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SEC Releases Update

1. Purpose

This paper presents an update to the Change Sub-Committee (CSC) on progress relating to upcoming Smart Energy Code (SEC) Releases up to and including the November 2026 SEC Release. There is also an indication of the current risk of individual modifications not being decided upon by the cut-off date for inclusion in the targeted release. A key to the blue/red/amber/green (BRAG) status can be found in Appendix 1.

2. DSP Re-Procurement

The DCC is currently reprocurring the Data Service Provider (DSP) function, which once procured is forecasted for completion sometime during late 2028. The DCC has noted that any impact assessments involving existing DSP changes will have a finite lifespan of three years until the current DSP services end. Changes can be implemented in 2026 and 2027 but with an end date of 2028.

SECAS is about to start piloting impact assessments against future DSP services. It is likely that any System changes can be scheduled for a 2028 implementation.

There are currently several changes in flight that either require a Preliminary Impact Assessment, Final Impact Assessment or require a new Assessment as they cannot be implemented before 2026 and therefore require a new benefits assessment. These are on hold whilst we work with the DCC to ensure the transition to the new DSP Service Provider is as smooth as possible.

The table below lists the impacted modifications, the planned submission group, priority and rationale:

Modification	Submission Group	Priority	Rationale
MP169 'Managing SEC Obligations and the Consumer's Right to refuse a Smart Meter'	1	High	Requires a second DCC Impact Assessment before the Modification Report can be finalised. A high priority modification with the most industry interest.
MP094 'Supporting prepayment customers in no SMWAN scenarios'	1	Medium	Older modification which requires a cost in order to move through the modification process. Requirements yet to be finalised for submission.

Modification	Submission Group	Priority	Rationale
MP281 'Install Codes in the SMI'	1	Medium	Requirements developed – ready for submission.
MP265 'Implementing ADT changes in response to a Security Incident'	2	Medium	Requirements have been drafted. This modification has a security impact so should be progressed.
MP247 'Future Dating of Service Requests for SMETS1 Devices'	2	Medium	Requirements ready for submission.
MP184 'Increase Smart Capability of SMETS2 Twin Element ESME'	2	Low	Older modification. Requirements ready but still details to be finalised with Device Manufacturers.
MP255 'WAN issues during Smart Meter installations'	3	Medium	Lots of industry interest but requirements not developed.
DP287 'Access to historic GSME battery Alerts'	3	Medium	Recently raised, lots of industry interest but no requirements workshop until late April 2025.
MP244 'Device Alerts for Smart Meter Credit Replenishment'	3	Low	Requirements ready but a lower priority modification.
DP257 'DCC Management of Duplicate Messages'	4	Medium	Requirements not ready. No requirements workshop scheduled yet.
MP235 'Enhanced Meter Data access for Other Users'	4	Low	Requirements need to be examined following Privacy Sub-Committee (PSC) comment on sensitive data. Little industry interest.

Changes not involving the DSP can continue as normal.

3. Delays to FSM

The DCC has made SECAS aware that FSM (Future Services Management) has been delayed. This will affect any modifications awaiting implementation that require changes to FSM and any modifications currently in flight that require changes to FSM.

The table below lists the impacted modifications:

Modification	Impact
MP137 'Sharing information on Defects and Issues'	Awaiting the DCC Future Services Management (FSM) to be delivered, in order to ensure MP137's business requirements are included in the FSM.
MP239 'Enduring Solution for Resolving SMETS2 Device Certificate Misalignment Issue'	Approved for inclusion into the June 2025 SEC Release and has been advised will be incorporated into FSM once live.
MP252 'Amending the process for'	Solution approved by Change Board in Feb 2025 includes delivery into FSM. Delivery has been agreed with industry in order to ensure

Modification	Impact
Communications Hub returns'	the Proposed Solution is available by implementation in the November 2025 SEC Release.

4. November 2025 SEC Release

The table below summarises the status of the modifications currently in scope of the November 2025 SEC Release on 6 November 2025:

Approved Modifications:

Modification	Latest Update	Status
MP252 'Amending the process for Communications Hub returns'	Approved for inclusion.*	
MP268 'Certificate rotation and expired Certificates'	Approved for inclusion.	

* Includes changes to FSM

Targeted Modifications:

Modification	Latest Update	Status
MP283 'Data Breach Reporting'	The Change Sub-Committee on 18 February 2025 agreed for this modification enter the Report Phase. The Modification Report Consultation closed on 12 March 2025. SECAS will present this modification to the Privacy Sub-Committee before the Change Board vote on 20 August 2025. <i>Estimated cut-off date for inclusion: 22 Oct 2025</i>	
MP286 'Establishment of the Privacy Sub-Committee into the SEC'	The Change Board recommended the modification for Authority approval on 21 May 2025. SECAS is awaiting the final Authority Determination. <i>Estimated cut-off date for inclusion: 22 Oct 2025</i>	
MP290 'Incorporation of Category 3 Issue Resolution Proposal into the SEC – Batch 11 and GBCS Changes'	The Change Sub-Committee on 17 June 2025 agreed to progress the Modification to the Report Phase. The Modification Report Consultation closed on 9 July 2025. The Change Board vote will take place on 23 July 2025. <i>Estimated cut-off date for inclusion: 22 Oct 2025</i>	
DP297 'Housekeeping for November 2025 SEC Release'	This modification will be presented to the Change Sub-Committee on 15 July with the recommendation it should remain in the Development Stage to allow time for errors and inconsistencies to be identified. <i>Estimated cut-off date for inclusion: 22 Oct 2025</i>	

5. February 2026 SEC Release

There are currently no modifications targeted for the February 2026 SEC Release.

6. June 2026 SEC Release

There are currently no modifications targeted for the June 2026 SEC Release.

The CSC baselined the June 2026 SEC Release at the June 2025 CSC meeting. Releases from June 2026 SEC Release and onwards may be impacted by DSP re-procurement.

7. November 2026 SEC Release

There are currently no modifications targeted for the November 2026 SEC Release.

The CSC will baseline the November 2026 SEC Release at the October 2025 CSC meeting. Releases from June 2026 SEC Release and onwards may be impacted by DSP re-procurement.

8. Ad hoc releases

There are currently three modifications targeted for an ad hoc release (pending approval), as stated below:

Modification	Latest Update	Estimated Implementation
MP288 'Erroneous Section J Default Notices'	The Change Sub-Committee on 17 June 2025 agreed to progress the Modification to the Report Phase. The Modification Report Consultation closed on 9 July 2025. The Change Board vote will take place on 23 July 2025.	August 2025
MP295 'Amendment to SMETS1 Cache Solution'	The Change Sub-Committee on 17 June 2025 agreed to progress the Modification to the Report Phase. The Modification Report Consultation closed on 9 July 2025. The Change Board vote will take place on 23 July 2025.	August 2025
DP296 'Alignment with updated ISO standards'	This is a Fast-Track modification which will be presented to the Change Sub-Committee on 15 July. The Change Sub-Committee will make the final decision about whether this modification should be approved or rejected. It is imperative this modification is implemented prior to October 2025, so SECAS is targeting this modification for inclusion in an ad hoc SEC release prior to this date.	August 2025

MP241 has been removed from the scope of ad hoc SEC Releases since the June 2025 meeting. MP295 and DP296 have been added to the scope of ad hoc Releases since the June 2025 meeting.

9. Recommendations

The CSC is requested to **NOTE** the updates on the SEC Releases referenced in this document.

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Appendix 1: BRAG status key

The following framework is used to apply BRAG statuses to modifications in this report indicating the risk that they will miss their intended release date. Where exceptions are made to this framework this will be clearly indicated in the associated commentary.

Status	Justification
Red	The targeted release date allows for no extension to the modification timeline or allows for delay only if subsequent steps are expedited.
Amber	The targeted release date allows for an extension to the modification timeline of up to two months.
Green	The targeted release date allows for an extension to the modification timeline of over two months.
Blue	The modification has been approved for implementation.
	This modification is DCC Total System impacting.
	This modification is not DCC Total System impacting, however these changes will require amendments to DCC reporting systems, SharePoint, business processes etc.