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SEC Change Update Report – April 2024

1. Purpose

This document provides an update on the progress of Smart Energy Code (SEC) Modifications 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. A SEC Releases update is included as Appendix B.

2. Recommendations

The Panel is requested to **NOTE** the contents of this report.

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Attachments:

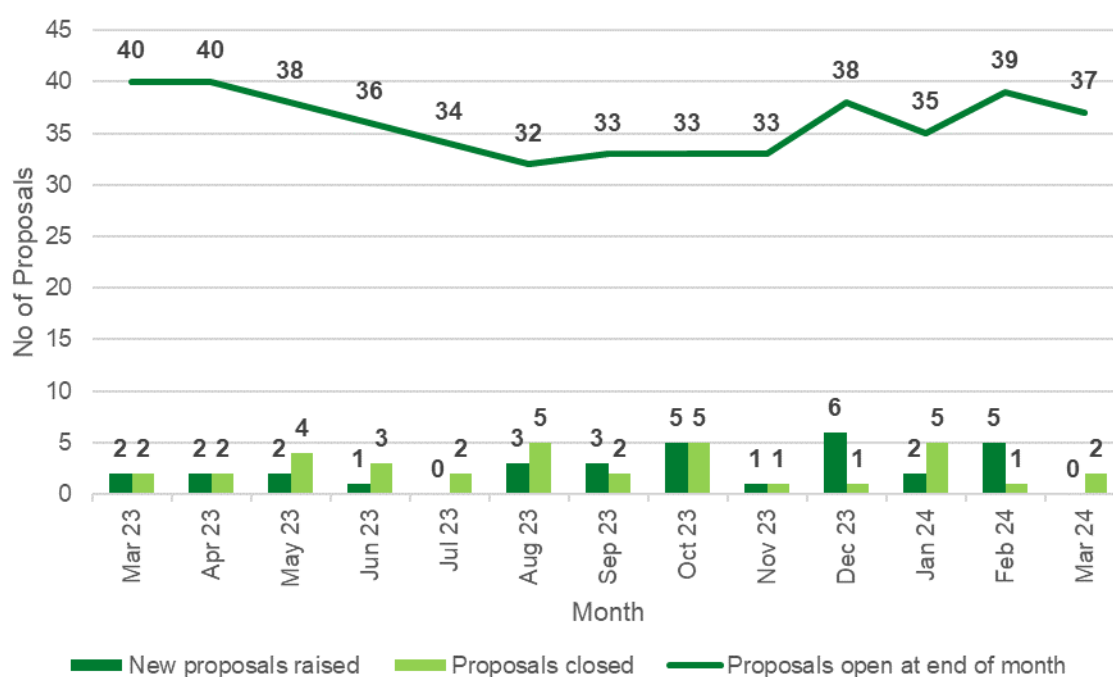
- **Appendix A:** DCC Assessments Performance Report (**CLEAR**)
- **Appendix B:** SEC Releases update (**CLEAR**)

1. Overview

Number of proposals in each stage of the modification framework



Volume of proposals going through the modification framework



2. Modification updates and points to note

Modification	Priority	Update
DP218 'Review of the SEC Charging Methodology'	HIGH	SECAS anticipates the DCC RFI will open in late April.
MP224 'SEC Performance Assurance Framework'	HIGH	Delayed one month due to concerns about Section G approach vs PAF approach.
MP253 'Traffic Management for Price Cap Update Events - User Actions Required'	MEDIUM	Delayed at least one month due to time taken by Proposer to provide supporting documents aligning with the Proposed Solution.

November 2024 SEC Release

We are currently discussing the cost and value for money of the November 2024 SEC Release with the DCC. The Change Sub-Committee has been made aware of concerns which we are trying to address as quickly as possible.

3. Change Sub-Committee decisions

April CSC – Modifications moving to Report Phase

DP260
(Housekeeping)

4. Change Board decisions

March Change Board - Approved

MP242
(Reporting)

MP264
(SMDA testing
procurement)

April Change Board (cancelled)

Withdrawn proposals

One Modification Proposal has been withdrawn since the last Panel meeting:

- [MP187 'Incorporation of Target Round Trip Times and Target Success Rates into the SEC'](#)

5. Designations

SEC versions issued

SEC v86.0 went live on Monday 8 April 2024 due to the Ad hoc SEC Release of [MP231 'Firmware Upgrade Pathways'](#). This modification made changes to SEC Section A, Section F and SEC Appendix Z.

SEC v87.0 went live on Monday 15 April 2024 due to the Ad hoc SEC Release of [MP264 'Updating Independence of SMDA Testing Provisions'](#). This modification made changes to SEC Section F.

6. Cross-Code working

Code Administration Code of Practice (CACoP) Forum update

The CACoP Forum meets bimonthly, and the last meeting was on 5 April 2024.

At this meeting the Forum discussed how it would carry out a cross-Code survey, as it was noted in the last meeting that Ofgem would not be carrying out a cross-Code survey in 2024. The Forum discussed a Code Administrator-led survey approach, with agreement for the survey to be hosted on the CACoP website. The Forum noted that each Code would need to review the previous Ofgem-led survey questions and note which are not applicable for their Code, which would be incorporated into the survey. The Forum agreed the survey will be issued after the next Forum meeting in June, and should be open for approximately 3 months, to give industry sufficient time to respond.

Ofgem provided an update for the ongoing consultations on the Implementation of Energy Code Reform, which they had presented at all Codes Panel meetings in the last couple of months, including a webinar on 26 March 2024. Ofgem added that their Modifications Process Workgroup would begin in May 2024.

Ofgem provided an update on their Data Best Practice (DBP), noting the 11 high-level principles and that the key was to drive the openness of data across industry. They added that with the new Energy Act 2023, their aim is to ensure all data sets are captured, including all data from new entrants into energy sector.

Ofgem noted that the Future System Operator (FSO) Cross Code Workgroup (CCWG) will meet next week and Ofgem would share details of their FSO project plan with baselined proposal changes across all the affected Codes. They added that they would expect implementation details by the Summer of 2024.

The next Forum meeting will be on Friday 7 June 2024.

Cross Code Steering Group (CCSG) update

The CCSG has not met since 11 March 24. SECAS has reviewed two proposed REC changes in the intervening period with REC colleagues and advised on potential impacts. SECAS has also been in close discussion with BSC colleagues concerning P459 and potential impacts, an initial work group meeting was held and full requirements have yet to be scoped out.