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SEC Change Update Report – August 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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20 August 2024

Attachments:

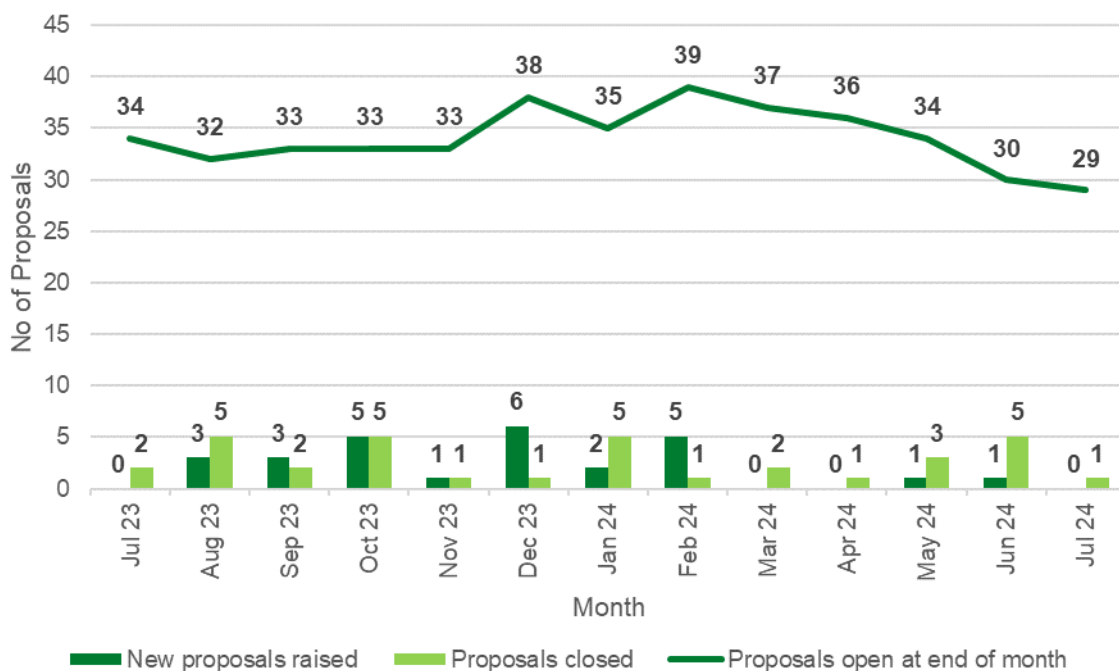
- **Appendix A:** DCC Assessments Performance Report (**CLEAR**)
- **Appendix B:** SEC Releases Update (**CLEAR**)

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	Following feedback from the Working Group, SECAS is looking to gather further feedback from Parties.
DP218 'Review of the SEC Charging Methodology'	HIGH	The DCC are assessing the responses to the RFI. Once the responses have been collated SECAS will hold another ad hoc Working Group. This is expected in September.

Modification	Priority	Update
MP224 'SEC Performance Assurance Framework'	HIGH	This modification was approved at Change Board and is with the Authority for final determination.
MP252 'Amending the process for Communications Hub returns'	HIGH	The DCC Preliminary Assessment returned costs of £200,000 and £300,000 for implementation. SECAS will present this modification to the SSC, OPSG and Working Group before opening the Refinement Consultation.
DP262 'Extending the Installation End Date for CHTS v1.0 and GBCS v1.1'	HIGH	This modification was rejected by the Change Board but was referred by the Proposer. The Change Sub-Committee will decide whether to uphold or overturn the decision of the Change Board on 20 August 2024.
MP268 'Certificate rotation and expired Certificates'	HIGH	The Refinement Consultation is open until 5 September 2024. Dependent on responses, SECAS may proceed to the Impact Assessment request at Change Board.

3. Points to note

Regression Testing – cost and transparency

A meeting was held on 15 July 2024 to give an overview of the issues with costs associated with SEC Releases that include DCC System changes. SECAS and the DCC agreed that they will continue to investigate the issue to understand how this can be improved going forward. The DCC will update the CSC on 20 August 2024.

MP262 referral

[MP262 'Extending the Installation End Date for CHTS v1.0 and GBCS v1.1'](#) was rejected at Change Board on 24 July 2024. The Proposer has asked that this decision is referred to CSC on 20 August 2024. CSC (as the delegated Sub-Committee of Panel) will decide whether the Change Board's decision should be upheld or overturned.

DP218 RFI Responses

The DCC RFI for [DP218 'Review of the SEC Charging Methodology'](#) closed on 25 June 2024. The DCC are collating the responses, and these are expected to be published w/c 9 September 2024. SECAS will then hold a Working Group (date TBC).

4. Change Sub-Committee decisions – July 2024

Change Board referral

MP262 (Extending
End Dates)

Modifications moving to Report Phase

MP241
(Interoperability
Checker Update)

MP263 (DCC
indicative costs)

Modifications moving to Refinement Phase

DP271 (Sub-
Committee seats
for Other SEC
Parties)

5. Change Board decisions

Change Board – Rejected

MP262
(Extending
Installation End
Dates)

Withdrawn proposals

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

- [DP267 'Facilitating the installation and commissioning of meters triaged under Use Case 004'](#) (July 2024)

6. Designations

SEC versions issued

SEC v90.0 was implemented on 19 July 2024 as part of a DESNZ Designation impacting SEC Appendix AU 'Network Evolution Transition and Migration Approach Document' (NETMAD).

Designations

SECAS are currently not expecting any DESNZ Designations in the near future.

7. Cross-Code working

Code Administration Code of Practice (CACoP) Forum update

The CACoP Forum meets bimonthly, and the last meeting was on 2 August 2024.

At this meeting the Forum discussed the timeline for the cross-Code survey, as to be mindful of the summer holiday period in August, and relayed concerns over the timing of the survey due to Energy Code Reform and the government priorities, along with reasoning for the survey.

Ofgem advised the Forum that they had commenced publishing decisions again and were in the process of confirming the new Expected Decision Dates (EDD) for the modifications that were currently with them.

Following the recent election outcome, Ofgem are proceeding with all of the planned work on the Energy Code Reform and whilst it was early days, Ofgem are working with the new government to understand what their priorities are and if further policy updates should be taken into consideration; the relevant panels will be updated as appropriate.

Ofgem provided an update on their Data Best Practice (DBP) and its future in Codes, noting it's proven Impact in Network Space. A Cross Code Digitalisation Steering group is also being established, with meetings starting in August 2024.

Ofgem noted that the [Open Letter](#) to Codes had been published on 14 March 2024 setting out Ofgem's direction of travel and intent.

The next Forum meeting will be on Tuesday 1 October 2024.

Cross Code Steering Group (CCSG) update

The CCSG met on 5 August 2024. No new changes impacting the SEC from other codes were identified.