintenance during Adverse Weather

Raised by Catherine Duggan of SPENW

Lead Analyst is Lydia Bentley

HIGH

■ Objectives of the Working Group

NOTE

The Refinement Consultation responses

■ MP293: Overview

- The DCC periodically undertakes Planned Maintenance, during which Smart Metering Systems (SMS) cannot be communicated with.
- During adverse weather, Network Parties communicate with SMSs to check whether they have power.
- Where these two events coincide, Network Parties cannot remotely confirm the status of their portfolio via SMS comms.

Issue



- Network Parties must expend additional resources to confirm supply status in person without remote confirmation.
- Network Party operatives deployed into sites affected by storms also face additional risk.
- Where the DCC defer a Planned Maintenance, system impacts may arise and other Planned Maintenances may be affected

Impact



- “Enhanced Availability”: The DCC will make a limited number of SRVs/Alerts available to Network Parties during a system outage.
- Parties will be able to use these SRVs/Alerts even when the DCC system is down.
- The solution will cover: DCC Planned Maintenance, DCC Unplanned Maintenance, BCDR Testing

Potential Solution



■ MP293 Solution

Scope

The Proposer asked the SEC Change Team & the DCC to explore delivering the proposed solution into both As Is DSP (DSP1) and Future DSP (DSP2).

Implementation

The Proposer would like the SEC Change Team to work towards a November 26 release into As Is DSP in order to get as much value from the proposed solution as possible prior to Future DSP go-live.

■ MP293 Solution

“Core” Solution

To contain the following SRVs and Alerts:

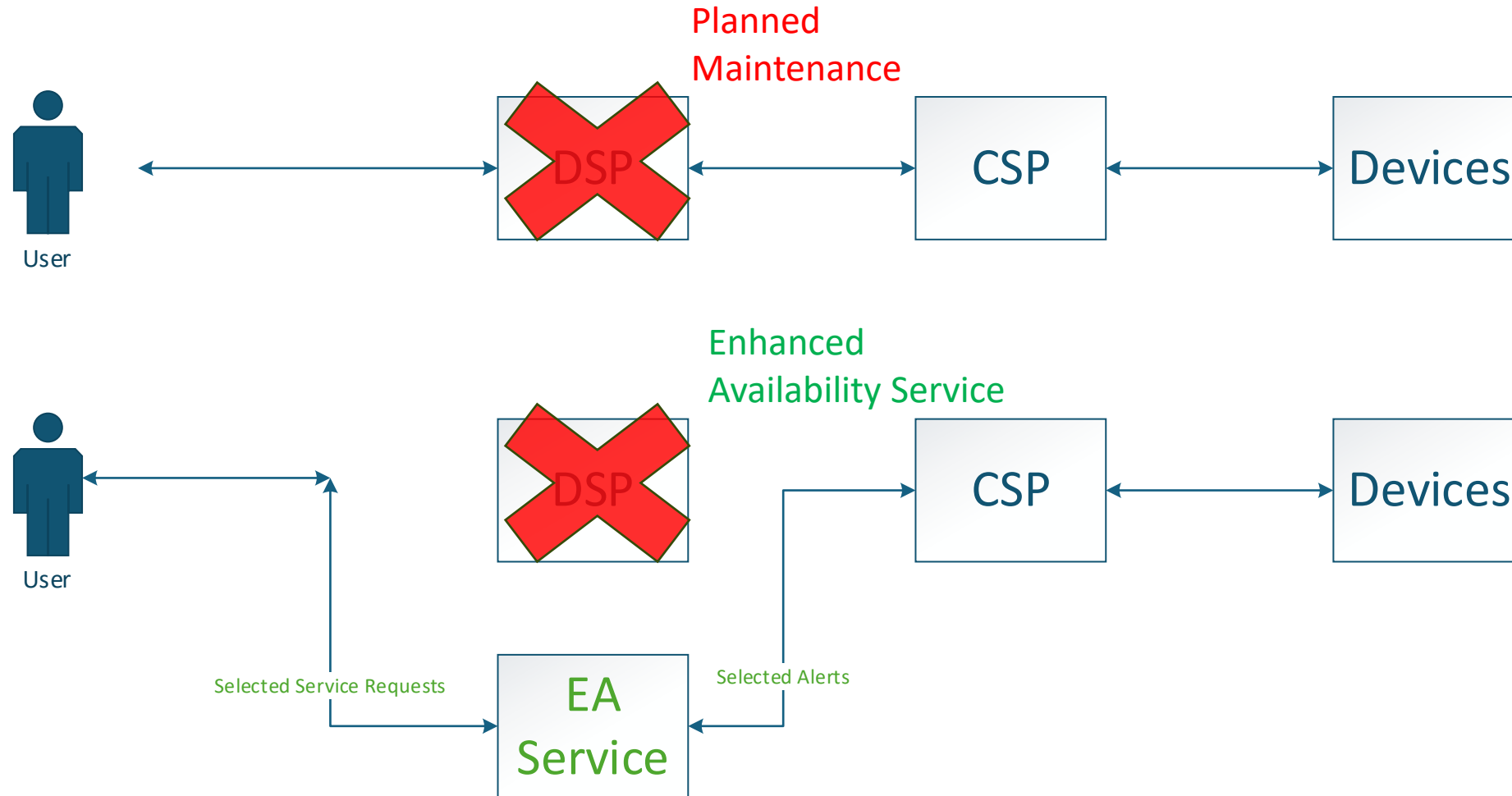
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- Alert AD1:
- SRV 2.2
- SRV 4.3
- Alert N56

Solution “Add Ons”

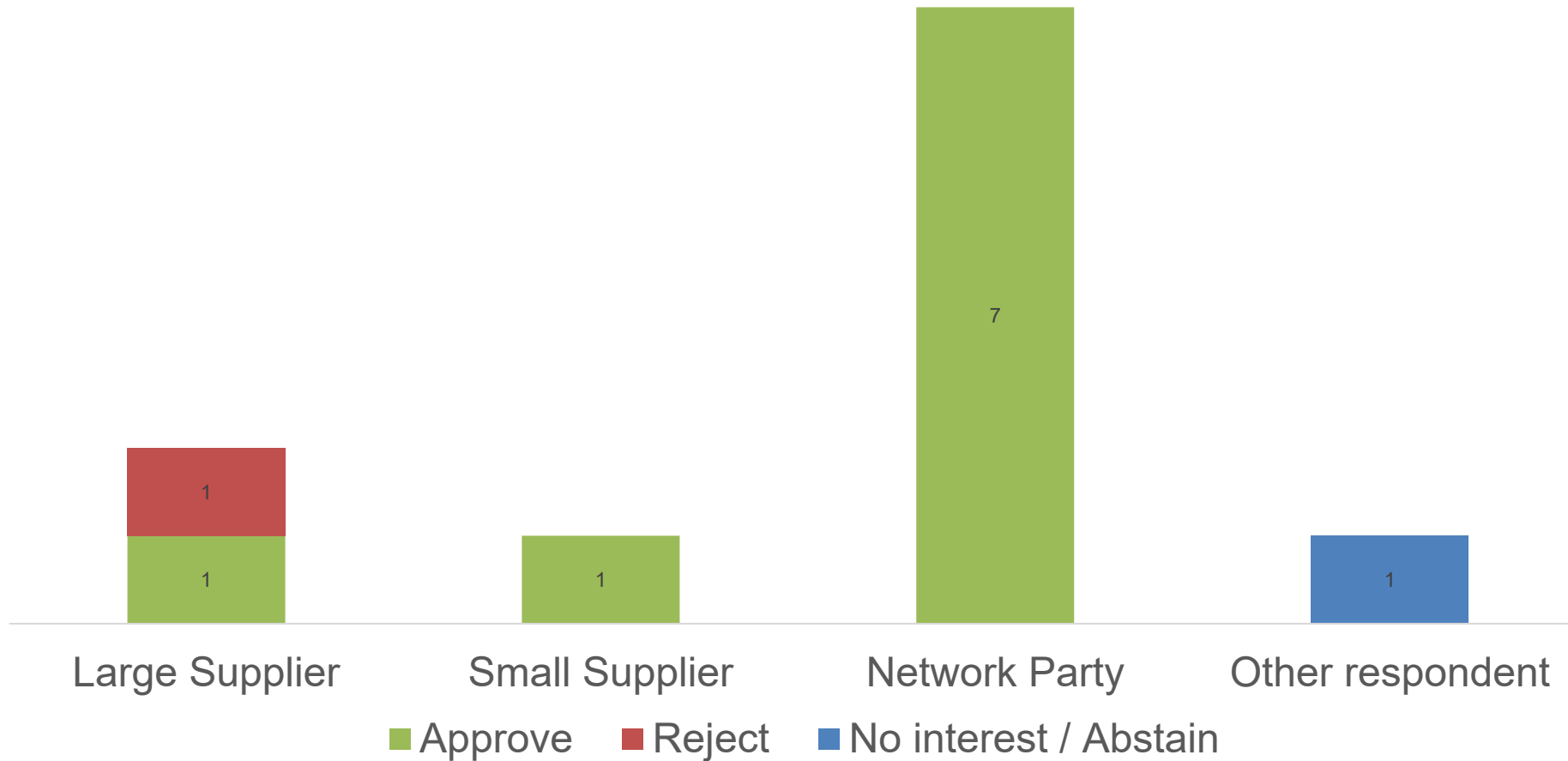
To introduce the EA service into the following:

- SMETS2 Communication Service Providers (CSP)
- SMETS2 (4G Comms Hubs), AD1 Alert Only
- SMETS1 Service Providers
- DSP2

PIA Solution, AS Is DSP



Refinement Consultation Response Summary



Refinement Consultation key points



Consumer benefit

- Faster restoration times of supply
- Earlier fault notification
- Reduces requirement for customers to call emergency and fault lines



The Proposed Solution will allow Network Parties to “be more proactive during power outages, reinstating more power supplies within a shorter period of time and reducing the burden on the consumer to have to keep calling emergency/fault lines.”



Refinement Consultation key points

Implementation costs

£nil

Large Suppliers
£nil

Small Suppliers
£nil

Network Parties
£nil



Implementation benefits

£1.23m–£4.05m collectively across all Network Parties per annum, with additional savings for Suppliers.

Large Suppliers
£0-£49K

Small Suppliers
£0-£49K

Network Parties
£1.23m–£4.05m



Lead times

No lead time indicated by Parties



(a)

Facilitate the efficient provision, installation, operation and interoperability of smart metering systems at energy consumers' premises within Great Britain.

(b)

Enable the DCC to comply at all times with the objectives of the DCC licence and to discharge the other obligations imposed upon it by the DCC licence.

(c)

Facilitate energy consumers' management of their use of electricity and gas through the provision of appropriate information via smart metering systems.

(e)

Facilitate such innovation in the design and operation of Energy Networks (as defined in the DCC Licence) as will best contribute to the delivery of a secure and sustainable Supply of Energy.

■ Refinement Consultation key points

Respondent comment

“There would be benefits to customers, but only in the rare occurrences of overlaps between adverse weather and DCC maintenance, and only until DSP2 offers similar functionality 2 years later.”

Proposer response

“Overlaps are not rare. Evidence submitted by Network Operators demonstrates 40% of all DCC planned outages within a storm season (current and last years) overlaps with an adverse weather event. This includes four overlaps from DCC planned outages with Met office named storms in the last 16 months.”

“The customer can expect their supply to be restored in a timelier fashion during an adverse weather event. Furthermore, under the “Must and Should” functionality it would allow customers to top up their pre-payment meters when that was previously unavailable to them.”

The SEC Change team acknowledges the expected benefits for both Network Parties & Suppliers, arising from the Proposed Solution.



■ Refinement Consultation Key Points

Core Solution

- **Broad agreement** across Network Operators and most Suppliers that:
 - Loss of DCC access during adverse weather events creates **material operational and consumer risk**.
 - The **Must & Should solution** is proportionate, practical, and delivers **clear consumer and system benefits**.
 - The solution should be delivered for **DSP1 no later than 6 November 2026**, reflecting a time-critical delivery window ahead of winter 2026/27.

Refinement Consultation Key Points

Add Ons

- **Strong resistance to: SMETS1 add-on** (high cost, limited benefit).
- **SMETS2 CSP add-ons**, unless DCC cannot demonstrate low likelihood of parallel CSP/DSP failure.
- **DSP2 changes** supported *only if* DCC cannot evidence very low future downtime (≈ 4 hours per year).
- Clear preference to treat **add-ons and DSP2 as separate or later modifications** to avoid jeopardising DSP1 delivery.

Refinement Consultation Key Points

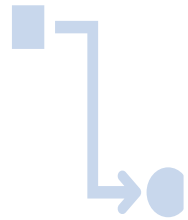
Legal Text

- Majority agree the legal text **can deliver MP293**, but many propose **strengthening amendments**, including: Clear obligations on DCC to **set out EA impacts in consultations**.
- Requirement to **avoid planned outages in winter**, using a defined meteorological winter (1 Dec – end Feb).

Cost Savings

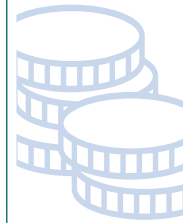
- Network Parties observed **3–4 overlapping events per year**
- Based on this, benefits case assumes **3 events per year going forward**
- MP293 is forecast to deliver **£1.23m–£4.05m of collective Network Party cost savings** over the remainder of DSP1 (~£0.6m–£2.0m per year).

■ Assessment of Change



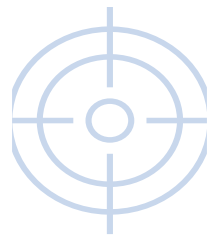
Impacted Parties

- DCC



Costs

- SECAS implementation costs
- Consequential costs to Parties:
 - ROM £680K-£900K
 - £25K/Month Ongoing



Target Release

- Nov 2026 SEC Release



Benefits

- Cost savings of £1.23m–£4.05m across all respondents

Next Steps



Change Board
2 April 2026



Impact Assessment
Following Change
Board



SSC & TAG
Following closure
of Impact
Assessment

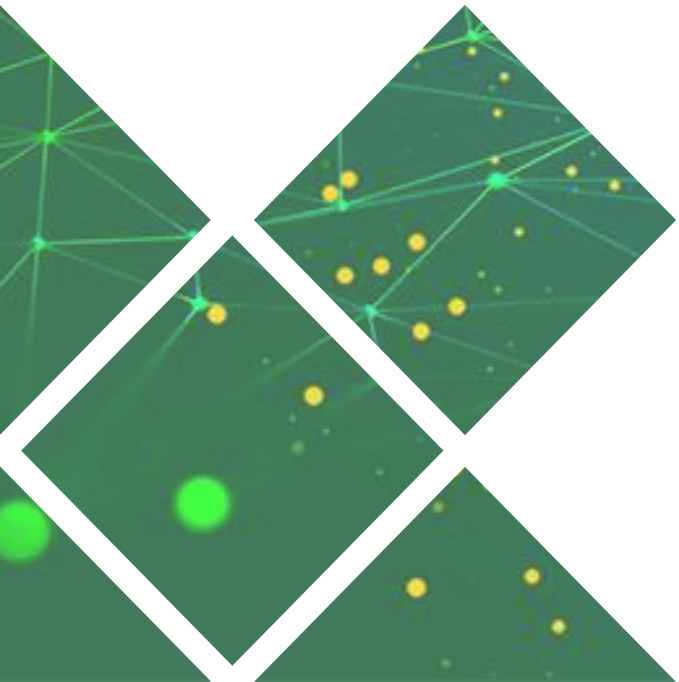
■ Questions for the Working Group

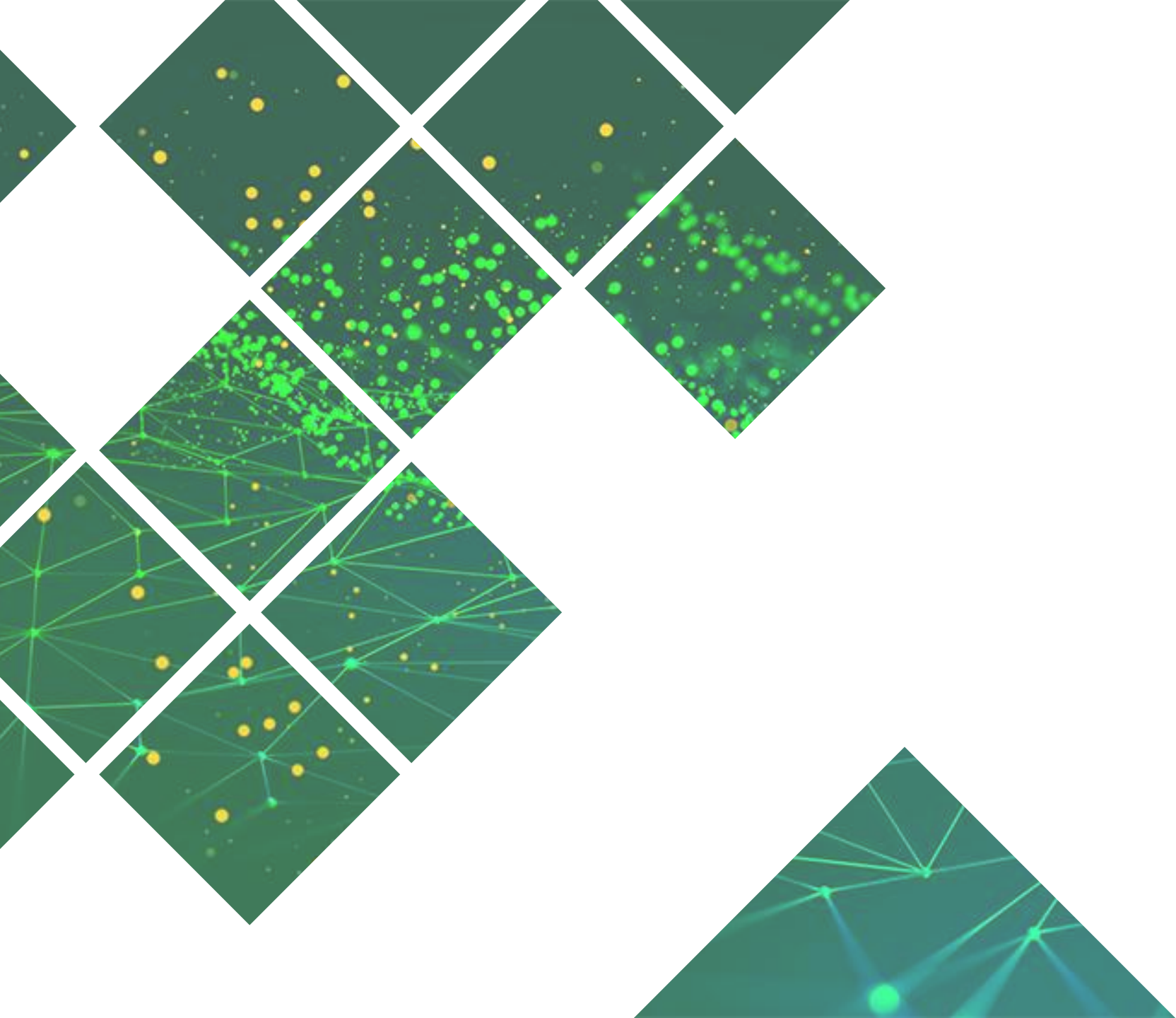
Do you have any comments on the Refinement Consultation responses?

Do you have any other comments?

SEC Change Monthly Issues Group Meeting

April 2026





SEC Accession Issue

Simon Grimwood

Objectives of the Issues Group

REVIEW	The issue
AGREE	The next steps

Issue

- If a SEC Party forms a new corporate entity, the SEC does not allow a transfer of SEC Party rights and status to the new entity.
- Currently, the SEC would require the new entity to undergo the SEC Accession process to assume SEC Party status.

Impacts

- Costs incurred through Accession
- Time consuming
- Inefficient

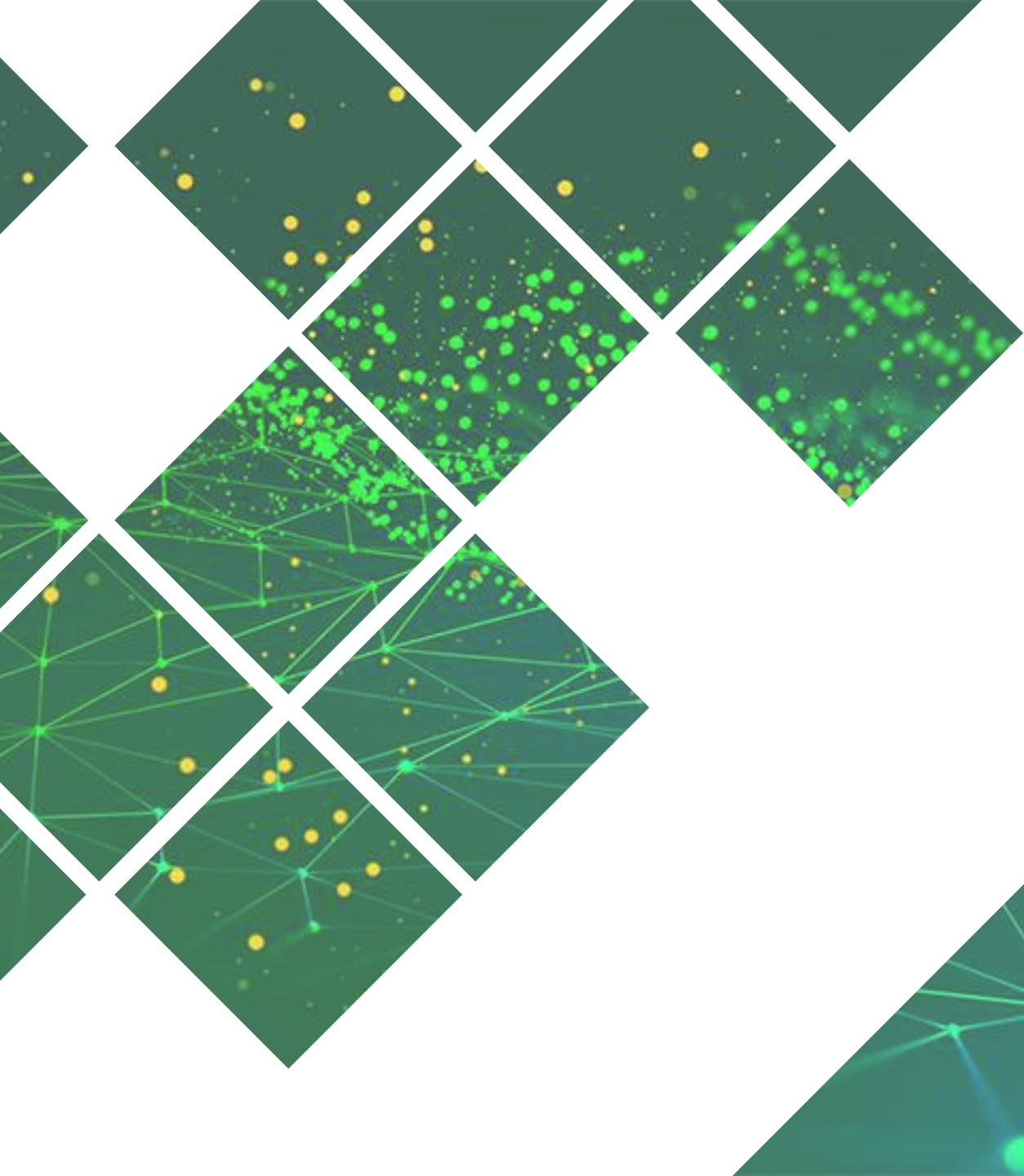
■ Additional information

Scenario

- A business (existing SEC Party) is taken over by another organisation, and said organisation establishes a new corporate entity on Companies House with the intention of transferring the existing SEC Party rights to the new entity.
- The SEC currently does not allow for this and would require the new entity to complete the SEC Accession process.

Suggested Solution

- Modify the SEC to allow for a transfer of SEC Party rights (defining specifically allowable scenarios) and provide rights for the SEC Panel to approve appropriate requests.



MAP/Manufacturer reporting extension

Simon Grimwood
(SECAS) & Bradley
Baker (DCC)

Objectives of the Issues Group

REVIEW	The issue
AGREE	The next steps

MP181's implementation

SEC Modification MP181 'Meter Asset Provider and Device Manufacturer access to asset related data held by the DCC' was implemented on 3 November 2022 as part of the November 2022 SEC Release.

MP181 introduced a service that discloses asset-related data reporting to Meter Asset Providers (MAPs) and Manufacturers that choose to use and pay for the service. The data may be requested on a regular basis such as monthly or quarterly, or also as an ad-hoc request (limited to one request per month), at the discretion of the Party.

The modification also brought in an Explicit Charging Metric that is used explicitly by the MAPs and Manufacturers who receive the reports on the Devices they either own or have manufactured containing the agreed datasets to (this ensures costs are passed on to the benefitting subscribers (MAPs and Manufacturers)).

MP181's datasets and proposed additions

Introduced as part of MP181

- Smart Meter ID
- Smart Meter Type, Smart Meter Model and Manufacturer
- Firmware version
- SMI Status
- Region
- Registered Supplier(s) and its/their effective from date(s)
- Communications Hub make, model and firmware version

Proposed additions

- Mismatched CH variant
- Non comm bucket info
- Monthly read data: for SRV 4.6.1 'RetrieveImportDailyReadLog' scheduled daily reads, SRV 4.8.1 'ReadActiveImportProfileData' monthly profile reads and 8F0A 'Billing Data Log Updated' Alerts
- Failed Change of Supplier (CoS) data
- Meter is chatty flag
- Original firmware, date last updated
- Where the new ones start.

Rationale for additions

Mismatched CH variant

to support triage around WAN issues [from INV106NU Incorrect CHF Variant Installed In Region]

Non-communicating meters bucket info (if approved by Energy Suppliers)

to support triage and remediation of non-communicating meters & CHs [from INV180/181NU Weekly SEC Party Non-Communicating Devices / Comms Hubs]

Monthly read data

for 4.6.1 scheduled daily reads, 4.8.1 monthly profile reads and 8FOA alerts: to support triage around any issues that give symptoms on the meter affecting reads success or failure [from MRD007NU / MRD008NU / MRD009NU Monthly Profile Read / Billing Calendar / No Reads Data Extract]

Failed Change of Supplier (COS) data

to give insight into any potential issues at a meter level on the CoS journey [from COS001NU Change of Supply]

Meter is chatty flag

to indicate if the meter itself may have issues presenting as high volume of device alerts [from SR072NU Daily Chatty Devices SAT Alerts]

Original firmware, date last updated

to give insight into any potential issues at a meter level on the FW upgrade journey [from INV180/181NU Weekly SEC Party Non-Communicating Devices / Comms Hubs]

Proposed legal text

Add this

H17. MAP / MANUFACTURER DATA REPORTS

H17.1 The DCC shall establish and periodically review, in consultation with the Parties, a document (to be known as the MAP / Manufacturer Reporting Document) which lists the reasonable datasets which are to constitute the Data to be reported on by the DCC.

~~H17.1~~H17.2 Subject to Section H17.32, the following entities shall be eligible to request and receive reports under this Section H17 in respect of Smart Meters: (a) the Manufacturer of the Smart Meter; and/or (b) the Meter Asset Provider of the Smart Meter.

~~H17.2~~H17.3 The DCC shall only provide reports under this Section H17 to Meter Asset Providers and Manufacturers which are either: (a) a Party; or (b) party to an agreement in the form of the Specimen Enabling Services Agreement.

~~H17.3~~H17.4 In order to receive reports in respect of a particular Smart Meter, the entity requesting the report will need to provide reasonable evidence to the DCC that such entity is the Manufacturer or Meter

Remove this

~~H17.5—Each report under this Section H17 will set out (as a minimum) for each and every Smart Meter for which the recipient is the Manufacturer or Meter Asset Provider:~~

- ~~(a) — Smart Meter ID or Global Unique Identifier (GUID);~~
- ~~(b) — Smart Meter Type, Smart Meter Model and Manufacturer;~~
- ~~(c) — firmware version;~~
- ~~(d) — SMI Status;~~
- ~~(e) — Region;~~
- ~~(f) — the Registered Supplier(s) and its/their effective from date(s); and~~
- ~~(g) — Communications Hub make, model and firmware version.~~



Baker, Bradley (DCC)



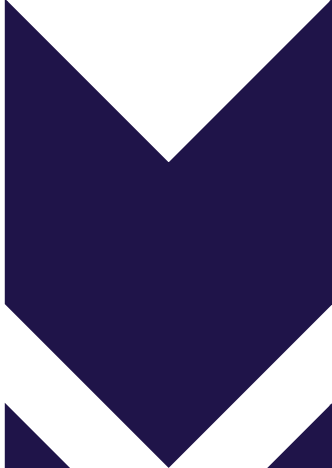
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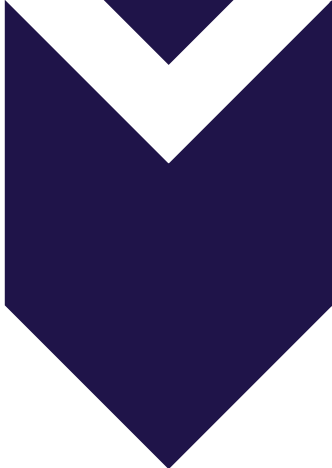
MAP / Manufacturer Data Reporting Document
means the document to be established, reviewed and updated by the DCC, as further described in Section H17 (MAP / Manufacturer Data Reports).

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@mention or reply

Questions for the Issues Group

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- **Does the Issues Group agree with the proposed additional datasets and will they assist in the GSOP world?**

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- **Do you agree with hosting these datasets in a separate document to futureproof changes (undergoing a necessary consultation period and SEC Panel / Sub-Committee sign-off)?**

Proposed next steps

Early April 2026: Raise the SEC Modification

22 April: Change Sub-Committee (initial presentation)

20 May: Change Sub-Committee (proceed to Report Phase)

25 May – 12 June: Modification Report Consultation

29 July: Change Board vote

(if approved) implementation in August 2026

YOUR FEEDBACK MATTERS

GET IN TOUCH WITH YOUR THOUGHTS AND COMMENTS

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Thank you for attending

The next meeting will be on
Wednesday 6 May 2026