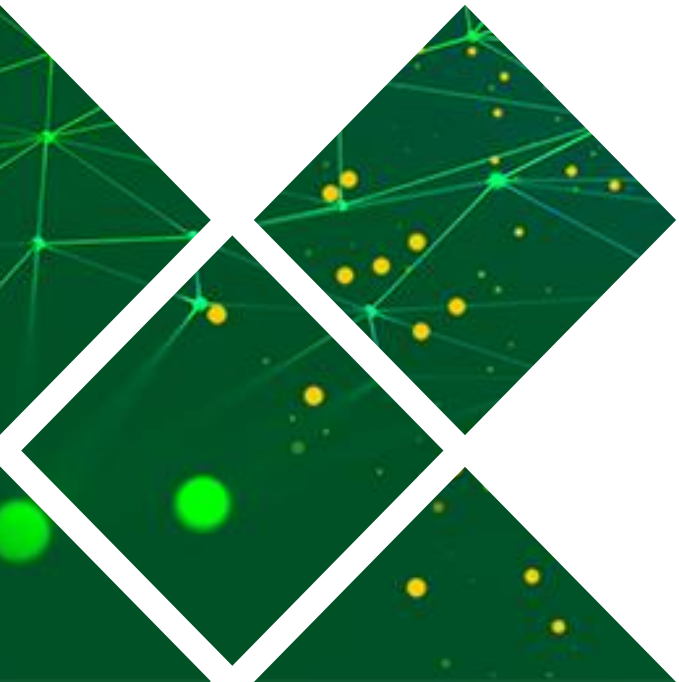


SEC Change Monthly Working Group Meeting

September 2024



Competition Act Compliance

It is everyone's responsibility to say something

The Chair will move the conversation on



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
 - Which company you are from
 - If you are a Supplier/Network Party/other



■ Working Group dates 2025

- We propose to continue on the first Wednesday of each month (except for January, as the first Wednesday is New Years Day, so we propose the second Wednesday in January).

2025 Dates
8 January
5 February
5 March
2 April
7 May
4 June
2 July
6 August
3 September
1 October
5 November
3 December

■ MP252: Amending the process for Communications Hub returns

Liz Woods

Raised by David Lane from SMS Plc

HIGH

Objectives of the Working Group

REVIEW

The DCC Preliminary Assessment

AGREE

The next steps

Overview

- Unable to decom CH nor ID Responsible Supplier due to confidentiality clauses in SEC Section M4
- CH removal & returns process overly complicated and resource heavy.

Issue



- DCC identified over 65k CHs; not at consumer premises and with non-Responsible Parties
- Unable to return to DCC
- Incorrect charges
- CH volume will increase at an accelerated rate once we move into the 4G transition

Impact



- Redesign portions of CH returns process by using SRVs 8.14.3 or 8.14.4 and SR8.3.
- Augmenting current functionality used by Parties, to allowing Parties who are not the Responsible Supplier to return CHs

Potential Solution



Overview

Issue

- DCC identified over 65k CHs (Proposer has 20k); not at consumer premises and with non-Responsible Parties
- Non-Responsible Parties unable to identify Responsible Supplier due to confidentiality clauses in SEC Section M4
- CH removal & returns process overly complicated and resource heavy

Current arrangements

- Only Responsible Parties able to return CHs to DCC
- All CHs marked for return need to be in SMI states of 'Decommissioned' or 'Pending'
- Any returned CH received with SMI state of 'Commissioned' is not processed by CSPs

■ Business Requirements (1/2)

Ref	Requirement	Responsible for delivery	MoSCoW
1	SEC Parties, including Non-Responsible Parties, shall notify DCC when they want to return Communications Hubs	DCC	M
2	DCC shall develop a mechanism to allow Non-Responsible Parties to return Communications Hubs, where the Communications Hub state in the SMI is 'Commissioned' or 'InstalledNotCommissioned'	DCC	M
3	DCC shall develop a mechanism to check all intended Communications Hubs returns for their current SMI state	DCC	M
4	DCC shall notify SEC Parties whether their request for Communications Hubs return has been accepted or rejected	DCC	M
5	DCC shall notify the Responsible Party of Communications Hubs in the returns process that the DCC has in their possession	DCC	M

■ Business Requirements (2/2)

Ref	Requirement	Responsible for delivery	MoSCoW
6	DCC shall process the accepted Communications Hubs	DCC	M
7	DCC shall develop a mechanism to charge the Responsible Party for the non-compliant returned Communications Hubs	DCC	M
8	DCC shall accept the return of end-of-life Communications Hubs	DCC	S
9	Reporting to monitor Communications Hub returns data	DCC	S

■ Proposed Solution

Aim of the Proposed Solution:

- Allow SEC Parties, including Non-Responsible Parties, to return CHs to the DCC.
- Allow the DCC to process the returned CHs for reuse or recycling.

Expected Benefits:

- Provides an additional path for all CHs to be returned to the DCC.

Known/potential impacts of the Proposed Solution:

- Possible Security risk/impact, depending how the DCC will process returned CHs which are still in 'Commissioned' state in the SMI.

Solution options:

- Augment the existing processes using SRVs 8.14.3 or 8.14.4 and SR8.3
- Change functionality currently used by Parties to allow Parties who are not the Responsible Supplier to return Comms Hubs

■ Preliminary Assessment Summary – Solution A

Cost (Design, Build & PIT)

- £860,000 to £1,000,000 (DCC are still working to finalise these cost, likely to increase)

Implementation

- Expected to take **10 months** up to the end of PIT
- Post-PIT activities expected to take up to **3 months**
- Based on the existing requirements, the total fixed price cost for a Full Impact Assessment is **£104,000** and would be expected to be completed in **40 Working Days**.

Option 2

- Solution Option A would incur significant integration functional and regression testing costs
- CSPs impacted

■ Preliminary Assessment Summary – Solution B

Cost (Design, Build & PIT)

- £200,000 to £300,000

Implementation

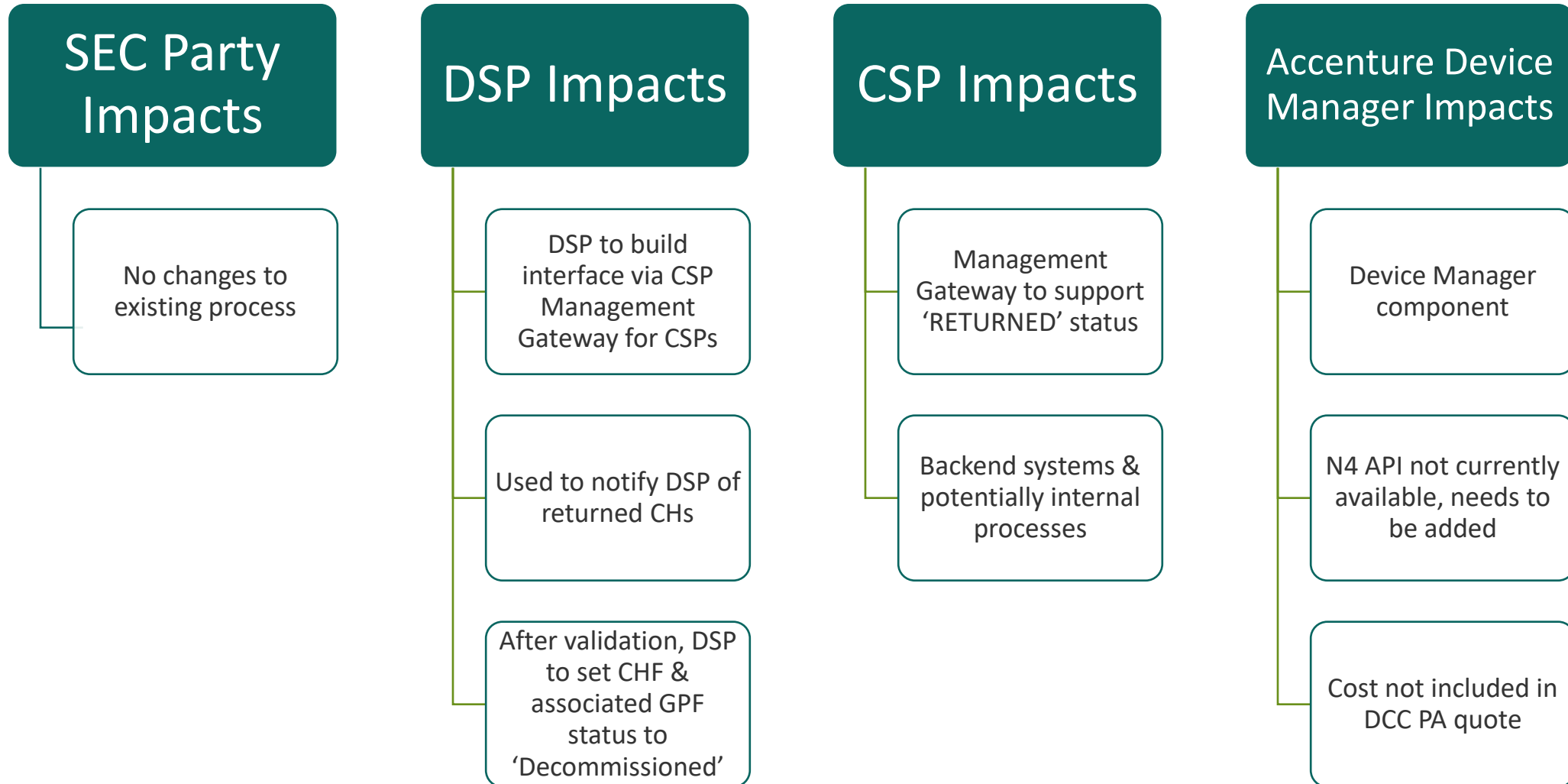
- Expected to take **4 months** up to the end of PIT
- Post-PIT activities expected to take up to **3 months**
- Based on the existing requirements, the total fixed price cost for a Full Impact Assessment is **£17,636** and would be expected to be completed in **40 Working Days**.

Option 2

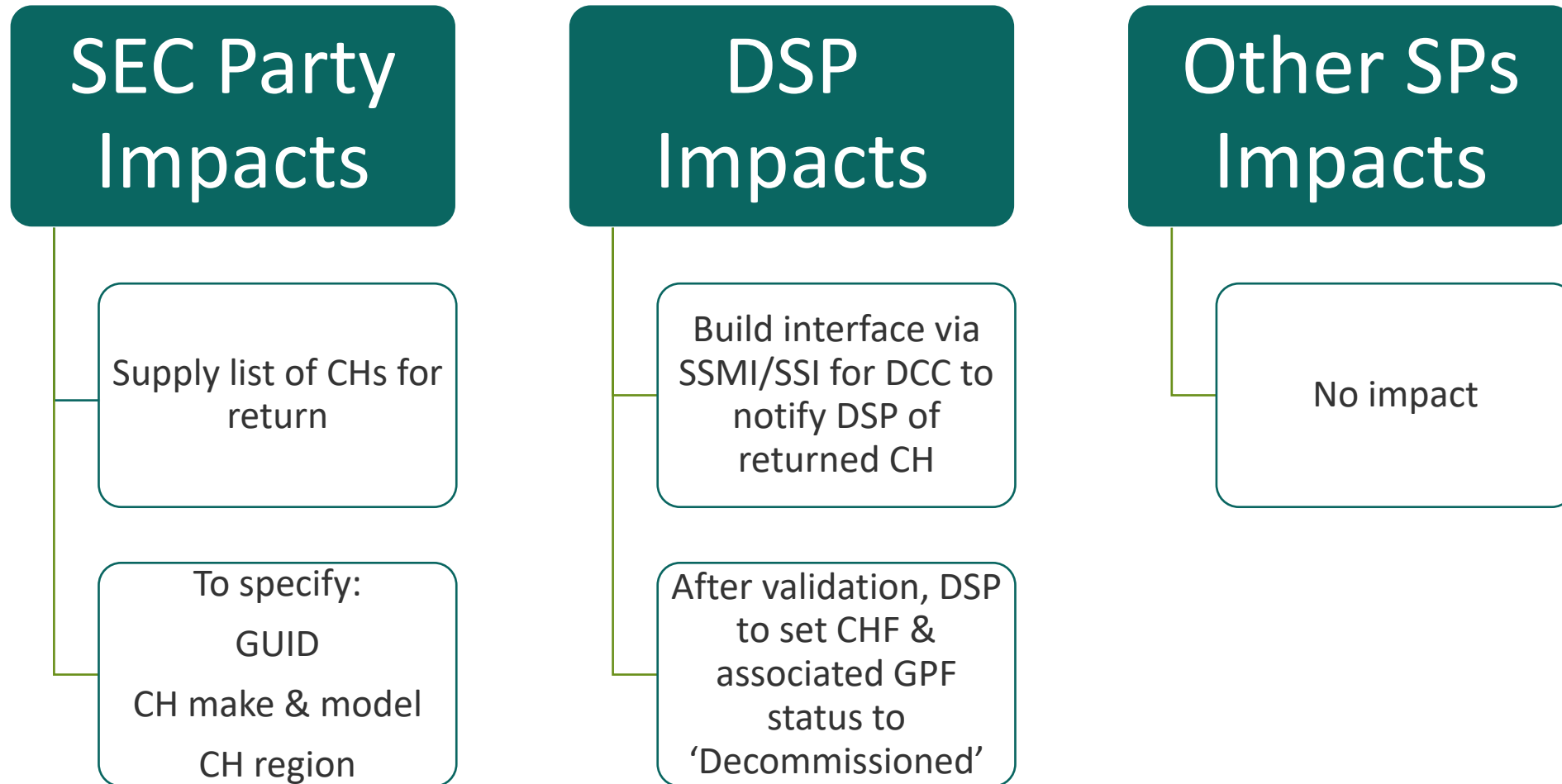
- Solution Option B would incur far less integration functional and regression testing costs
- Impacts DSP only

Preliminary Assessment Impacts – Solution A

Solution requires changes to N4 API



■ Preliminary Assessment Impacts – Solution B



Both solutions are not intended to replace existing CH returns process

SEC Appendix I

- Non-SEC complaint return process
- To be detailed in DCC Full Impact Assessment

DCC Guidance doc

- 'Alternative Returns for Communications Hubs'

Forum views

Requirements Workshop

CSPs only able to process
'Decommissioned'
or 'Pending' CHs

Don't want to encourage 'bad
behaviour' of DCC
Users

Working Group

Agreed BRs address
issue

Proceed to request
PA

OPSG

More clarity on
process and charges

Should consider
using refurbishment
process

Proceed to request
PA

SSC

Verbal update

■ Questions for the Working Group

Does the Proposed Solutions deliver the business requirements?



Should Solution Option A or B be taken forward?

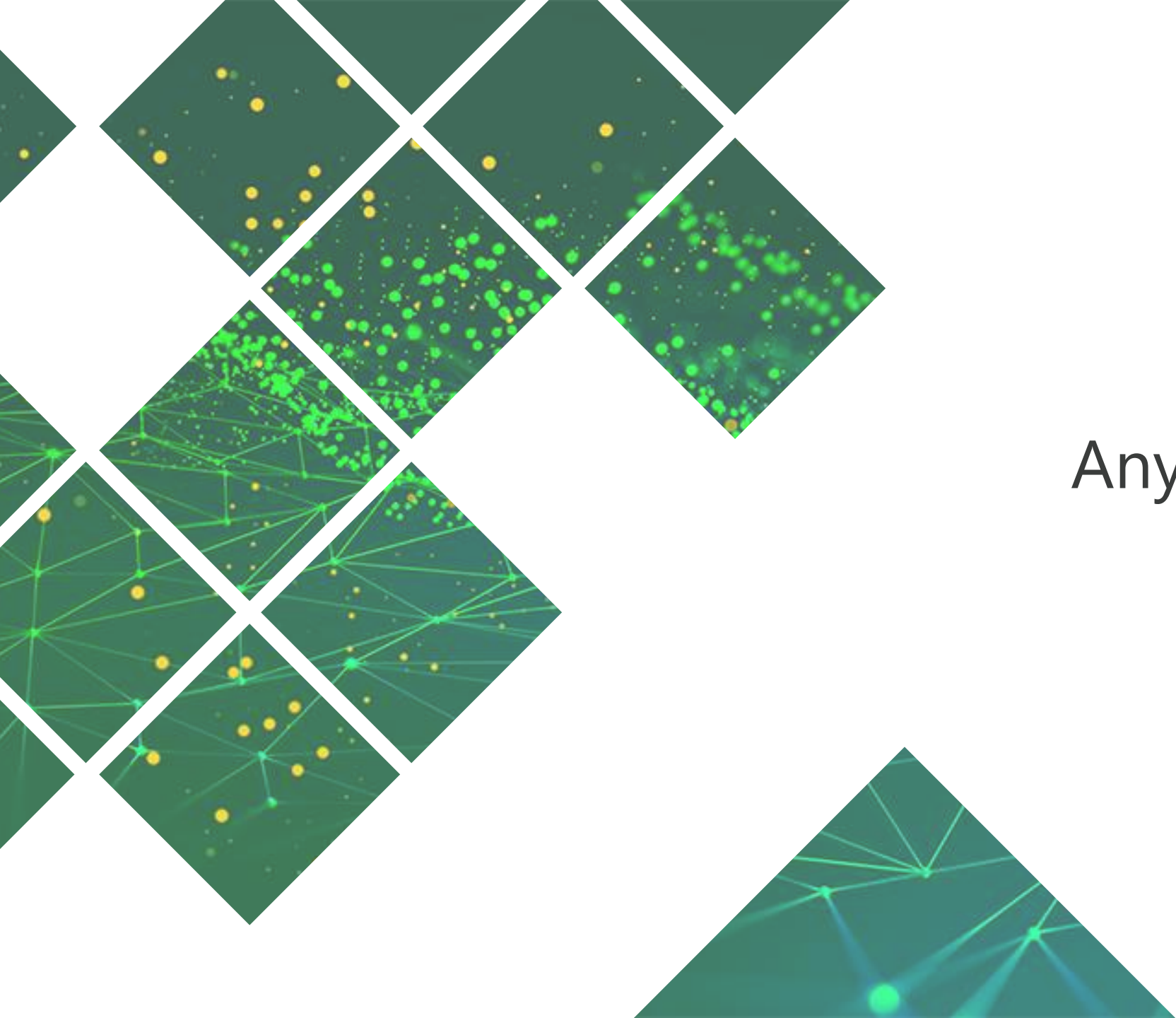


Should the Impact Assessment be requested?



Next Steps





Thank you for
listening

Any further comments?

■ MP271 'Sub-Committee seats for Other Users, Meter Data Retrievers and Registered Supplier Agents'

Ben Giblin

Raised by James Murphy of Stark

LOW

Objectives of the Working Group

REVIEW

The Proposed Solution

AGREE

The next steps

■ MP271: Overview

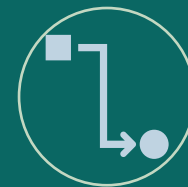
- The Other SEC Party (OSP) category consists of 159 organisations which have different priorities and issues.
- The Proposer believes it is difficult for OSP representatives to fully represent the constituency.

Issue



- Without representation for OSPs which are DCC Users, technical solutions may be developed without the correct insight.
- Significant as these groups are forecast to increase their usage of the DCC System.

Impact



- Re-allocating one existing OSP seat at TABASC, OPSG, CSC and Change Board to an elected Party acting in role of OU, MDR or RSA.
- This will not change any existing voting arrangements.

Proposed Solution



■ MP271: Existing representatives

Sub-Committee	Representative	Organisation	Type of organisation
OPSG	Alex Ford	Chameleon Technology (UK) Limited	Manufacturer
	Geoff Huckerby	CGI IT UK Limited	Other User
	Michael Snowden	Secure Meters (UK) Limited	Manufacturer
TABASC	Ian Lovatt	Chameleon Technology (UK) Limited	Manufacturer
	Matthew Hallchurch	Elster Metering Limited	Manufacturer
CSC	Philip Doyle	Reverve Limited	Energy Management Software Provider
	Jeff Studholme	Smart Meter Assets 1 Limited	Meter Asset Provider
Change Board	Nick Winfield	Landis & Gyr Limited	Manufacturer
	Ian Lovatt	Chameleon Technology (UK) Limited	Manufacturer
	Patrick Caiger-Smith	Green Energy Options Limited	Manufacturer

Changes to OPSG and CSC take place via the Terms of Reference, with members providing a consensus before the proposed changes are presented to Panel for approval. Changes to the SEC are needed for Change Board and TABASC. As changes are being made to SEC Section D, this will proceed as an Authority-Determined modification.

■ MP271: Feedback

Are there any examples of OSP DCC User's not being represented?

- The Proposer has noted that OSP Change Board representatives rejected MP162, however this modification was important for OSPs who are DCC Users.
- If specific representation was provided, OSPs who are DCC Users could have voted differently.

Are OSP DCC User's currently applying for seats?

- Issues Group and OSP Engagement Call questioned why formal representation is needed.
- The Proposer believes that due to the number of Manufacturers in the OSP group they are likely to vote for other Manufacturers to represent them, making it is difficult for other Parties to get elected.

■ MP271: Feedback

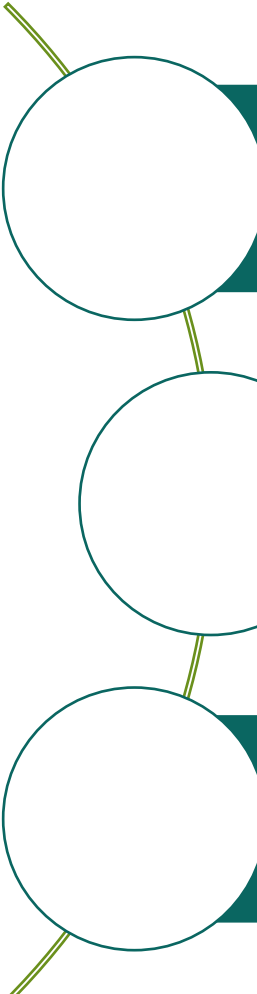
When are the balance of Sub-Committee's assessed?

- A full review of Sub-Committees took place in 2022 which accounted for Market Share.
- Sub-Committees are reviewed on a case-by-case basis (PSC has three Other User seats).
- SECAS expects to undertake another review once DP218 has concluded.

Would the re-allocated seat be taken by an OSP DCC User?

- Parties have questioned what would occur if no OSPs who are DCC Users applied for the seat.
- SECAS may include a clause in the legal text to ensure that if no Party acting in the role of OU, MDR or RSA apply then any OSP will be able to fill the seat.

■ MP271: Questions



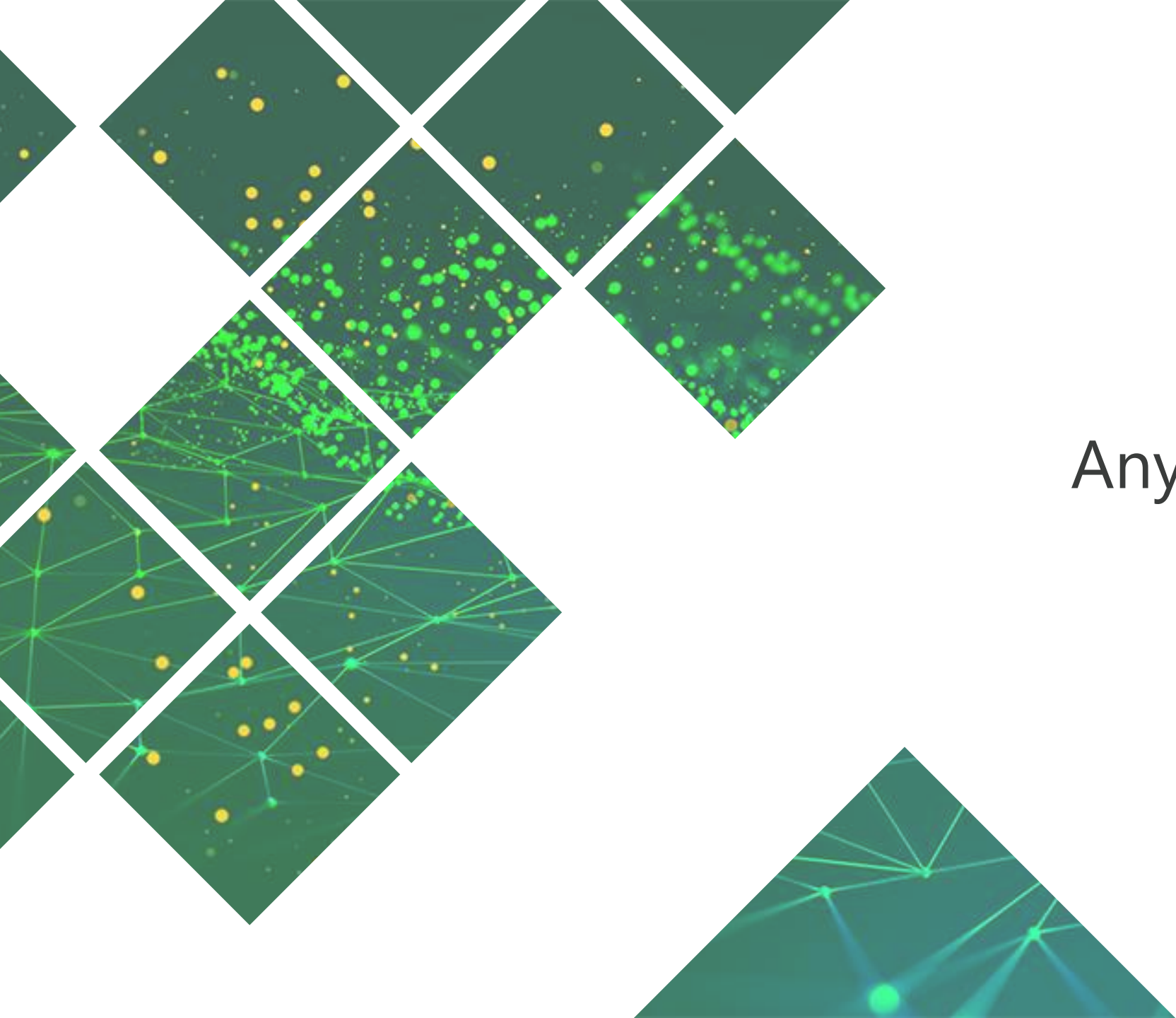
Should DCC Users within the OSP category have specific representation at Sub-Committees?

Should the Legal Text include a clause to ensure that any OSPs can apply for the seat if no OU, MDR or RSA apply?

Any further comments?

Next Steps





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Any further comments?

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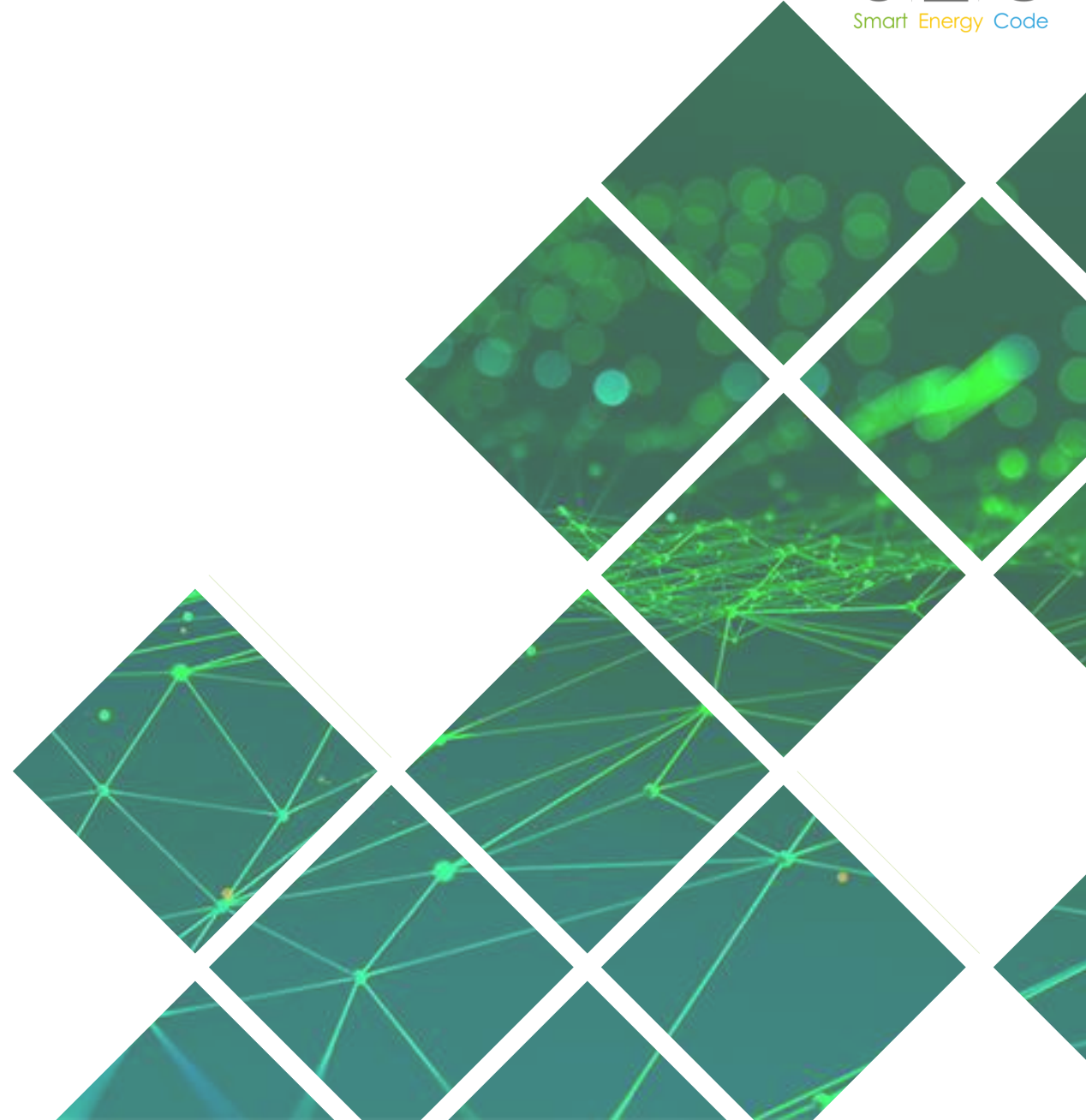
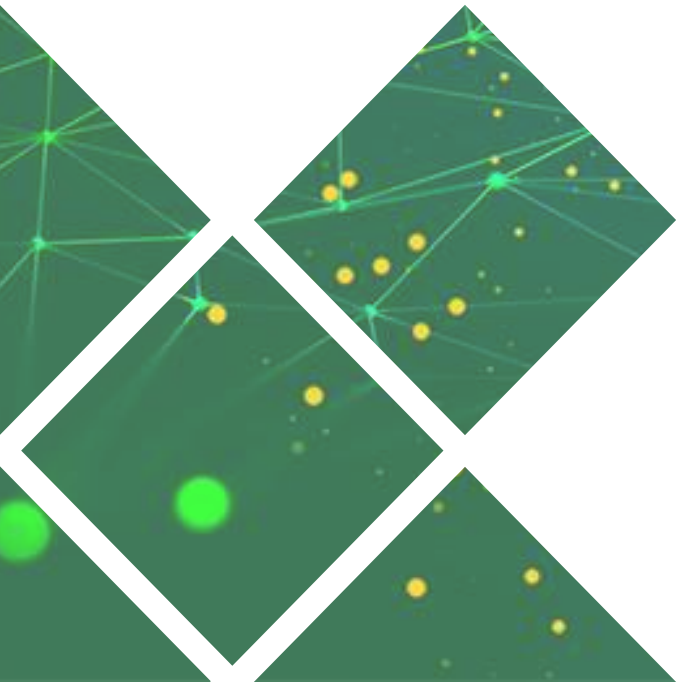
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■ Any other business

Alison Beard

SEC Issues Group

September 2024



Requirement for DCC Users to provide TPS configurations

Raised by Joey Manners from Octopus

Objectives of the Working Group

NOTE	The issue
AGREE	The next steps

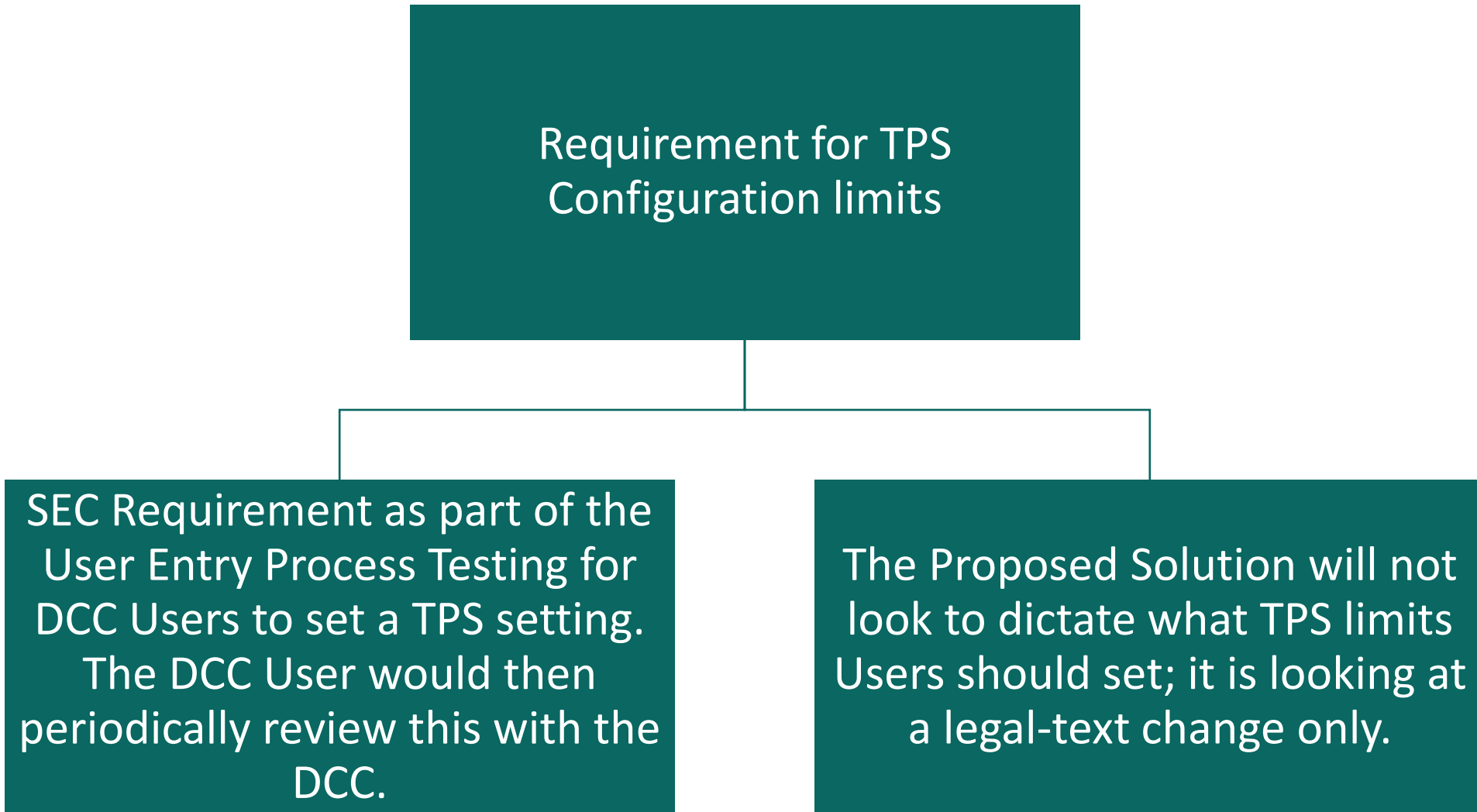
Issue

- DCC Users are not currently required to set TPS limits.
- User Systems unable to process the number of responses.
- Without TPS limits, DCC cannot queue Southbound requests.

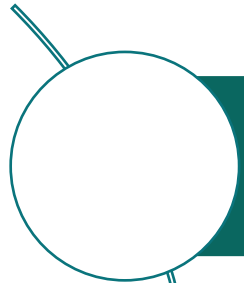
Impact

- User Systems not able to process the number of responses and this has a knock-on impact on DCC Services, generating Major Incidents (INC0000001174231).
- Significant costs to industry if the DCC Service is impacted as it can affect Install&Commission, Prepayment and Power Outage activities.
- Costs associated with DCC effort to engage with DCC Users to set TPS configurations.

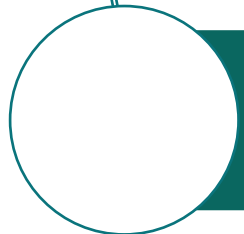
■ Proposed Solution



■ Working Group Questions



Are there any further considerations that should be looked into as part of this modification?



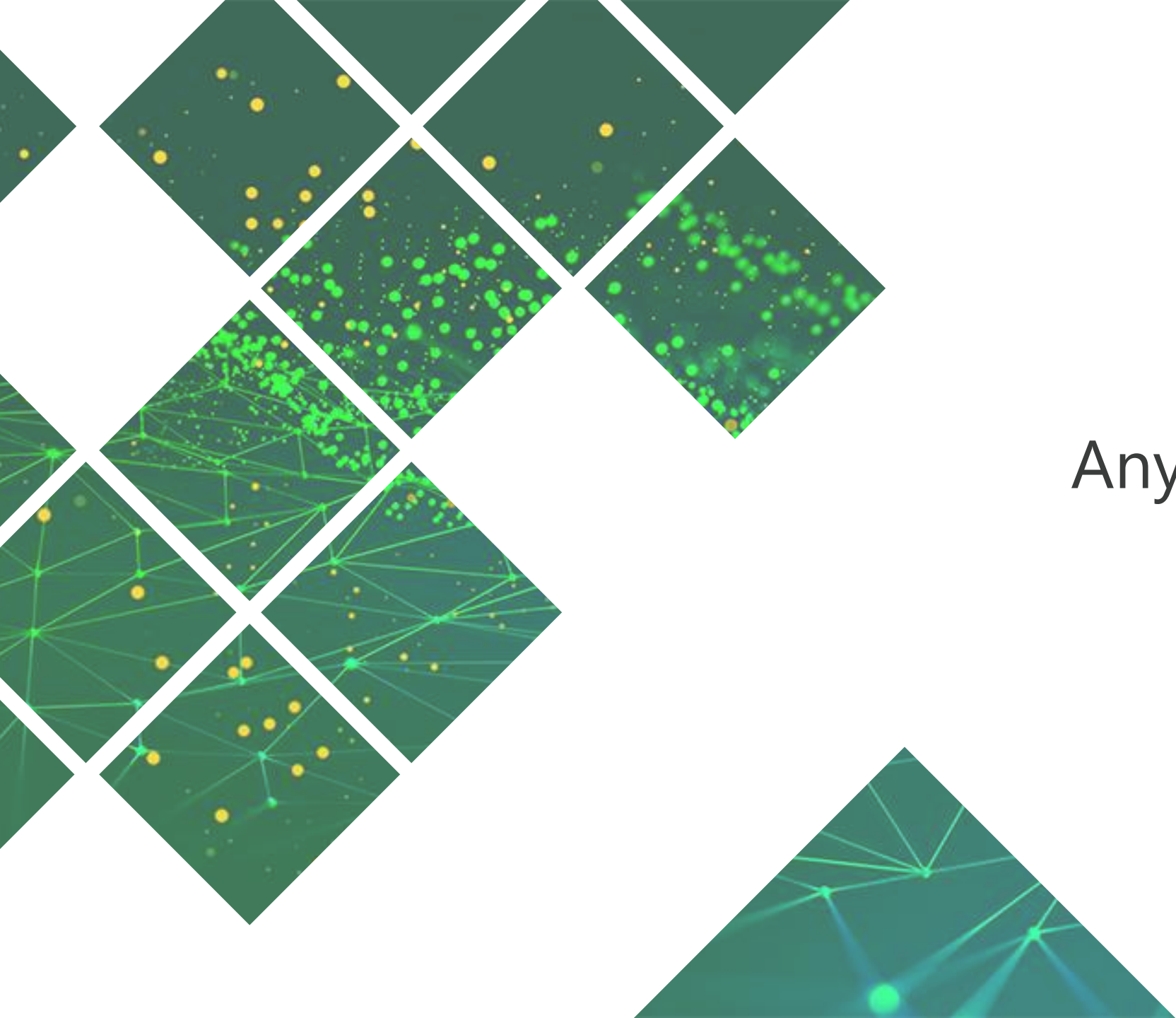
Does the Proposed Solution resolve the issue?



Any further comments?

Next Steps





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Wednesday 2 October 2024