

Change Board Meeting 116

22 July 2026



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- 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.

■ Agenda

1. Approval of previous meeting minutes
2. Change Board Votes
3. SEC Modifications Timetables
4. AOB



Agenda Item 1

Approval of previous meeting minutes

Abi Obadan
(The SEC Change Team)

■ Recommendations

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



Agenda Item 2

Change Board Votes

■ MP318 'Incorporation of Category 3 Issue Resolution Proposal into the SEC – Batch 12 and GBCS Changes'

Marc Rhodes

Raised by David Walsh from the DCC
Self Governance

Standard

■ MP318: Overview

- Where a UTRN has been sent from the PPMID to the meter, the meter will apply the UTRN and send one message to the energy Supplier and a second message to the PPMID informing of the successful top-up.
- If the meter detects a duplicate UTRN, the meter will not send a message to the Supplier/PPMID.

Issue



UTRN - Unique Transaction Reference Number

- If a consumer is unaware that they have entered a duplicate UTRN it could result in repeatedly entering a duplicate UTRN which is a poor consumer experience.

Impact



PPMID - Prepayment Meter Interface Device

- Wording changes to GBCS to clarify the meter behaviour by separating the generation of the message to the PPMID from the generation of the message to the energy Supplier.

Potential Solution



GBCS - Great Britain Companion Specification

■ MP318: Legal text 1/3

1. At GBCS, Section 14.7.4.1.2, amend the title of the Section, and add the text as shown by the following mark-up:

- ~~14.7.4.1.2 HAN Only Command Construction by the PPMID¶¶~~

~~The HAN Only Command is sent from the PPMID to the ESME / GSME to deliver the UTRN. The processing of the HAN Only Command is independent from the processing of the UTRN contained as payload of the HAN Only Command.¶¶~~

~~Where the target Device is a GSME, the PPMID shall construct the Command according to the requirements of Use Case PCS01.¶¶~~

~~Where the target Device is an ESME, the PPMID shall construct a ZSE Consumer Top-Up command.¶¶~~

~~In all cases:¶¶~~

- → ~~the value of the Top-Up Code, with its ZSE meaning, shall be set to be a VisibleString whose value is the 20-digit UTRN; and¶¶~~
- → ~~the value of the Originating Device, with its ZSE meaning, shall be 0x02 (IHD).¶¶~~

■ MP318: Legal text 2/3

2. At GBCS, Section 14.7.4.1.3, make the changes as indicated by the following mark-up:

■ 14.7.4.1.3 HAN Only Command Validation by the ESME / GSME

~~If the ESME / GSME has no PPMID in its Device Log, the ESME / GSME shall apply the requirements of Section 6.2.4.2 to reflect the failed check, and undertake no additional processing.~~

~~If the ESME / GSME has a PPMID in its Device Log:~~

- ~~• if the receiving Device is an ESME, the ESME shall use ZSE cryptographic processes to establish whether the Command was authentically issued by a PPMID that is in its Device Log; or~~
- ~~• if the receiving Device is a GSME, the GSME shall undertake Command Authenticity and Integrity Verification, as required for a Command of Message Category SME.C.PPMID-GSME to establish whether the Command was authentically issued by the PPMID that is in its Device Log. For clarity, the 'PPMID entity ID' and the 'Meter entity ID' from PCS01 and PCS02 Commands are the Business Originator ID and Business Target ID respectively used in the Section 6.2.4.1.1 checks.~~

~~If the Command was not authentically issued by a PPMID within the Device Log, the ESME / GSME shall apply the requirements of Section 6.2.4.2 to reflect the failed check.~~

~~The HAN Only Command shall comply with the Device Based Access Control (DBAC) requirements of Section 13.7.3. If the HAN Only Command was authentically issued by a PPMID within the Device Log is permitted, the ESME / GSME shall comply with the requirements of Sections 14.6.4 and 14.6.5 (but excluding requirements in Sections 14.6.4.1.1, save that the ESME / GSME shall disregard the 20th digit before undertaking any further steps), and so process the contents of the Command accordingly and always send a HAN Only Response.~~

■ MP318: Legal text 3/3

3. At GBCS, Section 14.7.4.1.4, make the changes shown by the following mark-up:

14.7.4.1.4 HAN Only Response Construction and Issue

~~Where the ESME / GSME successfully creates a Remote Party Response to its Supplier, as per the requirements in Section 14.6.5, the ESME / GSME shall also~~The ESME / GSME shall:

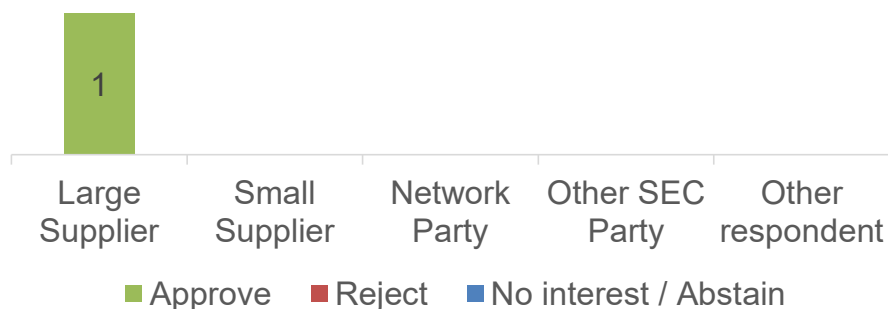
- where the Device is a GSME, construct the HAN Only Response according to the requirements of Use Case PCS01 and send it to the PPMID; or
- where the Device is an ESME, construct a ZSE Consumer Top Up Response command, and send it to the PPMID.

In all cases the value of the Source of Top up, with its ZSE meaning, shall be 0x02 (IHD).

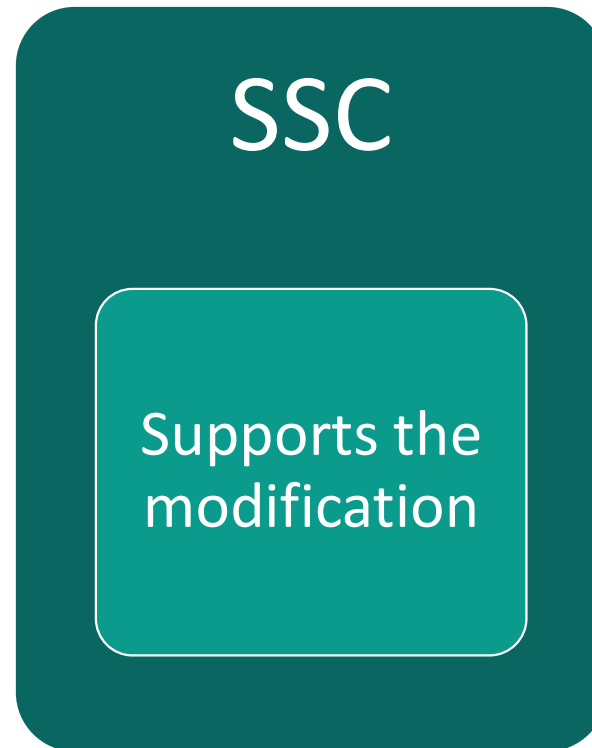
■ MP318: MRC Responses

Key comments

- One response was received in favour of approval.
- The respondent believed that it was a low-cost proposal which was needed and easy to resolve.



■ MP318: Forum views



■ MP318: Assessment of Change



Impacted Parties

- Suppliers
- Device Manufacturers



Costs

- £0-25,000
- Design, Build and PIT
- Integration testing & implementation costs



Target Release

- Ad- Hoc SEC Release, in line with next GBCS release



Benefits

- Enhanced consumer experience

SEC Objectives (a), (c)

- (a) facilitate the efficient provision, installation, and operation, as well as interoperability, of Smart Metering Systems at Energy Consumers' premises within Great Britain
- (c) facilitate Energy Consumers' management of their use of electricity and gas through the provision to them of appropriate information by means of Smart Metering Systems

■ MP318: 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

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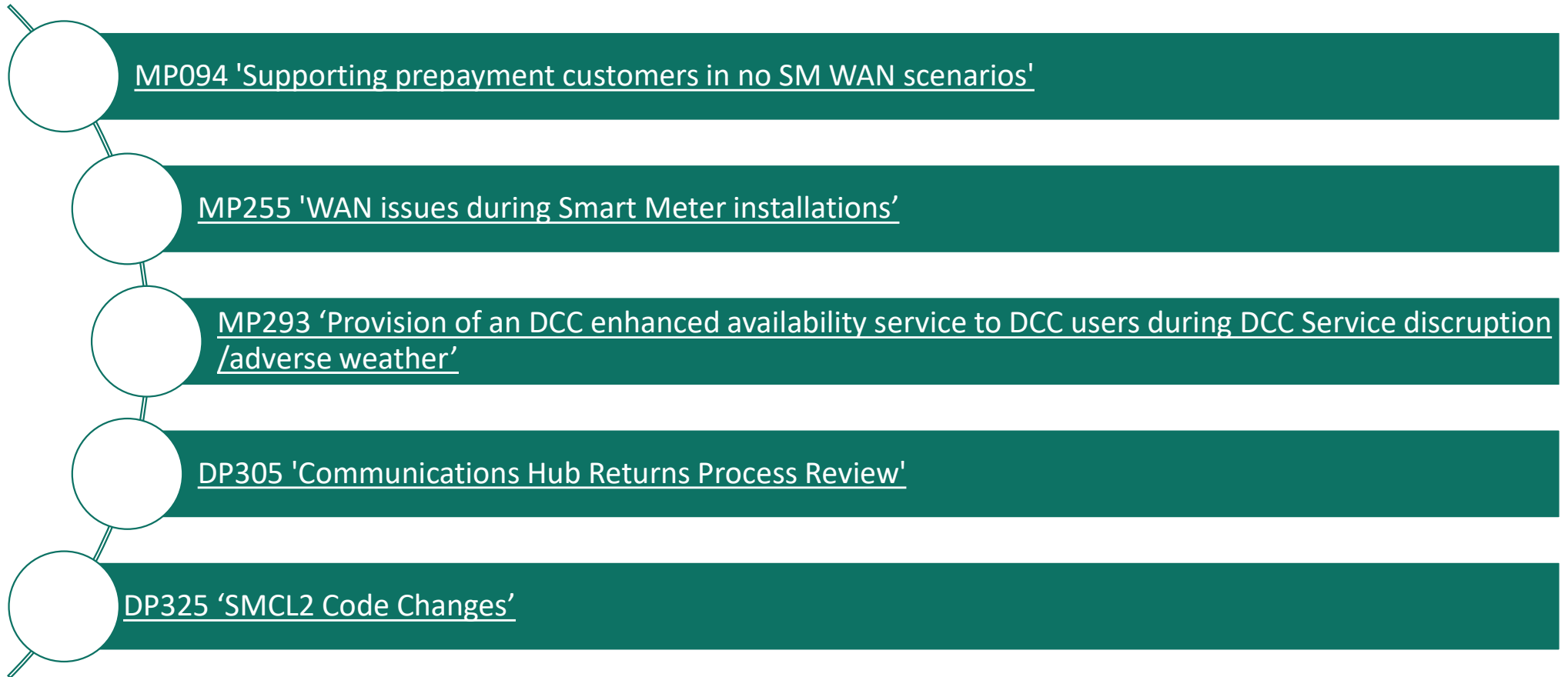
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Agenda item 3

SEC Modification Timetables
Khaleda Hussain
(The SEC Change Team)

■ High priority* Modifications



*Priority as determined by the [Authority Guidance on Code Modification Prioritisation](#).

■ On hold – No change



MP094 - Due to Proposer wanting to evaluate post launch performance for the virtual WAN solution



MP165 - The Proposer is awaiting the agreement and creation of a PAS to determine any consequential changes to the SEC. This could take up to 5 years.



DP206 - Dependant on REC change R0207, likely to be delivered early 2027



DP266 – Potential overlap with the Proposed Solution of MP293.

Ofgem/DESNZ outcome of Scoping Exercise

- **MP218** 'Review of the SEC Charging Methodology'

- SEC Change/Proposer alignment on next steps

- **MP234** 'Addition of Public Task and Legitimate Interests into the SEC'

- Returning to PSC for further development ahead of entering Report Phase

- **MP235** 'Enhanced Meter Data Access for Other Users'

- SEC Change/Proposer alignment on next steps

- **DP257** 'DCC Management of Duplicate Messages'

- SEC Change/Proposer alignment on next steps

- **DP307** 'Extension of MP219 'Accessing Consumption Data on behalf of SEC Parties' concept to section I 1.3'

- SEC Change/Proposer alignment on next steps

■ Recommendations

- **NOTE** the update
- **AGREE** the amended decision dates



Agenda Item 4

Any Other Business
FIA Timelines
Simon Grimwood
(The SEC Change Team)

SEC ANNUAL CUSTOMER SURVEY

Have Your Say

- The [SEC Annual Customer Survey](#) is now open.
- SEC Parties and stakeholders are invited to share their feedback on their experience of interacting with SEC services.
- This year's survey focuses on how easy it is to work with the SEC across our services, processes, and communications.
- Your feedback will help us understand what's working well and where we can make improvements.



The survey closes on 07 August 2026.

What's new this year?

- ✓ Delivered in-house, removing reliance on a third-party provider
- ✓ Increased focus on customer effort and ease of interaction
- ✓ Refreshed questions covering key SEC services and activities
- ✓ Simplified structure designed to support completion and provide more meaningful insights

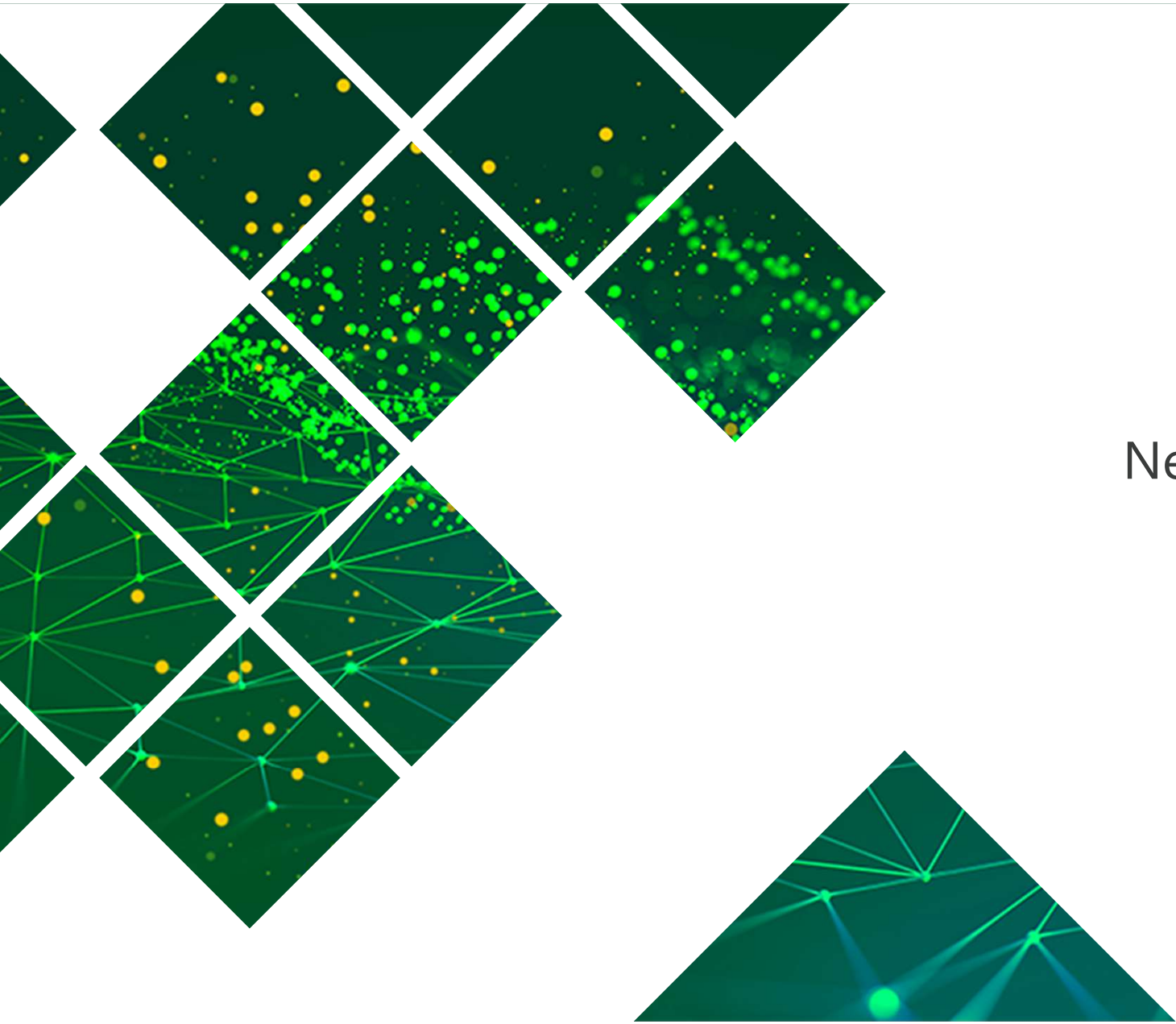
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Thank you for attending

Next meeting is Wednesday
26 August 2026