

Change Board Meeting 96

20 November 2024

Meeting Recordings

- 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.

■ Agenda

1. Approval of previous meeting minutes
2. Impact Assessment request
3. SEC Modifications Timetables update
4. Change Board Terms of Reference update
5. AOB

Agenda Item 1

Approval of previous
meeting minutes
Rachel Black (SECAS)

■ Recommendations

- No comments were received from the previous meeting minutes
- **APPROVE** these minutes as final

Agenda Item 2

Impact Assessment Request

■ MP244 'Device Alerts for Smart Meter credit replenishment'

Georgie Severin

Raised by Kevin Clark from Utilita

LOW

■ MP244: Overview

- Multiple scenarios where a Supply could have exhausted a specified credit value potentially resulting in a temporary loss of power.
- There are currently no Device Alerts to notify a Supplier of issue resolution e.g., credit being topped up.

Issue



- The workaround used at present is to send Service Request 7.4. 'Read Supply Status' to gain updates RE: Supply status.
- Consumers could be off Supply for longer than necessary.
- 7.4 request volumes may exceed forecasted DCC System volumes

Impact



- New Device Alert (0x81D5 – Supply Armed then Enabled – Credit Added) which will notify Suppliers that power has been restored and is functioning as expected.
- Changes to GBCS, DUIS, MMC, SMETS

Proposed Solution



■ MP244: Industry views



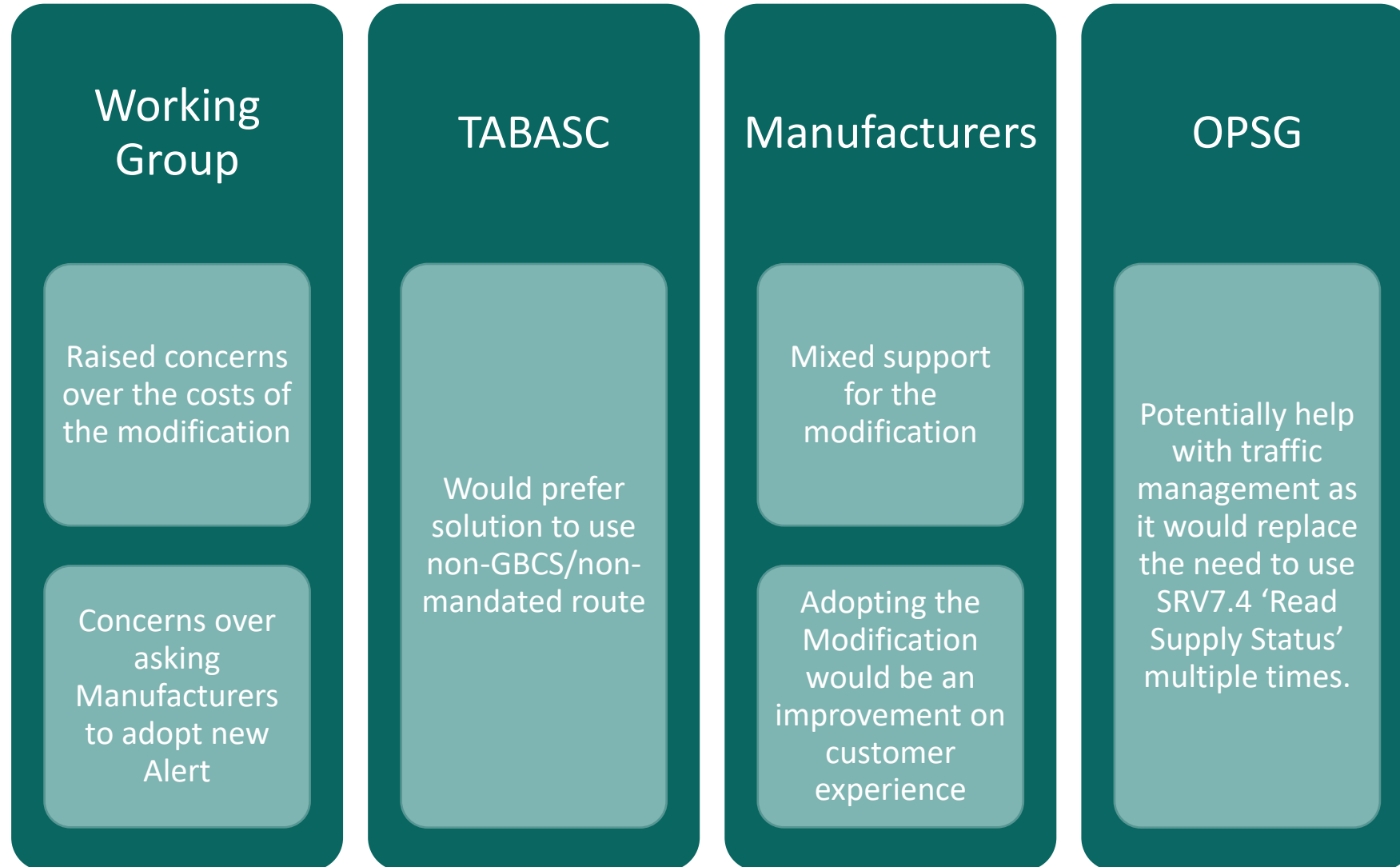
■ Large Supplier

■ Other SEC Party (Manufacturer)

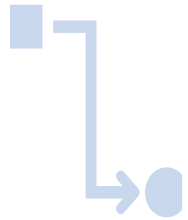
Key comments

- One Large Supplier expressed support for this modification – reduced time and effort spent in reviewing the current workaround and flagging vulnerable consumers to the relevant team.
- Positive to create mechanisms to better support vulnerable consumers, however MP244 may not be best route
- Unknown final costs and time to deliver the modification are likely to outweigh the benefit (which is already limited to only a set of consumers)
- Two Manufacturers have shown support for the modification and the addition of a Mandated Alert (favoured over NGNM)
- Mandated Alert would ensure industry is aligned with a single process

■ Forum views

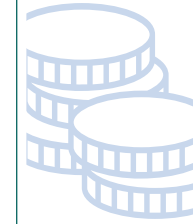


■ MP244: Assessment of Change



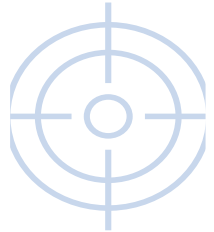
Impacted Parties

- Suppliers
- Other SEC Parties
- Manufacturers



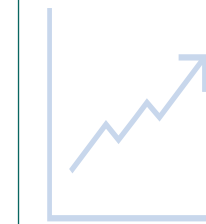
Costs

- DCC costs £60,000 - £200,000
- Consequential costs to Manufacturers £1.7 - £2m



Target Release

- June 2026 SEC Release



Benefits

- Better visibility of vulnerable prepayment consumers
- Enables proactive action

SEC Objective (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) efficient operation of smart metering systems at energy consumers premises

■ MP244: Recommendations

- **AGREE** that this DCC Impact Assessment should be requested

Summary	
Costs for DCC IA	£20,694
Timescales to complete	40 working days
ROM costs to end of PIT	£60,000 to 200,000

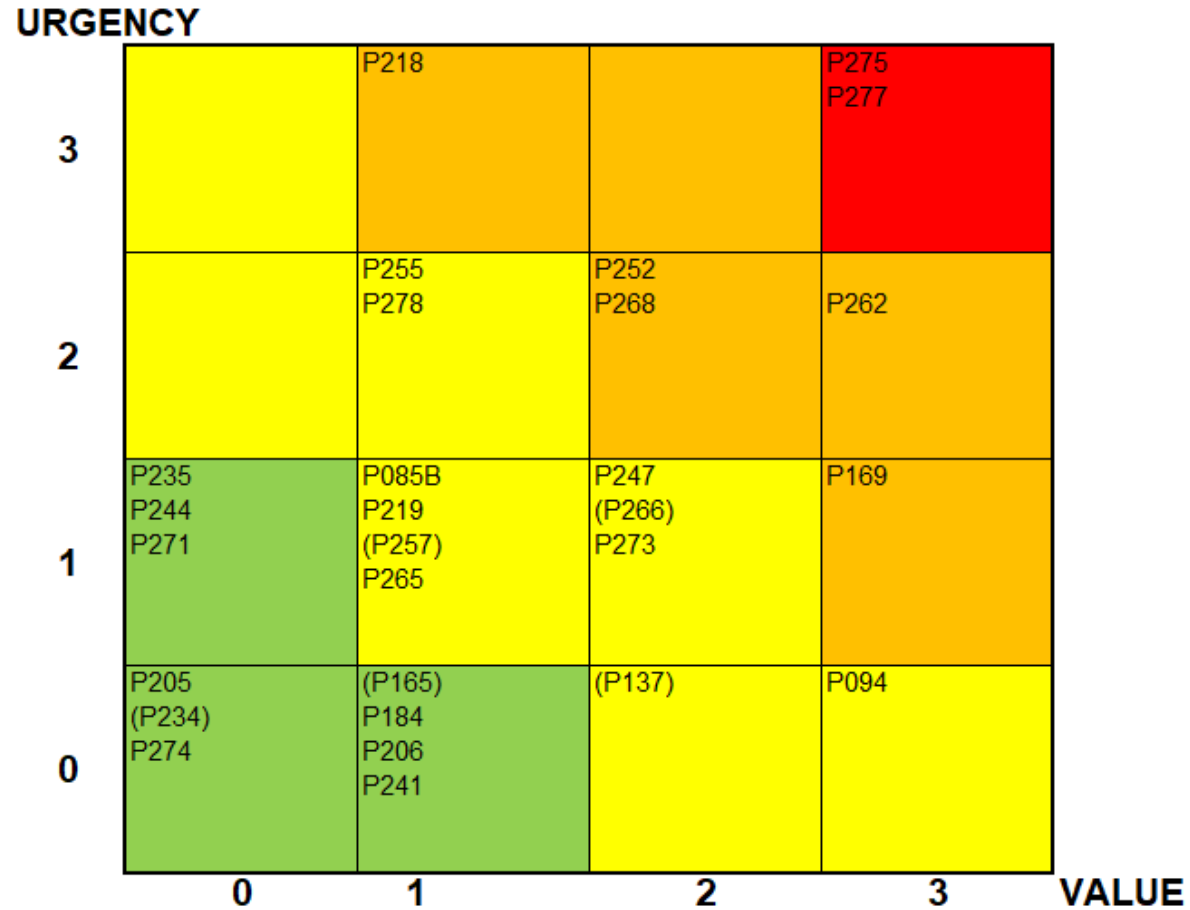
Agenda Item 3

SEC Modifications Timetable
update

■ Monthly summary

- No modifications are scheduled for final vote at the next Change Board meeting.
- We are working on 28 active modifications.
- DP266 was withdrawn on 1 November 2024 and can be adopted until 13 November 2024.
- There are four modifications currently on hold.
- We are examining three issues.
- Two Impact Assessments (MP252 and MP268) and one Preliminary Assessment (MP277) are open.

■ Prioritisation matrix



DP277 and DP278 have been raised. No changes to prioritisation scoring.

Modifications in brackets are on hold.

■ High and very high priority mods

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

- The Proposed Solution and Alternative Solution have been confirmed, as well as the arrangements in a CoS/CoT.
- The Legal Text and REC changes are being developed before this modification is discussed with the CSC.

DP218 'Review of the SEC Charging Methodology'

- DCC will issue a consultation later this year relating to the models which were favoured by RFI respondents.
- Once DCC confirm the date of the consultation, SECAS will hold a webinar for FAQ.

MP224 'Performance Assurance Framework'

- Ofgem approved this modification and it was implemented on 8 November.
- MP224 will be discussed with SEC Panel to finalise the ToRs before nominations for members will open.

■ High and very high priority mods

MP252 'Amending the process for Communications Hub returns'

- The Working Group and Change Board supported an Impact Assessment request on Solution Option C.
- SECAS requested the Impact Assessment on 25 October 2024 and expects the IA to be returned before the end of the year.

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

- On Tuesday 20 August 2024 the CSC upheld the decision of the Change Board to reject this modification.
- The Proposer has referred this decision to the Authority for final determination in line with SEC Section D.
- Ofgem have informed SECAS that their decision will be published on 13 December 2024.

■ High and very high priority mods

MP268 'Certificate rotation and expired Certificates'

- SECAS requested the Impact Assessment on 26 September 2024 and expects this to be returned by 27 November 2024.
- Once returned, the IA will be presented to the TABASC, SSC and Working Group before the Modification Report is finalised.

MP275 'Section K changes to support 4G Communications Hubs rollout'

- The Refinement Consultation is now open until 21 November 2024. The consultation responses will be discussed with the Working Group on 4 December 2024.

DCC Assessments

Modification	IA/PA	Requested	Accepted	Returned	Working days open (as of 12 Nov 24)
MP252	IA	25 Oct 24	29 Oct 24	Open	10
MP268	IA	26 Sep 24	30 Sep 24	Open	31
MP277	PA	8 Nov 24	11 Nov 24	Open	1

Agenda Item 4

Change Board Terms of
Reference update

TOR UPDATES

Chairman changed to
Chair

Requirement to attend
at least 50% of
meetings and miss no
more than three in a
row

Adapt to include
videoconference as well
as face to face meetings

Update to Panel
Information Policy

■ Recommendations

The Change Board is requested to:

- **AGREE** the updates to the Change Board Terms of Reference

Agenda Item 5

Any Other Business

AD-HOC CHANGE BOARD FOR MP275

Ofgem Updated Timeline	6 November 2024
Consultation Commences	25 October 2024
Consultation Close-out for representations	21 November 2024
CSC approves Modification Report and legal text	18 December 2024 (scheduled meeting)
Modification Report Consultation Commences	18 December 2024
Modification Report Consultation Closes	3 January 2025
Change Board vote	10 January 2025

■ SECURITY ASSESSMENT WEBINAR

29 November, 10:00-12:00

- **Who:** SEC Parties
- **What:** SECAS and the User CIO will be hosting a Security Assessment webinar on 29 November 2024 to address feedback from SEC Parties and provide useful valuable tips and advice to help Parties prepare for their annual assessments.
- During the webinar, we will clarify the User CIO role, focus on risks and obligations, with a particular emphasis on Small Suppliers, Triage Facility providers, and understanding the ISO27005 risk assessment approach. We will share tips from the Validations team, discuss the Material Change process and Meter Data Retrieval (MDR) role assessment, and run through Users of responsibilities and expectations for their assessment.
- **How:** Microsoft Teams. To sign up, please email the SECAS Helpdesk SECAS@gemserv.com by 25 October 2024 to confirm your interest and we will send you the webinar invite.

- Change Board Elections – call for nominations will be sent out in the first week of December.
 - Please let us know at sec.change@gemserv.com if you would like to be re-nominated for your seat, or if you intend to stand down at the end of your term (31 January 2025).
 - A link to fill out the nomination form on our website will be provided when the call for nominations comms are sent out.

YOUR FEEDBACK MATTERS

GET IN TOUCH WITH YOUR THOUGHTS AND COMMENTS

SEC.Change@gemserv.com

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Thank you for attending

Next meeting:
Wednesday 18 December 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