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SEC Change Update Report – May 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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21 May 2024

Attachments:

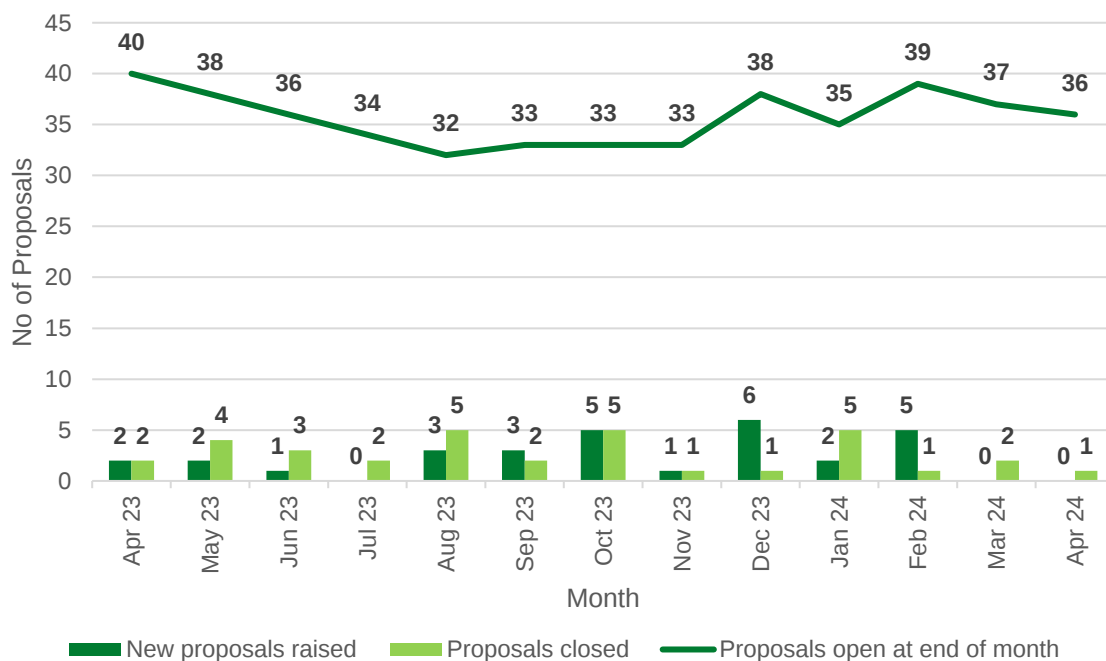
- **Appendix A:** DCC Assessments Performance Report (**CLEAR**)
- **Appendix B:** SEC Releases update (**CLEAR**)

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
MP169 'Managing SEC Obligations and the Consumers right to refuse a Smart Meter'	HIGH	The Impact Assessment returned costs for implementation of £731,502. SECAS will present this modification to the Working Group on 5 June 2024 before returning to the Change Sub-Committee to enter the Report Phase.
DP218 'Review of the SEC Charging Methodology'	HIGH	The DCC Request for Information is open until 25 June 2024. SECAS are hosting a FAQ drop-in session on 23 May 2024.

Modification	Priority	Update
MP224 'SEC Performance Assurance Framework'	HIGH	This modification will be presented to the Change Sub-Committee on 21 May 2024 with the recommendation it is expected to enter the Report Phase.
MP252 'Amending the process for Communications Hub returns'	HIGH	SECAS are working with the Proposer and DCC to finalise the business requirements before requesting the Preliminary Assessment.
DP262 'Extending the Installation End Date for CHTS v1.0 and GBCS v1.1'	HIGH	This modification will be presented to the Change Sub-Committee on 21 May 2024 with the recommendation it is expected to enter the Report Phase.

3. Points to note

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.

[MP246 'DCC User access to metadata via the DCC Self-Service Interface'](#)

This modification was previously discussed at Panel and raised to prevent the unrestricted access to data via the Meter Read Transaction (MRT) function. The same data can be accessed legitimately via the Service Audit Trail (SAT). This modification will be presented to May Change Sub-Committee to move to the Report Phase.

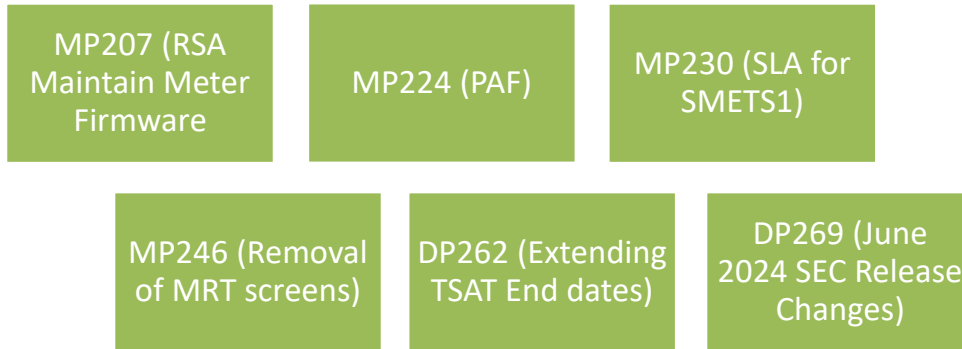
[MP207 'Allowing Registered Supplier Agents to Maintain Meter Firmware'](#)

The request for a DCC Impact Assessment was rejected by Change Board due to the Change Board believing that the issue identified by the Proposer is not a full and accurate description of the problem and that the Solution has been amended by the Security Sub-Committee so that it no longer represents a useful resolution to the issue. The Proposer wishes to move the modification forward with the Proposed Solution as it is. SECAS is therefore presenting it to CSC for progression to the Report Phase.

4. Change Sub-Committee decisions

May CSC – Modifications moving to Report Phase

Due to the May Bank Holiday the CSC meeting will take place after paper day. These modifications are all expected to move to Report Phase but there will be a verbal update at the May Panel meeting if there are any changes.



5. Change Board decisions

Withdrawn proposals

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

- [MP254 'Changes to GFI Arrangements'](#)

6. Designations

SEC versions issued

There have been no further versions issued of the SEC since version 87.0 was released on 15 April 2024.

Designations

SECAS are not expecting to receive any Designations until approximately August 2024.

7. 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 met 20 May 2024. No new changes impacting SEC from other codes were identified.

There was an update provided by BSC representative re P459, that a second workgroup for P459 is expected in the summer, at which a firm timeline to progress is expected to become clear. SEC continue to monitor progress of P459 as the proposer for SEC change DP206, has a dependency.