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SEC Change Update Report – December 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:

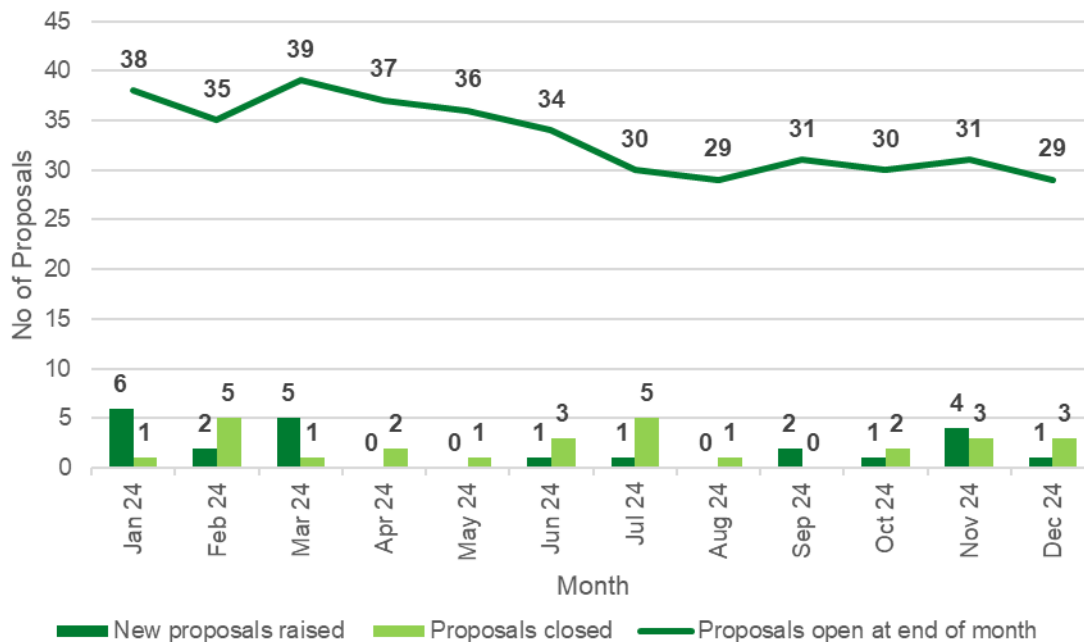
- **Appendix A:** DCC Assessments Performance Report (**CLEAR**)
- **Appendix B:** SEC Releases Update (**CLEAR**)

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 held a webinar for FAQ on 13 January 2025. The webinar slides available for

Modification	Priority	Update
		download here and the recording of the webinar is available for viewing here .
MP252 'Amending the process for Communications Hub returns'	HIGH	The DCC Impact Assessment has been returned. SECAS presented this modification at the Working Group on 15 January 2025, followed by the CSC on 21 January 2025 to request it progress to the Report Phase.
MP268 'Certificate rotation and expired Certificates'	HIGH	The Modification Report Consultation has now closed. SECAS will present the modification to the Change Board on Wednesday 22 January 2025 to provide updates and discuss next steps.
MP275 'Communications Hubs Fixed Charges'	VERY HIGH	SECAS presented this modification at an ad hoc Change Board on 10 January 2025. The Change Board recommended the modification should be approved by the Authority. SECAS is awaiting the Authority Decision. Should the modification be approved, it will be implemented as an ad hoc SEC Release.

3. Points to note

MP275

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

New Issues

In December we received around 12 new issues that we are investigating.

4. Change Sub-Committee decisions – December 2024

Modifications moving to Report Phase

MP271 'Sub-Committee seats for Other Users, Meter Data Retrievers '

MP275 'Section K changes to support 4G Communications Hubs rollout'

MP268 'Certificate rotation and expired Certificates'

5. Change Board decisions – December 2024

The Change Board meeting in December was cancelled.

6. Designations

SEC versions issued

SEC v102.0 was implemented as a result of a DESNZ Designation. This Designation was issued by the Department in order to designate the SEC Variation Testing Approach Document (SVTAD) for the Future Service Management Arrangements into the SEC under Appendix AX. This includes a consequential change to SEC Section A 'Definitions and Interpretation'. This SVTAD is in respect of variations to the SEC that are being considered to enable the Data Communications Company (DCC) to introduce and transition to the Future Service Management (FSM) Arrangements.

Designations

SECAS are currently expecting two Designations during January 2025, which is in relation to a Virtual Wide Area Network (VWAN) SVTAD and Commercial Product Assurance (CPA) Transition Approach Document (TAD).

7. Cross-Code working

Code Administration Code of Practice (CACoP) Forum update

The CACoP Forum meets bimonthly, and the last meeting was on 6 December 2024. 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, though the date is yet to be confirmed.

Cross Code Steering Group (CCSG) update

The CCSG met 20 January 2025 for the first time in 2025. 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, confirmed that no SEC / DCC related solution is being considered due to time and costs. The working group is looking at alternative solutions and is cognisant that getting agreement is proving difficult, due to conflicting priorities and needs of Parties. A workshop is being planned to consider alternative solutions and is expected to take place in February 2025.