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SEC Change Board Meeting 113

22 April 2026, 10:00 – 11:10

Teleconference

SECCB_113_2204 – Final Minutes

Attendees:

Representing	Change Board Members	Organisation
Change Board Chair	Alison Beard (GS)	SEC Change Team
Large Suppliers	Emma Johnson (EJ)	British Gas
	Alex Hurcombe (AH)	EDF
	Sharon Armitage (SA)	E.ON
	Joey Manners (JM)	Octopus Energy
	Emslie Law (EL)	OVO
	David Rodger (DRo)	Scottish Power
	Harry Palmer (HP)	Utilita
Small Suppliers	Carolyn Burns (CB)	ESG Global
	Christie Thomson (CT)	SSE
	Gareth Evans (GE)	Waters Wye
Network Parties	Rachael Prosser (RP)	National Grid Electricity Distribution
	Ben Elmy (BE)	UK Power Networks
	Tom Stuart (TS)	WW Utilities
Other SEC Parties	Ian Lovatt (IL)	Chameleon Technology
	Patrick Caiger-Smith (PCS)	Green Energy Options
Consumers	Caroline Farquhar (CF)	Citizens Advice

Other Participants		
DCC		
Bradley Baker (BB)	David Walsh (DW)	David Rollason (DR)
Ofgem		
Shaun McRaith (SMc)		
SEC Change Team		
Khaleda Hussain (KH)	Simon Grimwood (SG)	Abi Obadan (AO)
Georgie Severin (GS)		

Apologies:

Representing	Change Board Members	Organisation
Other SEC Parties	Mark McGuire (MM)	Stark

1. Approval of Previous Meeting Minute

The Smart Energy Code (SEC) Change Team (AO) informed the Change Board that no comments had been received on the previous meeting minutes, SECCB_112_2503 and the Change Board **APPROVED** the minutes as final.

2. Actions Outstanding

Action Reference	Action
109X/01	The SEC Change Team to ensure all Change Board members have alternates in order to resolve quoracy issues
Meeting update 22/04/2026: The SEC Change team ensured that all Change Board members had alternates, so quoracy should not be an issue going forward. The Change Board agreed to close this action. **Status:** Closed.	
112/01	SEC Change Team and the DCC to facilitate a workshop with Network Parties and interested User groups to discuss and attempt to resolve concerns regarding the BCDR engagement Modification before bringing it back to the Change Board for a final vote

Action Reference	Action
Meeting update 22/04/2026: The SEC Change Team and the DCC held a workshop on Tuesday 14 April 2026 discussing MP289 and this modification is was presented at the Change Board 113 meeting. The Change Board agreed to close this action. **Status:** Closed.	

3. Change Board Vote

MP289 'BCDR Engagement'

The SEC Change Team (SG) presented MP289 'BCDR Engagement' , a Self-Governance Modification raised by the DCC, which sought to amend engagement and notification requirements for Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery (BCDR) testing. SG summarised that MP289 sought to update the SEC Section H 'DCC Services' BCDR provisions so that engagement and notification requirements would apply only where BCDR testing is expected to impact the provision of DCC Services, while still retaining the existing annual consultation approach for all testing.

SG also noted that during the modifications progression, feedback from the Testing Advisory Group (TAG) and Operations Group (OPSG) had remained neutral, whilst the OPSG requested to be kept up to date regarding Technical and Business Architecture Sub-Committee (TABASC) views. The TABASC provided support for the modification and were comfortable with the Proposed Solution.

SG then provided an overview of the workshop which took place on Tuesday 14 April 2026, confirming that two Network Parties attended alongside the DCC (DR) and Ofgem. The discussion focused on Network Party concerns centred on the wording "expected to impact" within the proposed legal text, the possibility of mis-categorisation and perceived links to MP293 'Deferment of DCC Planned Maintenance during Adverse Weather'. SG stated that the DCC agreed to amend the legal text to remove the "expected" element so that the criterion would be more definitive and further clarified that MP289 was procedural and did not impact enhanced availability capabilities, including any perceived linkage to MP293.

SG concluded that there was general agreement at the workshop that Network Party concerns had been sufficiently addressed for MP289 to return to the Change Board for decision.

A Change Board Member (EJ) sought confirmation that the workshop had been a genuine opportunity for engagement and that the engagement had been positive. SG confirmed this was correct and the DCC (DR) confirmed that there had been two issues discussed and he came away feeling both had been resolved.

The Change Board Chair then asked the Network Parties present to confirm their position and the Change Board Members agreed that consensus had been reached and that attendees were satisfied with the outcome of the meeting.

Following this discussion, the Change Board agreed to proceed to vote.

The voting outcome was as follows:

Party Category	Approve	Reject	Abstain	Conclusion
Large Suppliers	6	0	1	**Approve**
Small Suppliers	3	0	0	**Approve**
Network Parties	3	0	0	**Approve**
Other SEC Parties	2	0	0	**Approve**
Consumers	1	0	0	**Approve**
			Overall conclusion:	**Approve**

During the vote, a Change Board Member (EJ) explained that she wished to abstain as her organisation continued to have concerns about the Proposed Solution.

The Change Board voted to **APPROVE** MP289 under Self-Governance on the basis that it will better facilitate SEC Objective (b)[1] and (g)[2].

The Change Board **NOTED** the update.

There will now be 10 Working Days for any SEC Party who wishes to refer the Change Board's decision to the SEC Panel. This referral period will close at **5pm on 6 May 2026**. If no referrals are received the decision will be final, this will be implemented in the June 2026 SEC Release.

MP316 'DUIS SRV12.2 Pre-Notification of CHF Ambiguity'

The SEC Change Team (KH) presented MP316 'DUIS SRV12.2 Pre-Notification of CHF Ambiguity', raised by the DCC and explained that the issue was that Appendix AD DCC User Interface Specification (DUIS) did not specify the expected error code where a sender erroneously provides the same value for both the Communications Hub Function (CHF) and Gas Proxy Function (GPF) IDs. KH noted that MP316 therefore proposed a text-only change to DUIS to remove ambiguity and reduce misinterpretation.

A Change Board Member (EJ) sought clarification regarding whether the change was effectively to make clear whether the error could also indicate if the User had accidentally duplicated values across two fields and KH confirmed this was her understanding. KH noted that one MRC response had been received and another Change Boad Member (AH) queried whether the low response rate indicated the issue was not commonly encountered and queried how frequently the scenario had occurred and whether it was worth solving.

The DCC (DW) responded noting that removing ambiguity was a small correction and noted that such changes might otherwise be treated as housekeeping and that in his view it was beneficial to remove incorrect ambiguity from DUIS. The Change Board Chair (AB) added that the change had not been

[1] (b) enable the Data Communications Company to comply at all times with the General Objectives of the Data Communications Company (as defined in the Data Communications Company Licence), and to efficiently discharge the other obligations imposed upon it by the Data Communications Company Licence.

[2] (g) facilitate the efficient and transparent administration and implementation of this Code.

progressed as a fast-track modification because it was a DUIS change and the SEC Change Team wished to ensure Parties were aware, given the potential impact if DUIS changes were incorrect.

AH reiterated that his question related to whether the issue had occurred often enough to justify the effort and the DCC (DW) responded that removing incorrect information from DUIS is inherently beneficial.

KH confirmed that MP316 was targeted for the November 2026 SEC Release, with costs limited to SEC Change Team implementation costs.

The Change Board proceeded to vote and the voting outcome was as follows:

Party Category	Approve	Reject	Abstain	Conclusion
Large Suppliers	7	0	0	**Approve**
Small Suppliers	3	0	0	**Approve**
Network Parties	3	0	0	**Approve**
Other SEC Parties	2	0	0	**Approve**
Consumers	1	0	0	**Approve**
Overall conclusion:				**Approve**

The Change Board voted to **APPROVE** MP289 under Self-Governance on the basis that it will better facilitate SEC Objective (g)[3].

The Change Board **NOTED** the update.

There will now be 10 Working Days for any SEC Party who wishes to refer the Change Board's decision to the SEC Panel. This referral period will close at **5pm on 6 May 2026**. If no referrals are received the decision will be final, this will be implemented in the June 2026 SEC Release.

4. SEC Modification Timetable

SEC Change Team (KH) delivered an update on the active SEC Modifications noting that there were 33 active Modifications and four Modifications on hold.

The Change Board Chair (AB) informed the Change Board that, following an open letter from Department for Energy Security & Net Zero (DESNZ) and Ofgem regarding the Data Repository solution and its scope, the Change Sub-Committee had agreed to put several modifications on hold, specifically MP218 'Review of the SEC Charging Methodology', MP234 'Addition of Public Task and Legitimate Interests into the SEC', MP235 'Enhanced Meter Data Access for Other Users', DP257 'DCC Management of Duplicate Messages' and additionally DP307 'Extension of MP219 'Accessing Consumption Data on behalf of SEC Parties' concept to section I 1.3'.

[3] (g) facilitate the efficient and transparent administration and implementation of this Code.

AB indicated that the SEC Change Team would circulate the link with the minutes (Open Letter from DESNZ and Ofgem: scoping exercise on the provision of wider access to smart metering data) and confirmed it was publicly available.

A Change Board Member (EJ) agreed with the approach to placing the proposed modifications on hold, but requested that the SEC Change Team make this information more visible to the wider industry. EJ proposed that the SEC Change Team make this information available in the form of a newsletter on the SEC website to explaining the response to the letter and the modifications placed on hold. AB agreed and confirmed it would also be included in the weekly newsletter.

Another Change Board Member (CB) observed that MP094 'Supporting prepayment customers in no SM WAN scenarios' had been on hold since 2019 and queried whether there were any powers to withdraw it. AB clarified that the SEC Change Team regularly review on-hold modifications to determine whether circumstances have changed and noted that MP094 is a Utilita modification and that the Proposer is assessing whether the virtual WAN solution resolves the underlying issue, with an agreed review point scheduled for mid-2026.

AB added that it would be useful for the SEC Change Team to provide the Change Board with a consolidated update on older on-hold modifications and on where each modification stands. She further noted that the SEC Change Team will return to the next Change Board meeting with an update.

113/01: The SEC Change Team to provide the Change Board with a consolidated update on old on-hold modifications and with further information on their status.

EJ queried whether MP085B 'Synchronisation of Smart Meter voltage measurement periods (meters currently installed)' and MP137 'Sharing information on Defects and Issues' were on hold and AB confirmed and clarified that they had initially been taken off hold because they were due to be reassessed. She further added that the TABASC were monitoring MP085B and that MP137 had been placed on hold pending Future Service Management (FSM) availability, which had been expected to go live on 25 April 2026 (but noted that it was delayed).

The Change Board **NOTED** the updates on the SEC Modification Timetables.

5. Any Other Business

A Change Board Member (EJ) asked whether there was an update on FSM following an email indicating that it had been delayed again. Another Change Board Member (EL) confirmed advised that the delay related to data migration from the Self-Service Interface (SSI) to FSM not working as intended and that the pause was not due to User issues. He also stated that there was no new target date yet and that Parties should continue using existing processes in the interim.

The Change Board Chair (AB) thanked EL for the update and confirmed that the SEC Change Team would share further information if and when it became available.

There were no further items for discussion, and the Change Board Chair closed the meeting.

Next scheduled meeting date: 27 May 2026