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SEC Change Update Report – October 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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15 October 2024

Attachments:

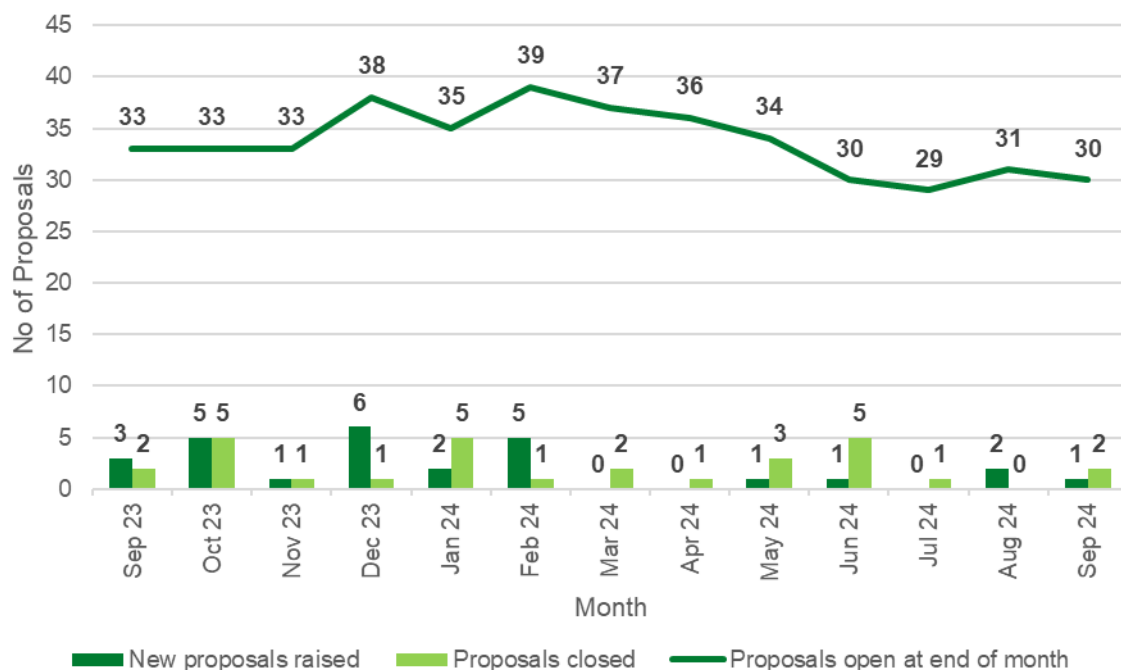
- **Appendix A:** DCC Assessments Performance Report (**CLEAR**)
- **Appendix B:** SEC Releases Update (**CLEAR**)

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	SECAS received 14 responses to the RFI. 12 Parties did not approve of the solution, one abstained and one supported it (Citizens Advice). SECAS is developing the REC changes, clarifying what reporting Ofgem would require from Suppliers and discussing the allowed SRV list with Networks.
DP218 'Review of the SEC Charging Methodology'	HIGH	DCC has published the non-confidential responses and conclusions document to the RFI.

Modification	Priority	Update
		DCC will issue a consultation later this year relating to the models which were favoured by RFI respondents.
MP224 'SEC Performance Assurance Framework'	HIGH	This modification was recommended for approval by Change Board in June 2024. The expected decision date from the Authority is 7 November 2024.
MP252 'Amending the process for Communications Hub returns'	HIGH	The Refinement Consultation has now closed. SECAS will present this modification to the Change Board to determine whether the costs of £17,636 for the Impact Assessment should be approved.
MP262 'Extending the Installation End Date for CHTS v1.0 and GBCS v1.1'	HIGH	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.
MP268 'Certificate rotation and expired Certificates'	HIGH	On 25 September 2024 the Change Board approved the £17,636 costs for the DCC Impact Assessment. SECAS expects the Impact Assessment to be returned by Friday 22 November 2024. Once received SECAS will prepare the Modification Report to be presented to the TABASC, Working Group and CSC.
DP272 'SMKI Document Set Changes 2024'	HIGH	The Modification Report Consultation has now closed. This modification will be discussed with the Change Board on 23 October 2024.
DP275 'Communications Hubs Fixed Charges'	VERY HIGH	This Draft Proposal will be presented to the Change Sub-Committee on 15 October 2024 to determine whether it should enter the Refinement Process.

3. Points to note

November 2024 SEC Release go/no-go decision

The CSC agreed that the November 2024 SEC Release should go ahead.

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 referred the Change Board's decision to CSC on 20 August 2024. The CSC (as the delegated Sub-Committee of Panel) upheld the Change Board's decision to reject the modification. The Proposer has now appealed this decision to Ofgem. Ofgem have confirmed that the decision will be issued on 13 December 2024.

MP207 Rejected by Ofgem

[MP207 'Allowing Registered Supplier Agents to Maintain Meter Firmware'](#) was rejected by the Authority on 1 October 2024.

MP275 and MP276

[DP275 'Communications Hubs Fixed Charges'](#) and [DP276 Communications Hub returned not redeployed](#) were raised on 4 October and presented to the Change Sub-Committee (CSC) on 15 October 2024. The CSC agreed that the proposals should be combined into one Modification and progressed to the Refinement Process. The CSC also agreed that SECAS should write to the Authority to request it be treated as an Urgent Proposal.

4. Change Sub-Committee decisions – October 2024

Modifications moving to Report Phase

DP274 'TPS
configuration for
DCC Users'

Modifications moving to Refinement Phase

DP273 'User
Demand and
Network Traffic'

DP275
'Communications
Hubs Fixed
Charges'

DP276
'Communications
Hubs not
redployed'

5. Change Board decisions – September 2024

Change Board – Approved

MP263
'Transparency of
DCC indicative
costs'

MP270 'DCC to
provide SMDA
Test House
services'

Change Board – Deferred

MP241
'Interoperability
Checker Update'

Withdrawn proposals

There have been no Modification Proposals withdrawn since the last Panel meeting.

6. Designations

SEC versions issued

SEC v92.0 was implemented on 19 September 2024 as part of a DESNZ Designation impacting SEC Appendix H 'CH Handover Support Materials'.

Designations

SECAS are currently only expecting one Designation during week commencing Monday 28th October 2024, which will impact SEC Appendix I 'CH Installation and Maintenance Support' and SEC Appendix AU 'Network Evolution Transition and Migration Approach Document'.

7. Cross-Code working

Code Administration Code of Practice (CACoP) Forum update

The CACoP Forum meets bimonthly, and the last meeting was on 8 October 2024.

At this meeting the Forum discussed the timeline and communication of the CACoP cross-Code survey. Forum members discussed the questions and formatting ahead of the survey being published. The Forum Chair noted the survey be published on the CACoP website on 15 October 2024, and for Code members to include this in their newsletters for each Code, pointing respondents to the CACoP website. The survey will be open for one month, and consolidated responses will be discussed with the Forum at the December meeting, before finalising and publish findings in February 2025.

The Forum Chair noted that Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC) are in the midst of updating the Horizon Scanner and will be updated on the CACoP website in the coming weeks.

An overview of the newly formed National Energy System Operator (NESO), including why they were formed, their primary and secondary duties, was presented to Forum members.

The next Forum meeting will be on Friday 6 December 2024.

Cross Code Steering Group (CCSG) update

The CCSG last met, 7 October 2024. There was a limited discussion as Gas Codes were unable to attend. An issue concerning Hydrogen trial in Scotia Gas Region was deferred until 21 October. There is potential for cross code impacts from the trial to be worked through, as there is limited understanding of how the trial has been designed and how key processes such as Change of Supplier will be managed for consumers taking part in the trial.

No other changes impacting the SEC from other codes were identified.