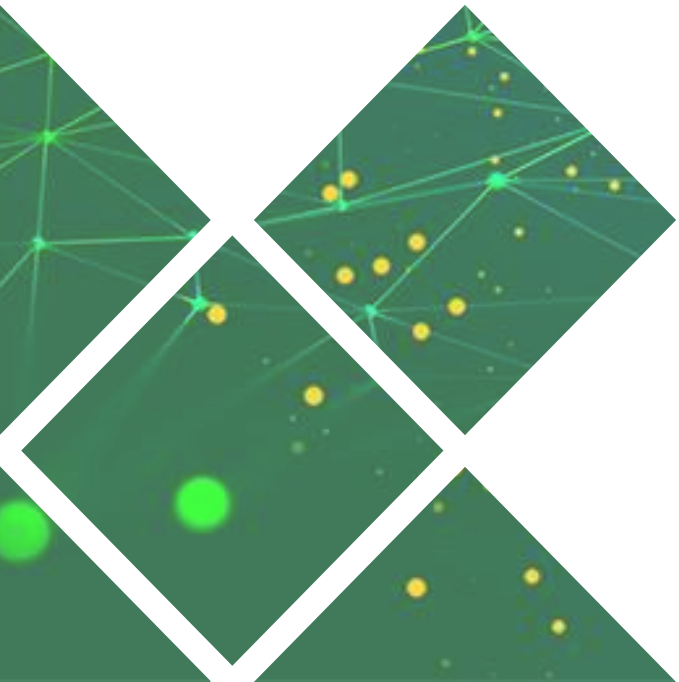


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Competition Act Compliance

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)

■ SECCB_92_2407 – redlined changes (1/2)

- Highlighting that Drax were in attendance as the Proposer of MP262, and a Small Supplier (non-voting member):

Drax <u>(Proposer of MP262 and Small Supplier)</u>		
Paul Bedford (PB) <i>(Part Meeting – Agenda Item 3)</i>		

■ SECCB_92_2407 – redlined changes (2/2)

- Clarifying the Change Board decision bullet point going forward:

The Change Board:

- **AGREED** that this Modification Proposal should proceed to vote
- **REJECTED** the Modification Proposal under Self-Governance
- **PROVIDED** rationale for this decision relating to~~against~~ the General SEC Objectives

■ Recommendations

- **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 (DW) advised they will provide this information at the August Change Board meeting.	Open

Agenda Item 3

Change Board Votes

■ MP248 'Requirements for DCC Gateway Connections'

Mo Sumro

Raised by Rahul Mudliar from EP Tech Solutions

Self-Governance

MEDIUM

Overview

- SEC currently specifies that a DCC User must have a physical gateway connection
- Smaller DCC Users are unable to have a physical gateway connection

Issue



- Established RDPs are not able to transition from a physical to virtual infrastructure
- Procuring and maintaining a physical premises can be costly
- Time consuming to establish physical connection

Impact



- To allow RDPs to elect to connect to the Registration Data Interface using a virtual cloud-based connection.
- Other minor changes to support virtual cloud-based connections for RDPs

Proposed Solution



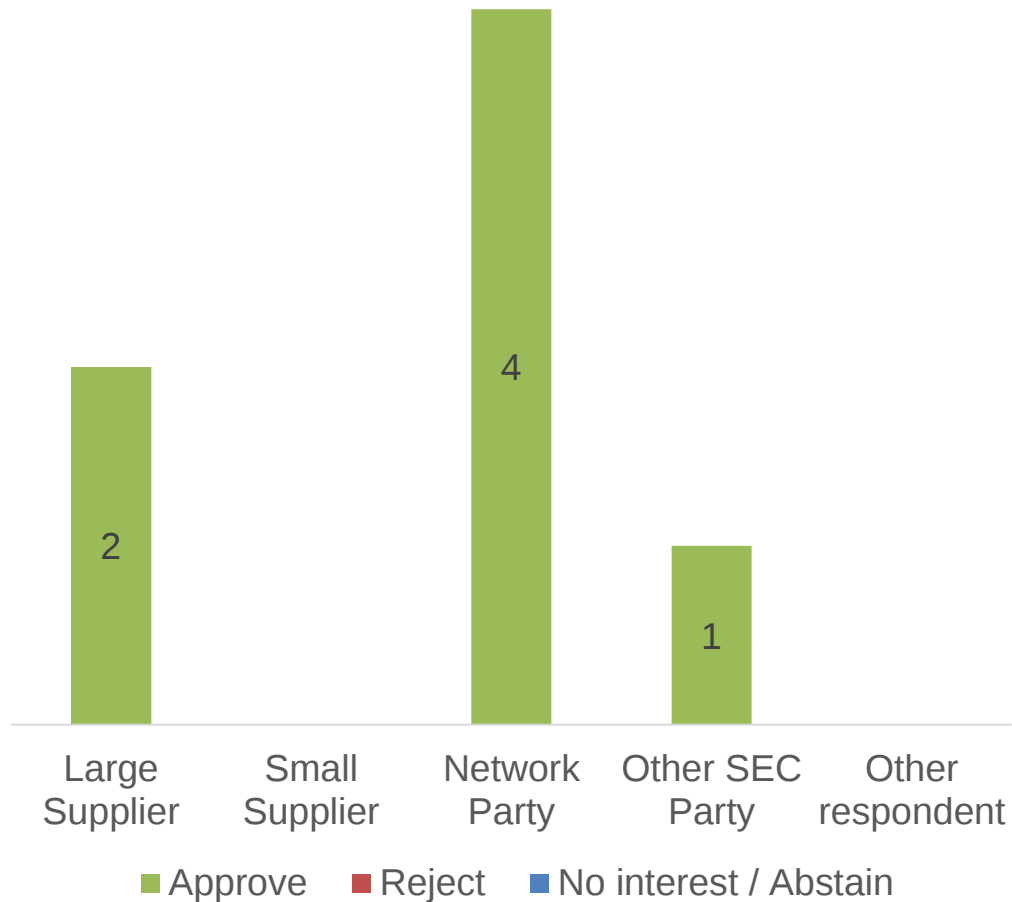
■ Modification scope

RDPs receive one daily delta file from the DCC



SEC Section A 'Definitions and Interpretations'
SEC Section E 'Registration Data'
SEC Appendix X 'Registration Data Interface Specification'
SEC Appendix Y 'Registration Data Interface Code of Connection'

MRC Responses



Key comments

- Believe modification supports SEC Objectives (d),(e),(f) and (g)
- Cost effective and modern way of providing connectivity
- Supportive of this solution as it enables SEC Parties to employ more modern IT network communications

■ Forum views

Working Group

Supports the modification

Recommended to have legal text reviewed to ensure intended purpose

TABASC

Satisfied with the solution

Comfortable with progressing virtual connectivity for all DCC Users separately

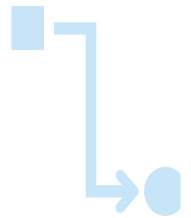
SSC

Supports the modification

Satisfied with DCC Risk Assessment

CIO Assessment of Connection needed

■ Assessment of Change



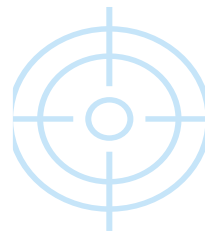
Impacted Parties

- Network Parties
- DCC



Costs

- SECAS implementation costs



Target Release

- Nov 2024 SEC Release



Benefits

- Long term cost saving to RDPs with reduced expenses associated with physical infrastructure

SEC Objective (d)

(d) facilitate effective competition between persons engaged in, or in Commercial Activities connected with, the Supply of Energy

■ MP248: Recommendations

- **DETERMINE** 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

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 such innovation in the design and operation of Energy Networks (as defined in the Data Communications Company Licence) as will best contribute to the delivery of a secure and sustainable Supply of Energy

SEC Objective (f)

(f) Ensure the protection of Dats and the security of Data and Systems in the operation of this Code

SEC Objective (g)

(g) Facilitate the efficient and transparent administration and implementation of this Code

Agenda Item 4

SEC Modifications Timetable
update

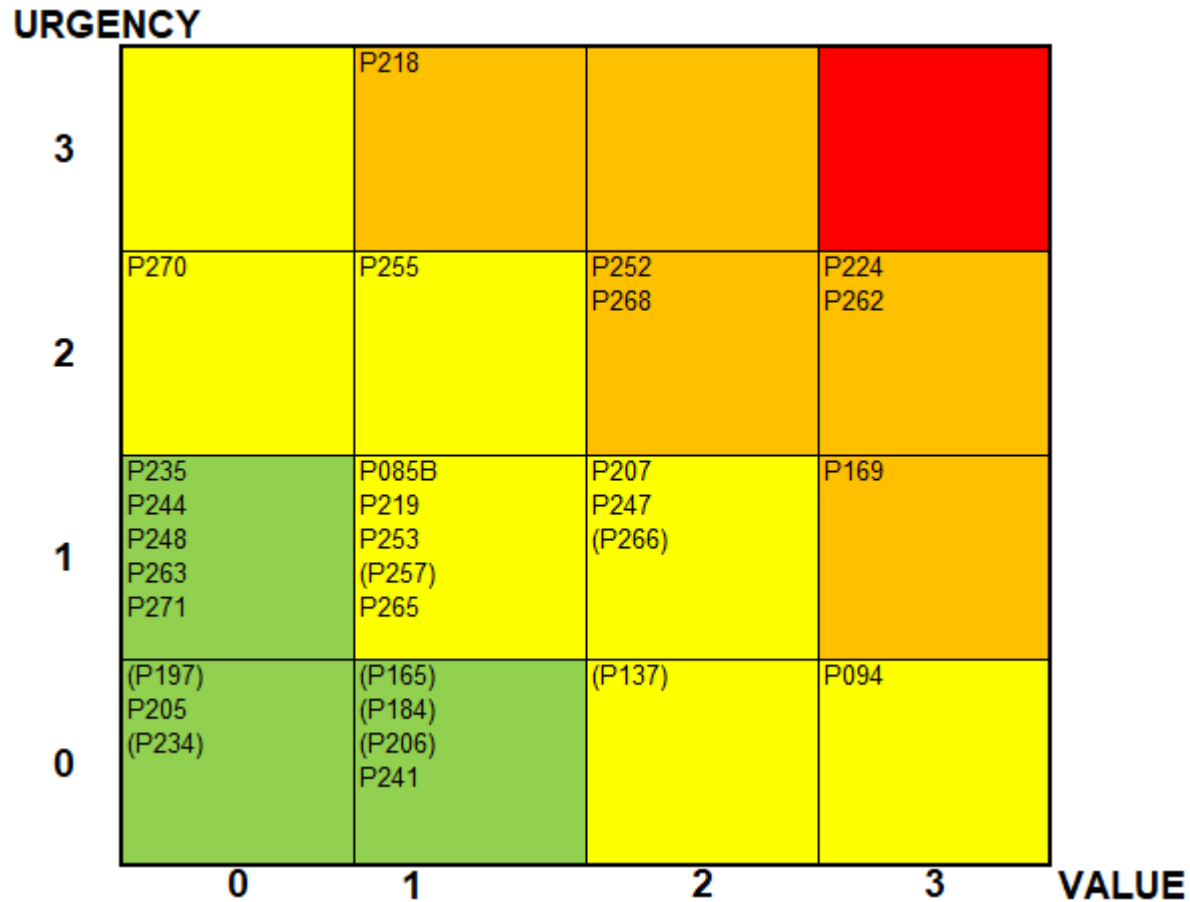
■ Monthly summary

DP267 was withdrawn on 13 August 2024.

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

We are examining seven issues.

■ Prioritisation matrix



DP271 has been raised as a new Draft Proposal.

DP267 has been withdrawn.

■ High and very high priority mods

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

- Following feedback from the Working Group, SECAS is preparing an RFI to gather further information about the applicability of the Proposed Solution.

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.

MP224 'Performance Assurance Framework'

- This modification was recommended for approval by Change Board in June 2024. This is currently with the Authority for final determination.

■ High and very high priority mods

MP252 'Amending the process for Communications Hub returns'

- The DCC Preliminary Assessment returned costs of £200,000 and £300,000 for implementation.

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

- This modification will be presented to the CSC to determine whether the Change Board vote is upheld.

MP268 'Certificate rotation and expired Certificates'

- The Refinement Consultation will open on 14 August 2024.

DCC Assessments

Modification	IA/PA	Requested	Accepted	Returned	Working days open (as of 14 Aug 2024)
247	PA	24 Jun 24	28 Jun 24	18 Jul 24	Returned - 15
252	PA	1 Jul 24	18 Jul 24	Open*	
268	PA	2 Jul 24	4 Jul 24	24 Jul 24	Returned - 15

*MP252 PA was partially returned on 6 Aug 2024, missing full details for Solution Option A

Agenda Item 5

Any Other Business

- Does anyone have any other business?

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Next meeting:
Wednesday 25 September 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