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SEC Change Update Report – November 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:

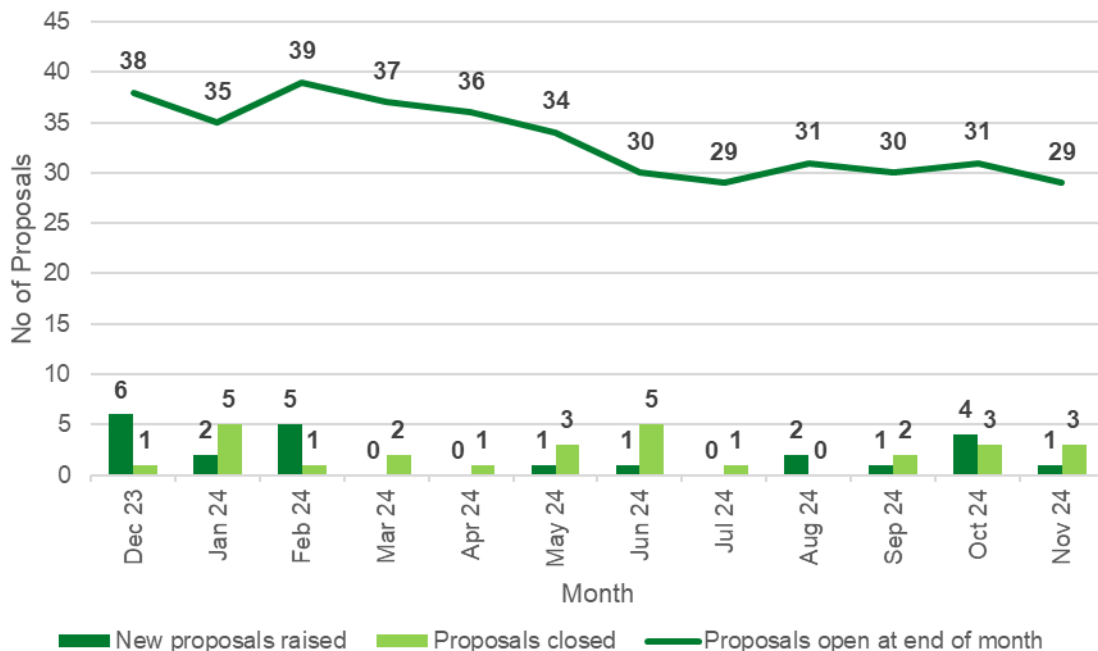
- **Appendix A:** DCC Assessments Performance Report (**CLEAR**)
- **Appendix B:** SEC Releases Update (**CLEAR**)

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
MP169 'Managing SEC Obligations and the Consumers right to refuse a Smart Meter'	HIGH	The Proposed Solution and Alternative Solution have been confirmed, as well as the arrangements in a Change of Supplier/Change of Tenancy. The legal text and REC changes are being developed before this modification is discussed with the CSC.
DP218 'Review of the SEC Charging Methodology'	HIGH	The DCC has issued a consultation on proposed changes to DCC charges, which closes on 3 February 2025. SECAS will hold a webinar for FAQ in January 2025.

Modification	Priority	Update
MP252 'Amending the process for Communications Hub returns'	HIGH	The Working Group and Change Board supported an Impact Assessment request on Solution Option C. SECAS requested the Impact Assessment on 25 October 2024 and expects the Impact Assessment to be returned before the end of the year.
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. Ofgem have informed SECAS that their decision will be published on 16 December 2024.
MP268 'Certificate rotation and expired Certificates'	HIGH	The DCC Impact Assessment has been returned. SECAS has presented it to the Working Group, TABASC, SSC and SMKI PMA in December 2024 for feedback. SECAS will present the modification at Change Board on 17 December 2024, recommending it progresses to the Report Phase.
MP275 'Communications Hubs Fixed Charges'	VERY HIGH	SECAS presented this modification at the Working Group on 4 December 2024. SECAS will present the modification at CSC on 17 December 2024, recommending it progresses to the Report Phase.

3. Points to note

DP218 Consultation

The DCC has issued a [consultation](#) on proposed changes to DCC charges under [DP218 'Review of the SEC Charging Methodology'](#), which closes on 3 February 2025. SECAS will hold a webinar for FAQ in January 2025.

BCDR Consultation

The DCC have published a consultation on the [April 2025 to March 2026 BCDR Test Schedule](#). This consultation closes on 10 January 2025.

MP219 Send Back

The Authority has sent back [MP219 'Accessing Consumption Data on behalf of SEC Parties'](#) to the Working Group due to some concerns over the legal text. Along with a couple of minor errors the Authority were concerned that the drafted legal text did not fully align with the intent in the Modification Report. Following several meetings with the Ofgem legal team and the SEC Lawyer specific instructions have been received about the changes. These will be progressed, and the modification will be resubmitted in February.

MP275

[MP275 'Section K changes to support 4G Communications Hubs rollout'](#) will be presented to the Change Sub-Committee on 17 December to move to Report Phase.

Terms of Reference

Both CSC and Change Board Terms of Reference require an update. These were approved at the November CSC and Change Board meetings and will be presented to Panel in December for final approval.

4. Change Sub-Committee decisions – November 2024

Modifications moving to Report Phase

MP277 'Virtual Gateway Connection'

5. Change Board decisions – November 2024

There were no modifications presented for vote at the November Change Board meeting.

Adopted proposals

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

- [DP266 'Alternative SMETS1 UTRN Generation'](#)

6. Designations

SEC versions issued

SEC v100.0 was implemented as a result of a DESNZ Designation. These changes were required to support the Trust Centre Swap Out related change. This Designation was issued by the Department in order to make amends to SEC Appendix AU 'Network Evolution Transition and Migration Approach Document'.

SEC v101.0 was implemented as a result of a DESNZ Designation. These changes were required to support go-live of the DCC's 4G services from the commencement of the IPV Stage. Impacted documents include SEC Appendix I & AU.

Designations

SECAS are currently expecting two Designations during December 2024, which are in relation to a CH&N Phase 2 & 4 regulatory changes consultation, and changes to SEC Appendices I & AU.

7. Cross-Code working

Code Administration Code of Practice (CACoP) Forum update

The CACoP Forum meets bimonthly, and the latest meeting was on 6 December 2024.

At this meeting, the Forum discussed the cross-Code survey, which ran between 15 October to 15 November 2024. The Forum discussed the next steps with regards to the responses received. It was agreed that the next steps would be for the results to be shared in their raw form and allow Codes to carry out further refinement work in the form of interviews or phone calls to respondents. The Forum envisaged the finalised results should be collated in time for the next CACoP meeting.

The Forum also discussed the handover to the Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC) from the National Energy System Operator (NESO). The BSC will be taking over responsibility for CACoP from January 2025.

Ofgem provided an update on their Data Best Practice (DBP), and advised a consultation will be held in 2025, seeking input from Codes on the principles and discuss whether these should be universal features across all Codes. The Forum questioned whether this would require Code Administrators to raise Modifications to include this in their respective Codes. Ofgem advised this may be necessary, however, respondents will provide their own views to determine whether Modifications will be needed.

Finally, the Forum discussed the possibility of changing the date of the meeting, as it is apparent Code representatives may have a difficult time attending on Fridays. A survey will be sent out to attendees to confirm availability before dates for next year's meetings are confirmed.

The next CACoP meeting will be held in February 2025.

Cross Code Steering Group (CCSG) update

The CCSG last met 2 December 2024. No new changes were identified as potentially impacting the SEC from other codes. The Distribution Use of System Agreement (DCUSA) representative, confirmed that at the last DCP419 <https://www.dcusa.co.uk/change/pre-notifications-of-planned-supply-de-energisations/> working group, that the Energy Networks Association representative, confirmed that the Distribution Network Operators (DNO), are not taking forward any further exploration of a solution via the DCC. Solutions now being explored include the original concept of an industry flow from Supplier to Network operator, or the development of a mobile phone "App." for use by an installer, when on site exchanging devices.