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SEC Change Update Report – February 2025

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:

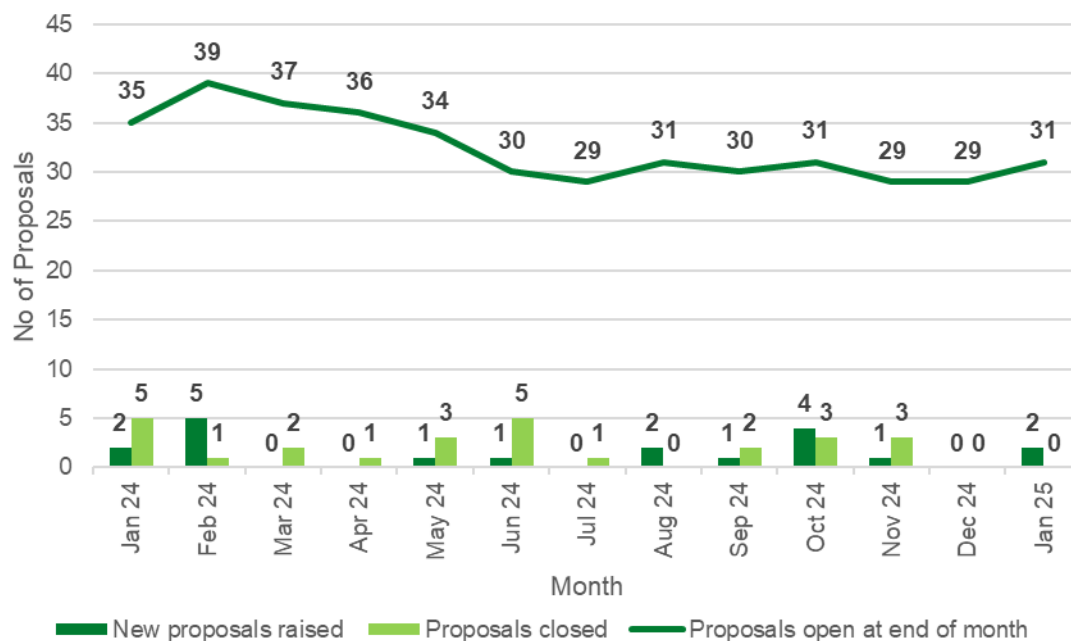
- **Appendix A:** DCC Assessments Performance Report (**CLEAR**)
- **Appendix B:** SEC Releases Update (**CLEAR**)

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 Legal Text is being developed. SECAS is discussing the Alternative Solution with the Ombudsman, which would require them to remedy that the Restricted Attribute should be applied. Another Impact Assessment is required once DCC re-procurement is completed.
DP218 'Review of the SEC Charging Methodology'	HIGH	The DCC Consultation closed on 3 February 2025. DCC will publish consultation summary and their

Modification	Priority	Update
		response in the coming weeks, after which SECAS and DCC will determine the next steps.
MP252 'Amending the process for Communications Hub returns'	HIGH	The Modification Report Consultation open until 18 Feb 2025. This modification will undergo Change Board vote on 26 February 2025 and if approved, this modification will be implemented in the November 2025 SEC Release.
MP268 'Certificate rotation and expired Certificates'	HIGH	Following discussion at Change Board on Wednesday 22 January 2025, this modification has been sent back to Change Sub-Committee as there has been an amendment to the Proposed Solution, which will exclude any DCC System changes. SECAS will present the updated Proposed Solution to the CSC in March 2025.
MP275 'Communications Hubs Fixed Charges'	VERY HIGH	On 10 January 2025 the Change Board voted to recommend this modification be approved. The Authority approved this modification, citing it would better facilitate SEC Objectives (a), (b) and (d), on 13 February 2025 and was implemented in an ad hoc SEC Release on 14 February 2025.
MP277 'Virtual Gateway Connection'	VERY HIGH	The Modification Report Consultation closed on 12 February 2025. This modification will undergo Change Board vote on 26 February 2025 and if approved, will be included in the February 2025 SEC Release.
DP282 'Removal of Registration Check for Suppliers using SR8.9 targeting SMETS2+ CHF'	HIGH	This modification will be presented at the Change Sub-Committee on 18 February 2025, with a recommendation it progresses to the Report Phase. Following feedback from the Change Sub-Committee, SECAS will issue the Modification Report Consultation
DP284 'Extension of life to FOC S1SPKI End Entity Certificates'	HIGH	This modification will be presented at the Change Sub-Committee on 18 February 2025, with a recommendation it progresses to the Report Phase. Following feedback from the Change Sub-Committee, SECAS will issue the Modification Report Consultation

3. Points to note

MP275

[MP275 'Section K changes to support 4G Communications Hubs rollout'](#) was approved by the Authority and implemented on 14 February 2025.

MP085B

In January [MP085B 'Synchronisation of Smart Meter voltage measurement periods \(meters currently installed\)'](#) was discussed at the Technical Architecture and Business Architecture Sub-Committee (TABASC). The TABASC noted the substantial impacts of implementing the Proposed Solution as many Devices would need to be removed. They acknowledged that the two Manufacturers whose Devices do not record RMS Voltage readings on the hour or half-hour are producing firmware over the next 12 months to resolve the issue. The TABASC recommended the Proposer should wait until the estate is upgraded naturally and the modification could be placed on hold for 12 months to monitor the update of newly available firmware to resolve the issue. The Proposer agreed and SECAS will report monthly progress to the TABASC, and the modification will be reviewed in February 2026.

4. Change Sub-Committee decisions – January 2025

Modifications moving to Report Phase

MP280 'CPA Scheme
Transition to SSC'

MP252 'Amending the
process for
Communications Hub
returns'

MP277 'Virtual Gateway
Connection'

5. Change Board decisions – January 2025

Change Board – Approved

MP274 'Requirement
for DCC Users to set TPS
configurations'

MP271 'Sub-Committee
seats for Other Users,
Meter Data Retrievers
and Registered Supplier
Agents'

Change Board – Deferred

MP268 'Certificate
rotation and expired
Certificates'

Withdrawn proposals

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

- [MP278 'MHHS SMETS1 Cache Solution Amendment'](#)

6. Designations

SEC versions issued

SEC v103.0 was implemented as a result of a DESNZ Designation. This Designation was issued by the Department in order to designate SEC Variation Testing Approach Document for the Virtual WAN Solution (VWAN SVTAD) into the SEC under Appendix AY.

SEC v104.0 was implemented as a result of the Authority approving the implementation of [MP275 'Section K changes to support 4G Communications Hubs rollout'](#). Impacted documents were SEC Sections A & K.

Designations

SECAS are currently expecting one Designation during February 2025, which is in relation to SEC Appendix AV '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 on 24 February 2025. This will be the first meeting held by the Balancing Settlement Code (BSC) in line with the yearly rotation of CACoP chairmanship.

Cross Code Steering Group (CCSG) update

The CCSG met 17 February 2025. There were no new changes identified as impacting the SEC. The group discussed the need to ensure better communication of the discussions and considerations of cross code changes, so that industry parties have a better understanding that impacts are considered not just at the start of a change or modification process, but throughout the life of the proposal, while solutions are being considered. The CCSG will consider what additional steps may be added across codes, to ensure that discussions of potential impacts and consequential changes are better documented in all change and modification reporting. The CCSG also agreed to check with Ofgem concerning a potential change to its Terms of Reference to include all codes (not just retail codes) to broaden and widen views. In addition, the CCSG will consider changes to future proof the Terms of Reference as Code Reform code consolidation impacts the terminology used.