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SEC Change Update Report – May 2023

1. Purpose

This document provides an update on the progress of Smart Energy Code (SEC) Modifications and Releases and the recent and upcoming decisions of the Change Sub-Committee (CSC) under delegated authority from the Panel.

The Data Communications Company's (DCC's) performance report on Preliminary Assessments and Impact Assessments is included as Appendix A to this report.

2. Recommendations

The Panel is requested to:

- **NOTE** the contents of this report; and
- **PROVIDE** any views and feedback on the modifications raised in section 2.

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Attachments:

- **Appendix A:** DCC Assessments Performance Report (**WHITE**)

1. Overview

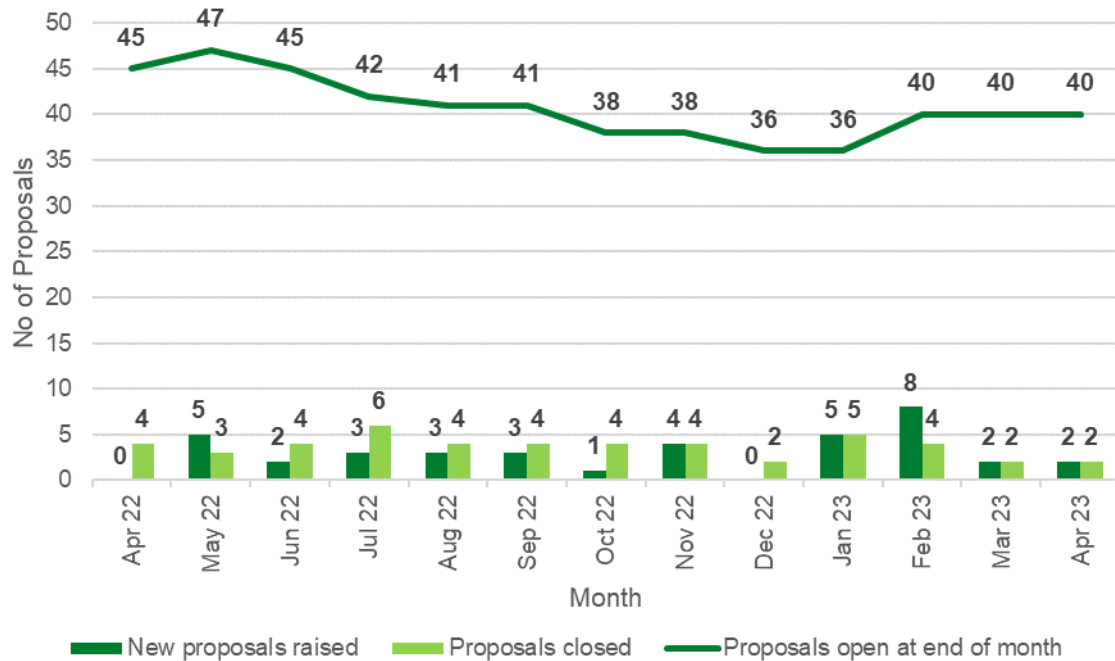
This information is correct as at the end of April 2023.

More detailed information can be found in the [Modification Register](#).

Number of proposals in each stage of the modification framework



Volume of proposals going through the modification framework



Modification progression timescales

Modification closure timescales					
Calendar year	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Number of DCC System Impacting modifications	0	1	9	9	5
Average duration of DCC System Impacting modifications	n/a	407 WD	475 WD	447 WD	433 WD
Number of Non- DCC System Impacting modifications	13	23	26	22	15
Average duration of Non- DCC System Impacting modifications	91 WD	161 WD	150 WD	152 WD	106 WD

2. Modification updates

DP218

[DP218 'Review of the SEC Charging Methodology'](#) has identified two distinct issues:

- Who uses the DCC Systems and how they are charged; and
- How the DCC Fixed Charges, which includes SEC administration costs, are apportioned between different Party types.

Following the ad hoc Working Group on 22 March 2023, SECAS has been liaising with the DCC to obtain information in order to support the assessment of the business case for progressing the modification. Initial analysis is targeted to be completed on 23 May 2023 and pending confirmation for dates of the full analysis following this.

DP224

[DP224 'SEC Performance Assurance Framework'](#) will provide implementation of a risk-based PAF under the SEC that would give confidence to Parties that the obligations set out in the SEC are being fulfilled and that performance risks and issues are dealt with in a standardised manner.

On 16 May 2023 the CSC agreed that the modification should progress to the Refinement Process.

The considerations raised through the request for information (RFI) by SEC Parties will be addressed by the Working Group in June and July. The artefacts delivered by the Panel's project will also now be reviewed by the Working Group and Operations Group before the modification is issued for Refinement Consultation. We have adjusted the expected implementation to be in February 2024 to allow adequate time to address the considerations raised through the request for information.

3. Change Sub-Committee decisions

Recent decisions

The CSC last met on 16 May 2023.

The CSC approved the below Modification Report for progression to the Report Phase:

- [MP178 'Removing DSP validation against the SMI join status for SR8.8.x'](#)

The CSC converted the following Draft Proposal to a Modification Proposal for progression to the Refinement Process:

- [DP224 'SEC Performance Assurance Framework'](#)
- [DP238 'TSAT Expired Communication Hubs'](#)
- [DP241 'Interoperability Checker Update'](#)

Upcoming decisions

The next CSC meeting will be on 13 June 2023.

We currently expect to ask the CSC to approve two Modification Reports for progression to final decision:

- [MP202 'Enduring Solution for SMETS1 and SMETS2+ PPMIDs'](#)
- [MP211 'Aligning the SMI with the CPL'](#)

Further Draft Proposals may be raised nearer the meeting that could be progressed directly to the Refinement Process or the Report Phase.

4. New Draft Proposals

DP241

[DP241 'Interoperability Checker Update'](#) was raised by the DCC on 5 May 2023.

Currently, the Interoperability Checker's results may not reflect a consumer's actual experience with their Smart Meter. This inconsistency has resulted in confusion among some consumers.

5. DCC Assessments

DCC Impact Assessment requests

The Change Board has not been asked to consider any Impact Assessment requests since the last Panel meeting.

DCC Assessment timescales

This information is correct as at the end of April 2023.

More information is available in the DCC's update in Appendix A.

DCC Assessment timescales		
Assessment	Total	Average duration
Preliminary Assessments open	0	N/A
Preliminary Assessments completed in the last 12 months	15	40 WD
Impact Assessments open	3	96 WD
Impact Assessments completed in the last 12 months	5	50 WD

DCC Preliminary Assessments

The DCC's Collaborative Design Review recommended the target duration for Preliminary Assessments be increased from 15 Working Days (WD) to 25WD. Durations marked in amber in the tables below missed the current 15WD target but would have met the proposed 25WD target.

DCC Preliminary Assessments completed in the last 12 months			
Modification	Returned	Target duration	Actual duration
MP137	27 May 22	15 WD	15 WD
MP172	13 Jun 22	15 WD	28 WD
MP155	15 Jun 22	15 WD	60 WD
MP134B	14 Jul 22	15 WD	12 WD
MP176	15 Jul 22	15 WD	25 WD
SECMP0028	23 Aug 22	15 WD	20 WD
MP211	21 Sep 22	15 WD	12 WD
MP178	21 Oct 22	15 WD	15 WD
MP202	21 Oct 22	15 WD	17 WD
MP216	31 Oct 22	15 WD	26 WD
MP207	30 Nov 22	15 WD	17 WD
MP208	19 Jan 23	15 WD	24 WD
MP169	10 Feb 23	15 WD	50 WD
MP168	10 Mar 23	15 WD	213 WD

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DCC Preliminary Assessments completed in the last 12 months			
Modification	Returned	Target duration	Actual duration
MP217	25 Apr 23	15 WD	62 WD

DCC Impact Assessments

DCC Impact Assessments in progress			
Modification	Accepted	Target duration	Current duration
MP176	30 Sep 22	40 WD	151 WD
MP211	9 Jan 23	40 WD	80 WD
MP202	8 Feb 23	40 WD	58 WD

DCC Impact Assessments completed in the last 12 months			
Modification	Returned	Target duration	Actual duration
MP102B	21 May 22	40 WD	41 WD
MP170	25 May 22	40 WD	78 WD
MP176	1 Jun 22	40 WD	25 WD
MP122B	11 Jul 22	40 WD	70 WD
MP178	1 Mar 23	40 WD	38 WD

6. Modification outcomes

Change Board votes

The Change Board meeting on the 26 April 2023 was cancelled, as there was only one item on the agenda, which was an Impact Assessment request for [SECMP0028 'Prioritising System Messages'](#). This has been rescheduled to a future Change Board meeting.

Authority decisions

The Authority has not issued a decision on any modification since the last Panel meeting.

There are no modifications currently with the Authority for decision.

Withdrawn proposals

One Modification Proposal has been withdrawn since the last Panel meeting:

[DP236 'Commissioned Communication Hub SMI Status Remains as Pending'](#) was withdrawn as the Proposer and SECAS agreed on an alternative solution that did not require a change to the SEC.

7. Releases and Designations

SEC versions issued

There have been no new SEC versions since the previous update.

Upcoming SEC Release scopes

June 2023 SEC Release – 29 June 2023		
Modification	DCC System impacts?	Status
MP102B 'Power Outage Alerts triggered by an OTA firmware upgrade - enduring solution'	✓	Approved
MP125 'Correcting Device Information for the ESME Variant'	✓	Approved
MP128A 'Gas Network Operators SMKI Requirements'		Approved
MP183 'Post Commissioning Obligations Reporting'		Approved
MP215 'Communications Hub Ordering and Forecasting'		Approved
MP220 'MMC Changes resulting from GBCS v4.1 Device Testing'		Approved
MP222 'CPL submission efficiency improvements'		Targeted
MP229 'Notification of material change to User Systems to include decommissioning'		Targeted

November 2023 SEC Release – 2 November 2023		
Modification	DCC System impacts?	Status
MP122B 'Operational Metrics – Part 2'	✓	Approved
MP137 'Sharing information on Defects and Issues'		Targeted
MP216 'Incorporation of Category 2 Issue Resolution Proposals into the SEC – Batch 9'	✓	Approved
MP219 'Accessing Consumption Data on behalf of SEC Parties'		Targeted
DP226 'Incorporation of Category 3 Issue Resolution Proposals into the SEC - Batch 10'		Targeted
MP230 'Review the SLA for delivery and completion for SMETS1 firmware'		Targeted

February 2024 SEC Release – 29 February 2024		
Modification	DCC System impacts?	Status
MP162 'SEC changes required to deliver MHHS' (legal text only)		Approved

June 2024 SEC Release – 27 June 2024		
Modification	DCC System impacts?	Status
MP162 'SEC changes required to deliver MHHS'	✓	Approved
MP178 'Removing DSP validation against the SMI join status for SR8.8.x'	✓	Targeted
MP202 'Enduring Solution for SMETS1 and SMETS2+ PPMIDs'	✓	Targeted
MP211 'Aligning the SMI with the CPL'	✓	Targeted

November 2024 SEC Release – 7 November 2024		
Modification	DCC System impacts?	Status
MP085B 'Synchronisation of smart meter voltage measurement periods (meters currently installed)'		Targeted
MP165 'ESME Voltage Accuracy'		Targeted
MP217 'Obtaining Timestamps to allow Target Response Time Measurements'	✓	Targeted

Upcoming designations

ESNZ Designations		
Programme	Document	Expected designation date
SMETS1	Direction on DCC's Decommissioning Timetable for closing the IOC Requesting Party & to re-designate SMETS1 TMAD with updates to 'Excluded Category – Duplicate MPANs and MPRNs' in Clause 18.	17 May 23
ECoS	SEC Subsidiary Document Changes required for the Enduring Change of Supplier (ECoS) Arrangements	29 Jun 23
ECoS	ECoS Transition and Migration Approach Document (ETMAD)	29 Jun 23
ECoS	ETMAD Required Documents (ECoS Migration Reporting Regime; ECoS Migration Error Handling and Retry Approach)	29 Jun 23

8. Cross-Code working

Code Administration Code of Practice (CACoP) Forum update

The CACoP Forum now meets bimonthly, and the last meeting was on 11 April 2023. At this meeting the Forum discussed the following:

- The Forum is developing an enhanced approach to communicating and engaging with the wider industry, making use of its website and its LinkedIn profile. We have led on developing this strategy for the Forum and will be presenting a developed plan to the group at the next meeting based on the input received this month. The Forum also discussed the expected windows when individual customer satisfaction surveys will be issued, to help stagger these, in light of Ofgem not performing a central Code Administrator survey this year.
- The Forum received an update from the Retail Energy Code Company (RECCo) on its Open Data and Consumer Consent project. RECCo will be organising a dedicated workshop on this towards the end of May and is seeking appropriate attendance from all of the Codes.
- The Forum received an update on the approach the Cross Code Steering Group (CCSG) is trialling for better aligning timelines and consolidating modification materials for cross-Code changes. The CCSG will be trialling this on a suitable cross-Code change later this year. It will update the Forum on the outcomes to help facilitate the Forum's discussions on aligning approaches across the Codes. The Forum also noted investigations we have carried out into whether the remaining CACoP Codes should become CCSG members, which concluded there was no strong business case for doing this right now.

The next Forum meeting will be on 13 June 2023.

Cross Code Steering Group (CCSG) update

The CCSG met 15 May 2023.

There were no new changes identified as impacting SEC from other Codes.

There has been an approach from DESNZ concerning introduction of new legislation Nuclear Energy (Financing) Act 2022 (the Act). SECAS met with DESNZ representative and does not believe there will be any impacts to the SEC. SECAS also raised the issue at CCSG to ensure other codes were cognisant. Distribution Connection and Use of System Agreement and Balancing Settlement Code representations said they were aware, and that change may impact those codes along with Connection Use of System Code. SECAS has advised DESNZ to approach CACoP to ensure wider code awareness.