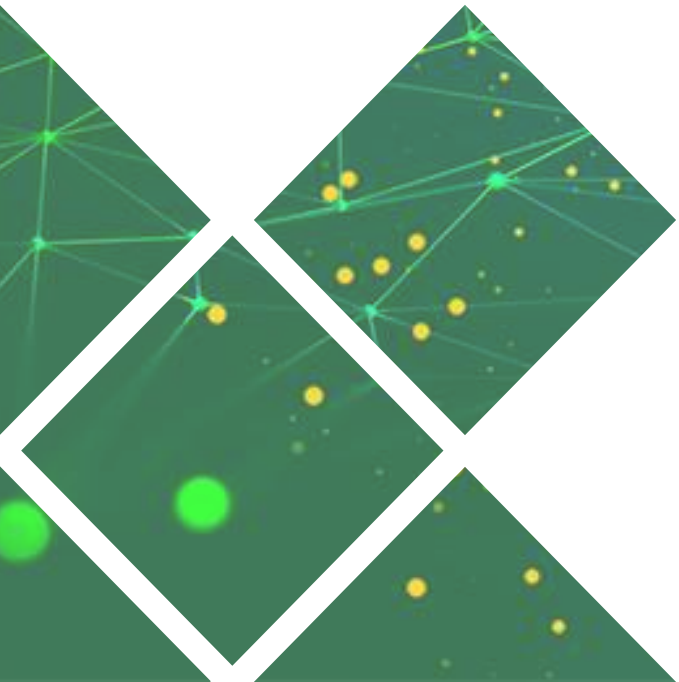


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Competition Act Compliance

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.

■ Agenda

1. Approval of previous meeting minutes
2. Actions outstanding
3. Change Board votes
4. SEC Modifications Timetables update
5. AOB

Agenda Item 1

Approval of previous
meeting minutes
Rachel Black (SECAS)

■ Recommendations

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

Agenda Item 2

Actions outstanding
Rachel Black (SECAS)

■ Actions Outstanding

Ref	Action	Owner	Update	Status
71/01	The DCC to provide a view on the share of the MP162 costs.	DCC	The DCC are currently in discussions with service providers to determine what the Pre-Integration Testing (PIT) costs will be.	Open
91/01	SECAS to investigate if Communications Hubs will count towards Supplier roll out targets if they are upgraded to a compliant version.	SECAS	This will be covered during the MP262 discussion of the July 2024 Change Board meeting.	Propose to close

Agenda Item 3

Change Board Votes

■ MP262 'Extending the Installation End Date for CHTS v1.0 and GBCS v1.1'

Mohammedanwar Sumro

Raised by Paul Bedford from Drax
Self-Governance

HIGH

■ MP262: Overview

- Installation End Date has passed for Communications Hubs on CHTS v1.0 and GBCS v1.1 on 31 May 2023
- Approximately 120,000 Communications Hubs on these specifications not yet installed.

Issue



- Any installation of Communication Hubs on CHTS v1.0 and GBCS v1.1 are non-compliant and will not count towards rollout targets.

Impact



- SEC Schedule 11 'Technical Specification Applicability Tables' to have an extension of the Installation End Date for relevant CHTS v1.0 and GBCS v1.1.
- 2-year extension 31 May 2025

Proposed Solution



■ MP262: Key points

Device scrappage

- A large majority of the Communication Hubs can still be upgraded but there is no guarantee of supporting Pre-Payment consumers
- Earlier firmware versions were produced before Pre-Payment was an operational service
- Not possible to upgrade certain Devices – DCC requested to return these Devices

Known issues on certain firmware versions

- Installs can still take place but will not count towards install targets

TABASC input

- Recommend not to extend the TSAT
- Communication Hubs on certain firmware versions that have known defects
- Did not want to officially support TSAT extension when under the knowledge of defected Devices

■ MP262: Change Board discussions

Change of view

- Concerns about non-communicating Devices and how they are a bigger risk than stranded stock
- Extending TSAT could introduce a risk for older Devices being redistributed which could cause negative impacts across industry

TABASC Chair comments

- No technical blocker to preventing a non-compliant TSAT Communications Hub to be installed
- Highlighted the importance of upgrading firmware as soon as possible
- Questioned whether installs would count towards roll out targets if Devices are upgraded
- TSAT becomes insignificant if continuously extended as it does not drive the intended purpose

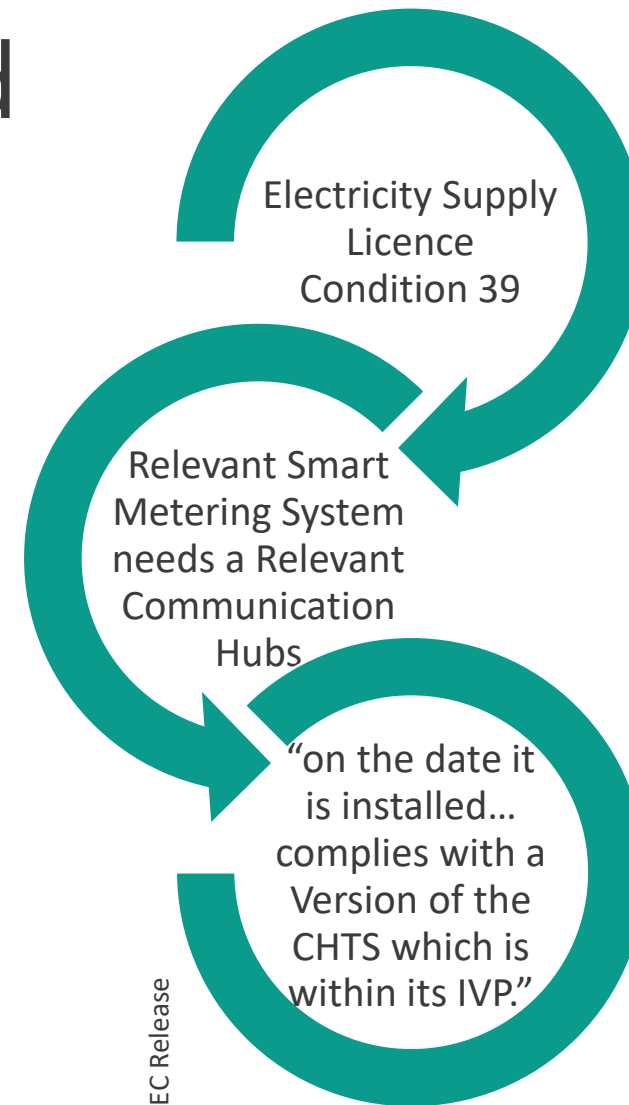
Retrospective contribution to roll out targets

- Question raised as to whether Devices installed between expiry on 31 May 2023 and implementation of MP262 would count towards roll out targets

■ MP262: Previously deferred

Will installs count if upgraded to compliant versions within a minimal time?

Will installs since expiry, count towards targets retrospectively?



31 May 2023

Installs will NOT count to target

Ad hoc SEC Release

Installs will count to target

31 May 2025

■ Forum views

OPSG

Requested to have a Supplier raise the modification a TSAT extension is being requested

No comments received from further interactions with OPSG

TABASC

Does not support the modification

Known issues with Device models on earlier firmware versions

Recommendation to not extend CHTS v1.0 and GBCS v1.1 Installation End Date

SSC

No security impacts by extending the TSAT for CHTS v1.0 and GBCS v1.1

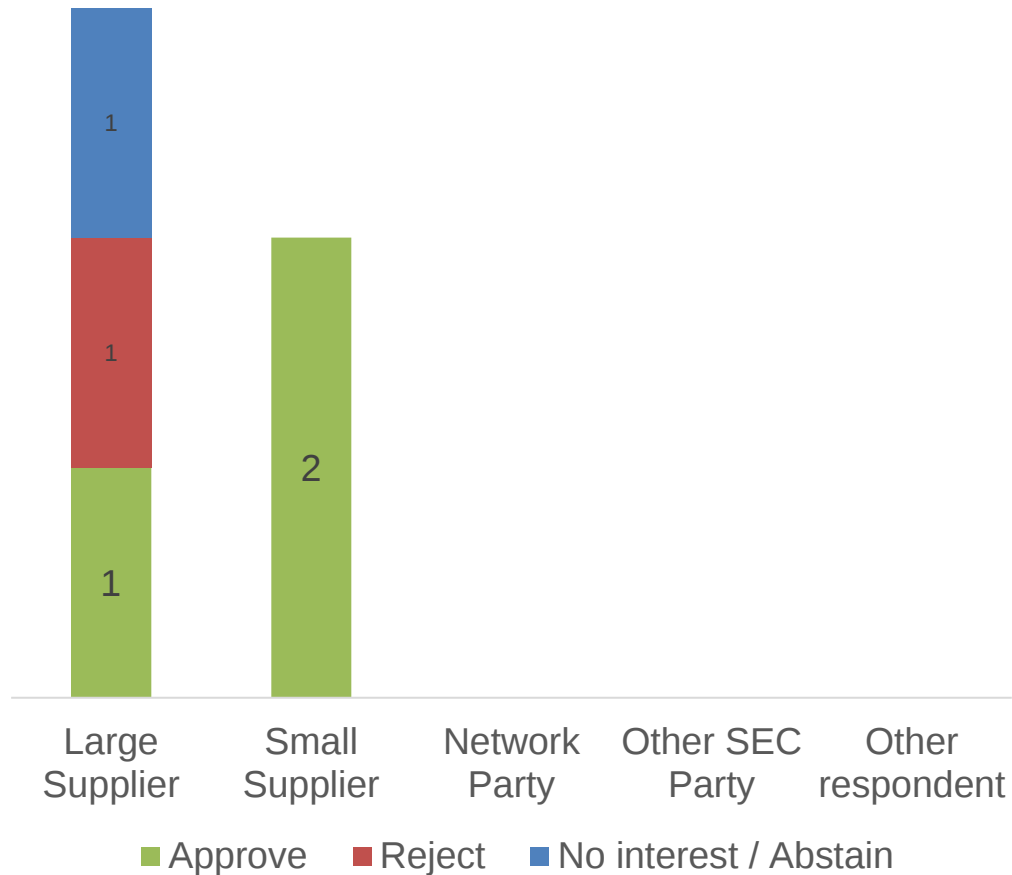
Stated it is not best practice to install due to security characteristics on older Devices.

CSC

Noted concern of the business case

Issues are with stock management and the costs associated with them

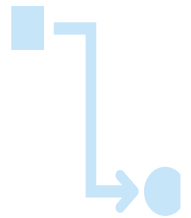
■ MP262: MRC Responses



Key comments

- Supports General SEC Objective (a)
- Majority of stock only require a single firmware update
- Inefficient DCC CH returns process
- TSAT already extended via MP221
- Extension of 3 months was too short
- TSAT exists to ensure that installations have the best chance of a secure, operable customer experience

■ MP262: Assessment of Change



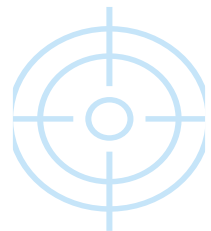
Impacted Parties

- Suppliers
- Meter Installers



Costs

- SECAS implementation costs



Target Release

- Ad-Hoc SEC Release
- 1 Working Day after decision



Benefits

- Allow Suppliers to have installs of CHTS v1.0 and GBCS v1.1 count towards rollout targets

SEC Objective (a)

(a) facilitate the efficient provision, installation, and operation, as well as interoperability, of Smart Metering Systems at Energy Consumers' premises within Great Britain

■ MP262: Recommendations

- **DETERMINE** whether 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 against the General SEC Objectives

SEC Objective (a)

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Agenda Item 4

SEC Modifications Timetable
update

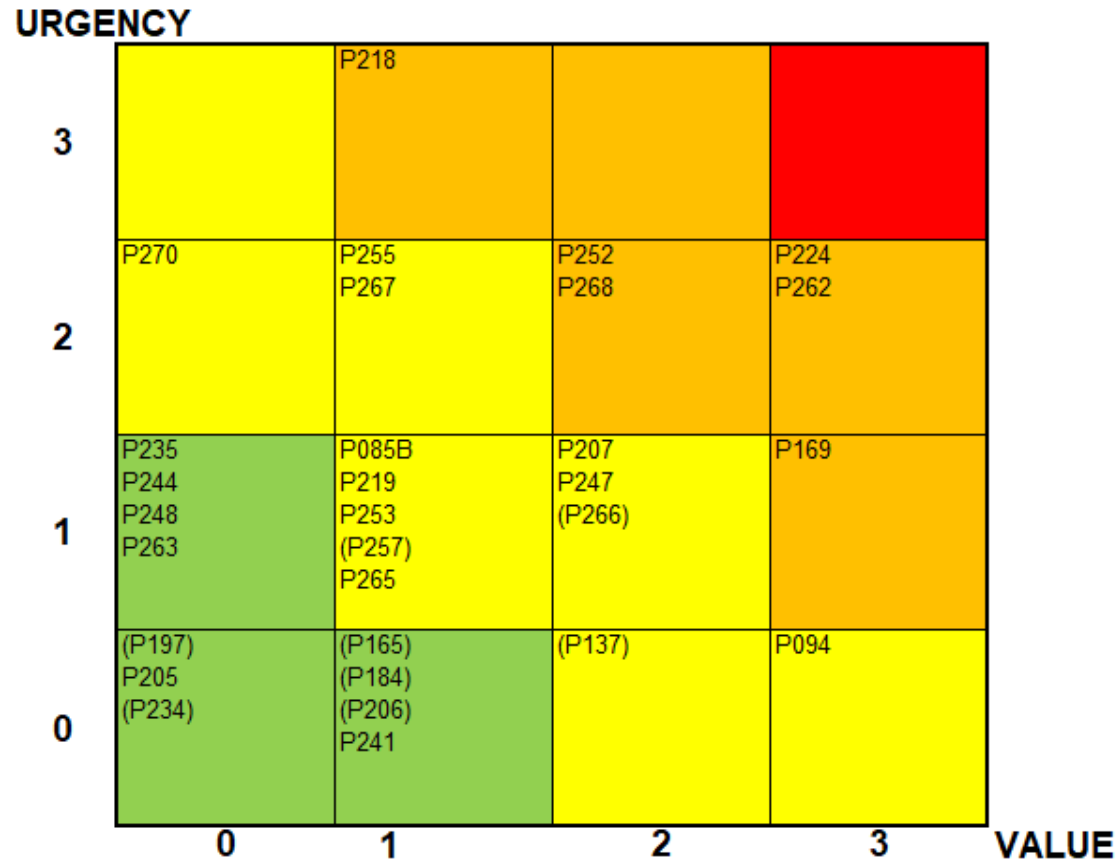
■ Monthly summary

We are working on 30 active modifications, with eight currently on hold.

We are examining five issues.

Two modifications (MP248 and MP270) are scheduled for the August Change Board meeting.

■ Prioritisation matrix



MP270 has been raised as a new Draft Proposal.

MP268 has had its urgency increased as it needs to be included in the November 2025 SEC Release. This is now a HIGH priority modification.

MP165 has had its urgency decreased as the Proposer would like further time to choose the solution. This is now a LOW priority modification.

■ High and very high priority mods

MP169 'Managing SEC obligations and the Consumers Right to refuse a smart meter'

- Ofgem has confirmed their position on the proposed solution. SECAS is preparing the legal text before returning to the Change Sub-Committee.

DP218 'Review of the SEC Charging Methodology'

- DCC are assessing the responses to the RFI. Once the responses have been collated SECAS will hold another ad hoc Working Group.

MP252 'Amending the process for Communications Hub returns'

- SECAS has requested the Preliminary Assessment and expects this to be discussed at the September Working Group meeting.

MP268 'Certificate rotation and expired Certificates'

- SECAS has requested the Preliminary Assessment and expects this to be discussed at the August Working Group meeting.

DCC Assessments

Modification	IA/PA	Requested	Accepted	Returned	Working days open (as of 17 July 2024)
247	PA	24 Jun 24	28 Jun 24	Open	13
252	PA	1 Jul 24	N/A	N/A	N/A
268	PA	2 Jul 24	4 Jul 24	Open	9

Agenda Item 5

Any Other Business

■ AOB

- No any other business

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Next meeting:
Wednesday 21 August 2024

SEC OBJECTIVES 1/2

SEC Objective (a)

(a) facilitate the efficient provision, installation, and operation, as well as interoperability, of Smart Metering Systems at Energy Consumers' premises within Great Britain

SEC Objective (b)

(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

SEC Objective (c)

(c) Facilitate energy consumers management of their use of electricity and gas through the provision of appropriate information via smart metering systems

SEC Objective (d)

(d) Facilitate effective competition between persons engaged in, or in commercial activities connected with, the supply of energy

SEC Objective (e)

(e) Facilitate innovation in the design and operation of energy networks to contribute to the delivery of a secure and sustainable supply of energy

SEC OBJECTIVES 2/2

SEC Objective (f)

(f) Ensure the protection of data and the security of data and systems in the operation of the SEC

SEC Objective (g)

(g) Facilitate the efficient and transparent administration and implementation of the SEC

SEC Objective (h)

(h) Facilitate the establishment and operation of the Alternative Home Area Network (Alt HAN) arrangements