

Change Board Meeting 110

28 January 2026



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- Going forward, SEC Sub Committee meetings will be recorded for the purpose of ensuring accuracy of meeting minutes. By participating in the meeting, you accept that your voice will be recorded for this purpose.
- Just a reminder that we should be able to have free discussions of ideas



■ Competition Act Compliance

It is everyone's responsibility to say something

The Chair will move the conversation on



■ Change Board Terms of Reference

- The Change Board is the delegated Sub-Committee of Panel for voting on Modifications. The Change Board has power to:
- consider each Modification Report and the Modification Report Consultation responses presented at the end of the Modifications Process. It will agree **whether the Modification Report is ready to be voted upon**, and if not **what further analysis or clarifications are required** before the Modification Report can be voted upon;
- **perform the final vote** on approval or rejection of a Modification Proposal. For a Self-Governance Modification, the Change Board's vote shall form a decision, which is then subject to a 10 Working Day period in which Parties can refer this outcome to the SEC Panel before becoming final. For any other Modification Proposal, this vote shall form a recommendation to the Authority, who will make the final decision; and
- **determine if the DCC Impact Assessment should be performed**, with the costs of that incurred by Parties. Where the Change Board believes this is not the case, it will need to state **what further work is required** before it will agree to request the DCC Impact Assessment.

■ CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Given that members have a duty to act independently, conflicts of interest should not regularly arise. Members shall have a duty to identify whether a decision presents a conflict of interest. In such cases, the Member shall absent themselves from the meeting for the purposes of that decision.

Members should act in accordance with the [SEC Probity Policy](#) and act appropriately during and outside of meetings, treat participants and organisations with respect and operate in a collaborative manner.

■ Agenda

1. Approval of previous meeting minutes
2. Change Board Votes and Impact Assessment Requests
3. SEC Modifications Timetables
4. Ratification of MP304 and MP311
5. AOB



Agenda Item 1

Approval of previous meeting minutes
Abi Obadan (SECAS)

■ Recommendations

- No comments were received.
- **APPROVE** these minutes as final.



Agenda Item 2

Change Board Votes

■ MP303 'Aligning DCC Certificate processes with SMKI standards'

Simon Grimwood

Raised by David Walsh from the DCC
Self-Governance

MEDIUM

■ MP303: Overview

- The DCC have identified a misalignment between 4 SEC Documents and the existing DCC Device certificate validation process.

Issue



- Continued misalignment between the SEC and existing Device Certificate validation processes undertaken by the DCC.

Impact



- The Proposed Solution is to update various SEC documents to accurately reflect the existing DCC process of validating Device certificates.
- Impacted documents include SEC Appendices A, B, M & T.

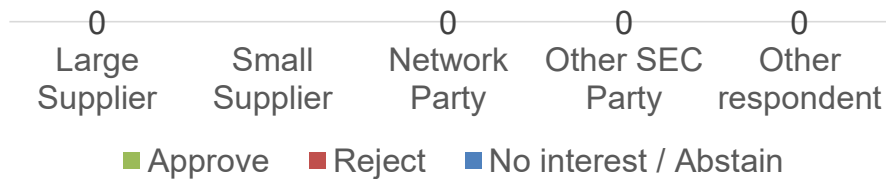
Proposed Solution



■ MP303: MRC Responses

Key comments

- No responses received as of 09/12/2025



■ MP303: Forum views

Working Group

Supports the
modification

Suggested SMKI PMA
approval before
proceeding

SMKI PMA

Supports the
modification

No further issues that
need to be addressed
within the modification

■ MP303: Assessment of Change



Impacted Parties

- DCC



Costs

- SECAS implementation costs



Target Release

- February 2026 SEC Release



Benefits

- Alignment between the SEC & existing DCC processes

SEC Objective (g)

(g) To facilitate the efficient and transparent administration and implementation of this Code.

■ MP303: Recommendations

- **AGREE** this Modification Proposal should proceed to vote
- **DETERMINE** whether this Modification Proposal should be **APPROVED** or **REJECTED** under Self-Governance
- **PROVIDE** rationale for this decision relating to the General SEC Objectives



Impact Assessment Requests

■ MP247: Future Dating of Service Requests for SMETS1 Devices'

Georgie Severin

Raised by David Walsh from the Data Communications Company (DCC)

MEDIUM

Overview

- Short-term peak usage caused incidents for S1SP, e.g. during previous Price Change events
- Currently, DUIS prevents the DCC from being able to do this for SMETS1 Devices
- All Future Dated Requests for SMETS1 Devices are effectively Future Dated Response Pattern (DSP)

Issue



- Delays and potential Service Request failures during peak events
- Extra capacity must be provisioned to manage short-term peaks, raising operational costs
- Delayed tariff updates may lead to inaccurate billing, affecting customer satisfaction

Impact



- Allow Users to send Future Dated Service Requests to SMETS1 Devices without being held at the DSP
- Only includes SRVs 1.1.1 'Update Import Tariff (Primary Element)' and SRV 1.2.1 'Update Price (Primary Element)'

Proposed Solution



■ Business Requirements

Business Requirements		
Ref.	Requirement	Responsible for delivery
1	DCC Users must be able to send Device Future Dated Service Request (SR) to any Smart Metering Equipment Technical Specifications (SMETS)1 Device.	DCC
2	DCC User systems will not require changes to support Device Future Dated SRs.	DCC
3	DCC User processes to remain consistent for all different SMETS1 Device Models.	DCC
4	DCC User processes to remain consistent for all different SMETS1 Device Models.	DCC

■ Preliminary Assessment Summary

Cost (Design, Build & PIT)

- £1.46million - £2.2million

Implementation

- Expected to take **six (6) months** up to the end of PIT
- Based on the existing requirements, the total fixed price cost for a Full Impact Assessment is **£122,903** and would be expected to be completed in **40 Working Days**.

Impacts

- Expected to impact DSP, Service Providers & Users, changes to DUIS

Considerations

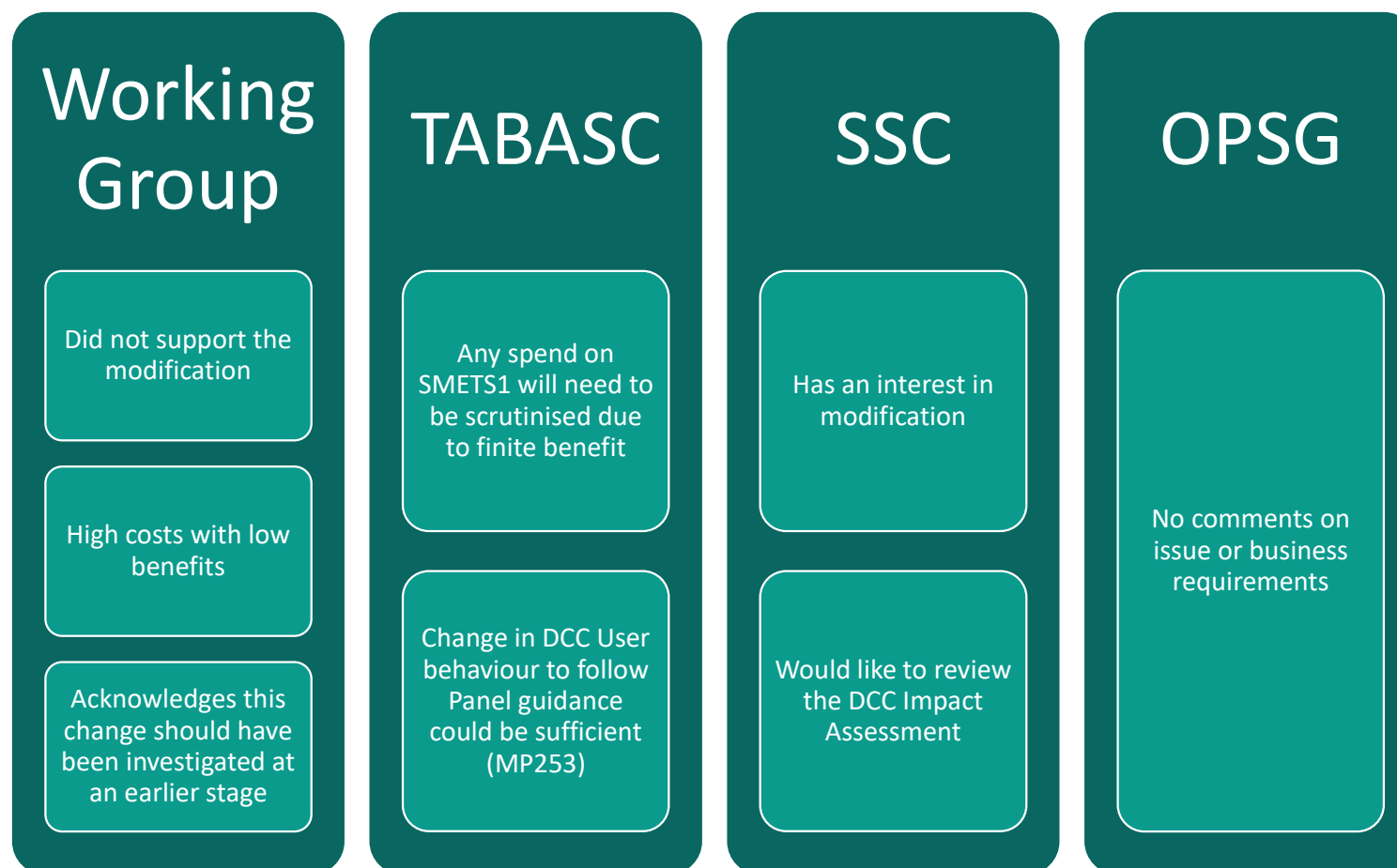
- Earliest implementation in DSP2 – June 2029.

PLACEHOLDER FOR A **RED** classification slide containing –

Annex I of the Modification Report - full Alternative Solution DCC Preliminary Assessment costings

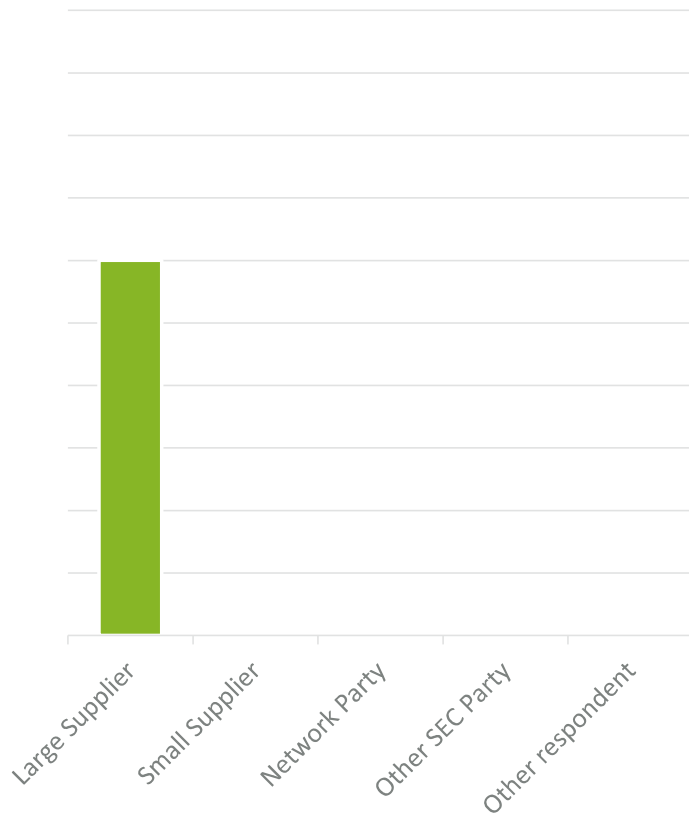
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■ Forum views



■ MP247: Industry views – Current DSP

Key comments



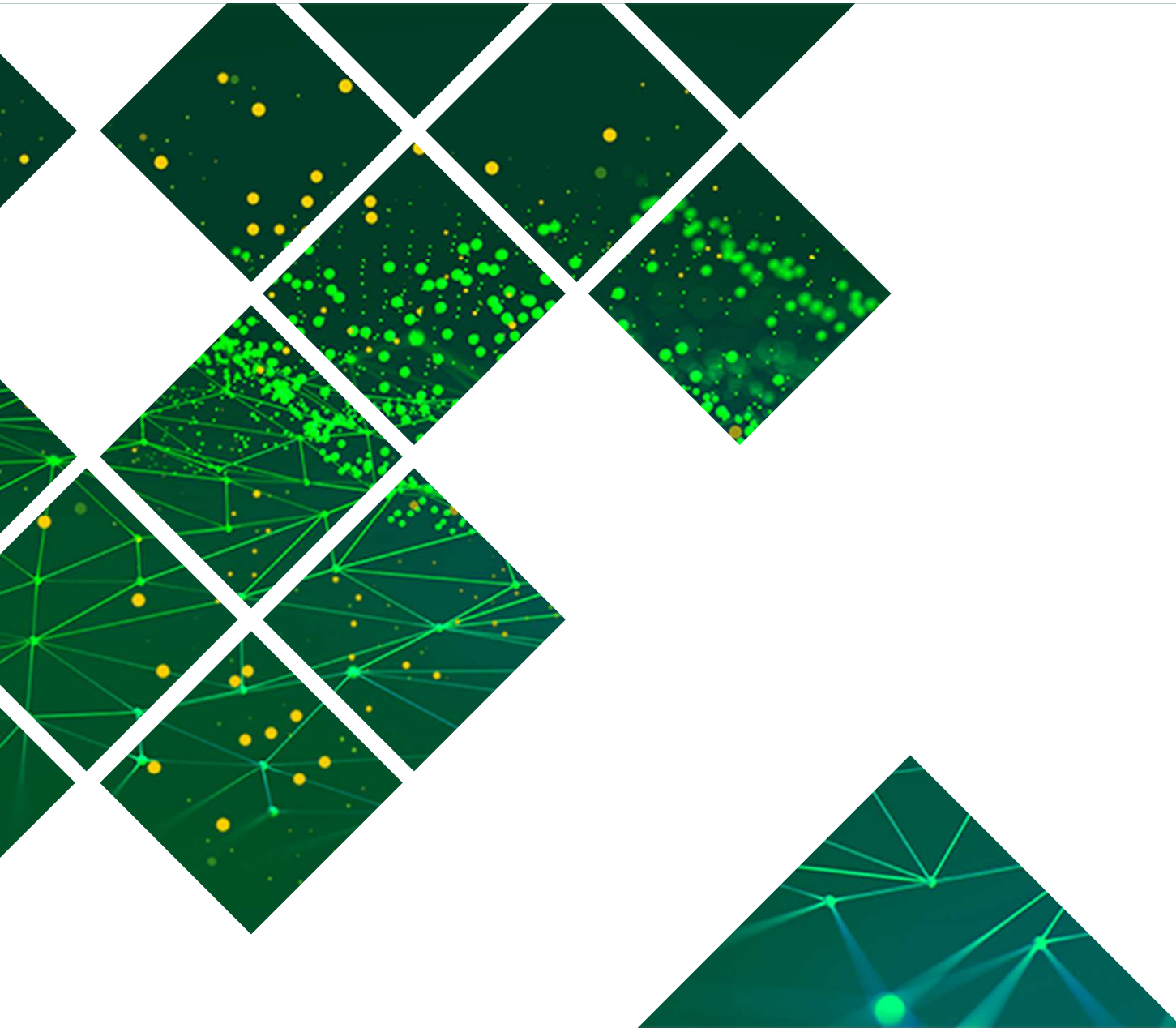
- Who agreed with the solution?
 - 1 Party responded that the modification should be approved
 - 1 Party did not believe SMETS1 Cohort should be included
- What were the impacts on SEC Parties?
 - £50,000 - £500,000
 - 3 – 9 months lead time
 - System and minor operational changes
- What were impacts to consumers?
 - Critical for Pre-Payment consumers with an enrolled SMETS1 meter

■ MP247: Recommendations

- **DETERMINE** whether this DCC Impact Assessment should be requested (DSP2 only)

Summary	
Costs for DCC IA	£122,903
Timescales to complete	40 working days
ROM costs to end of PIT	£1.46million - £2.2million

NB: Can't be implemented until June 2029 – what is the expected level of SMETS1 Devices





Agenda item 3

SEC Modification Timetables
Khaleda Hussain (SECAS)

Summary and Matrix

URGENCY

3		P218		P304 P312
2		P305	P255 P302	
1	P235 P307	P257 P291 P306 P313	P266 P281 P293 P303	P169 P300
0	(P165) P205 P234 P244 P314	(P085B) P184 (P206) P265	(P137) P247 P301	(P094) P289 P294
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VALUE

33 Active Modifications

Five Modifications on hold

DP314 (V0+U0)

■ High and very high priority

MP169 'Managing the consumers refusal of a Smart Meter Installation'

- An RFI was issued to gather information about how this issue is dealt with currently
- The responses are being considered by SECAS
- SECAS holding 1-2-1s with Parties, Ofgem, DESNZ, Citizens Advice and the Ombudsman
- Expected to move to Report in January 2026 but now delayed

MP218 'Review of the SEC Charging Methodology'

- This is in Refinement Process.
- A doodle poll will be issued shortly to arrange a Working Group meeting.

MP255 'WAN issues during Smart Meter installations'

- SECAS is working with the Proposer and the DCC to develop the business requirements.

■ High and very high priority

MP293 'Deferment of DCC Planned Maintenance during Adverse Weather'

- SECAS has requested the DCC Preliminary Assessment.
- This is currently expected to be returned by 4 February 2026.
- Once received SECAS will schedule this modification for discussion at the next monthly Working Group session

MP300 'Additional Operational Metrics to Measure on Success'

- SECAS presented this modification to the Working Group on 3 December 2025.
- The feedback from the Working Group will be incorporated into the Modification Report before SECAS agrees next steps with the Proposer

MP302 'Supplier Alert for ENOs'

- This is in Refinement Process
- SECAS are working with the DCC and the Proposer to develop Business Requirements before presenting the modification to the Technical and Business Architecture Sub-Committee (TABASC) and the Operations Group (OPSG)

■ High and very high priority

DP311 'Additional Out of Region Communications Hubs Amendments'

- An ad hoc Change Board was held on 5 January 2026.
- The Authority approved this on 9 January 2026 and it was implemented on 12 January 2026

MP312 'Caching SRV 4.10 for SMETS1 Devices'

- This modification will be presented to January 2026 Working Group for discussion.

On hold

Hold List

- MP085B – SECAS monitoring the implementation of firmware updates by two Manufacturers who do not currently implement MP085A functionality.
- MP094 – Due to Proposer wanting to evaluate post launch performance for the virtual WAN solution and review mid 2026.
- MP137 – Dependent on implementation in FSM.
- MP165 – The Proposer is awaiting the agreement and creation of a Publicly Available Specification (PAS) document to determine any consequential changes to the SEC that may be needed as a result. This could take up to 5 years
- DP206 – Dependant on REC change R0207 unlikely to be delivered until mid 2026.

AMENDMENTS TO TIMELINES

Modification	Original Report Date	New Report Date	Reason
MP169	January 2026	March 2026	Introduction of alternative solution (Agreed Procedure) and subsequent discussions
MP234	May 2025	February 2026	PSC development
MP235	May 2025	June 2026	PSC development
MP265	May 2025	June 2026	Delayed due to concerns from DCC/SSC regarding the cost
MP184	August 2025	July 2026	Lack of engagement from the Proposer

■ Recommendations

- **NOTE** the update



Agenda item 4

Ratification of MP304 and MP311
Verbal Update
Ali Beard (SECAS)



Agenda Item 5

Any Other Business

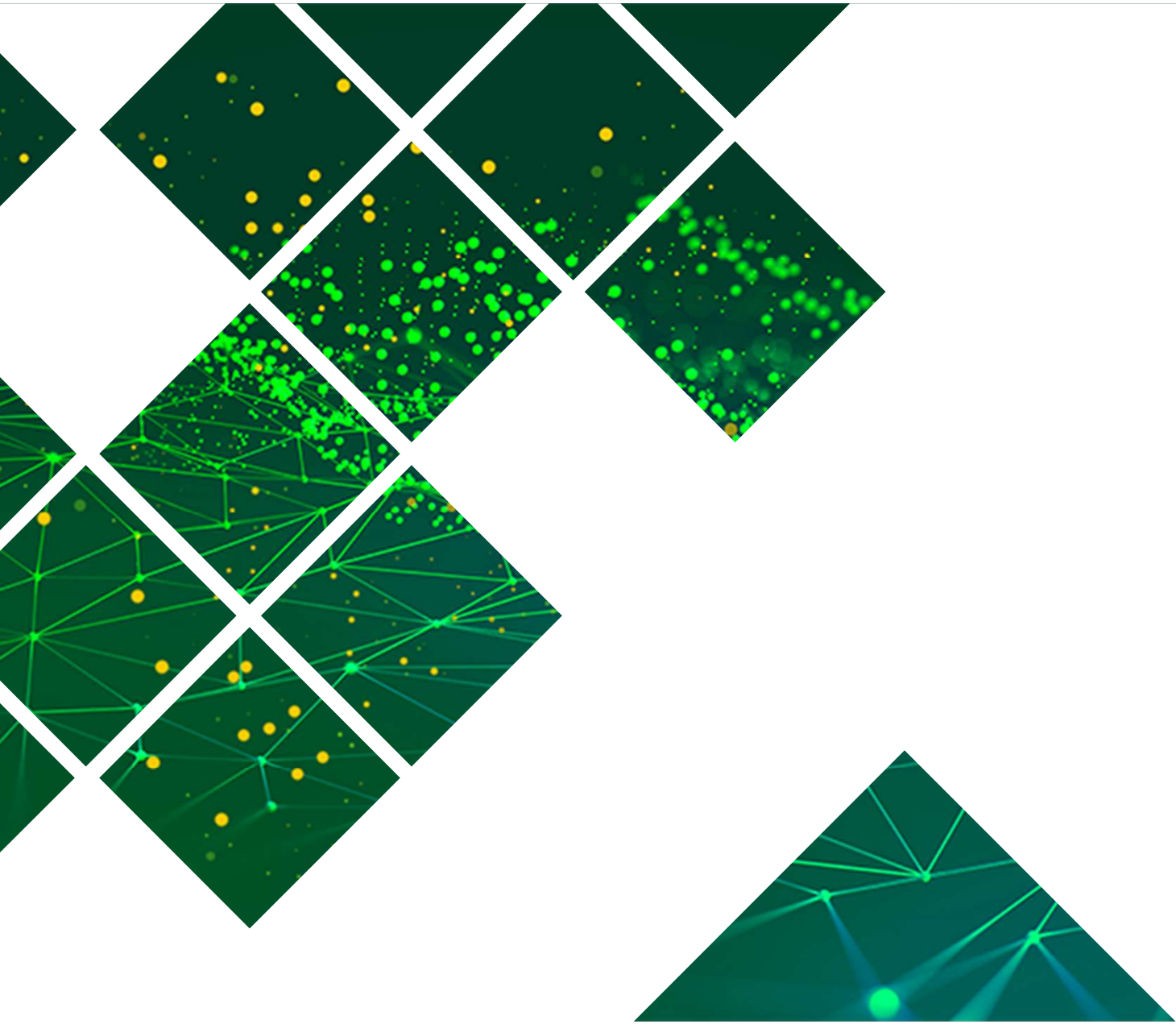
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Thank you for attending

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Wednesday 25 February
2026