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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 has issued a [consultation](#) noting that the new Data Service Provider (DSP) will be active and migration completed sometime during late 2028/early 2029. 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. For DSP2 it is likely that any System changes can be scheduled for a 2028/29 implementation.

There are currently several changes in flight that either require a Preliminary Impact Assessment (PIA), Final Impact Assessment (FIA) 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 are ready. 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 still under discussion.
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.

The DCC returned a PIA for MP247 on 14 November 2025.

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. February 2026 SEC Release

Targeted Modifications:

Modification	Latest Update	Status
MP303 'Aligning DCC Certificate processes with SMKI standards'	On 18 November 2025, the Change Sub-Committee approved this modification to enter the Report Phase. The Modification Report Consultation closed on 3 December 2025. SECAS will present this modification at the Change Board on 17 December 2025 for final vote under Self-Governance. If approved, the modification will be implemented in the February 2026 SEC Release. <i>Estimated Cut-off Date: 14 February 2026</i>	
DP310 'Trial Device Assurance Certificate'	SECAS will present this modification to the Change Sub-Committee on 16 December 2025, recommending its approval as a Fast-Track Modification. If approved, this will be implemented in the February 2026 SEC Release. <i>Estimated Cut-off Date: 14 February 2026</i>	

5. June 2026 SEC Release

Targeted Modifications:

Modification	Latest Update	Status
MP289 'BCDR Engagement'	SECAS is engaging with the Proposer and the DCC to incorporate the feedback received from the Sub-Committees before deciding next steps. <i>Estimated Cut-off Date: 11 June 2026</i>	

MP289 was added to the scope of the June 2026 SEC Release since the November 2025 Change Sub-Committee meeting.

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.

6. November 2026 SEC Release

Modification	Latest Update	Status
MP304 'Scheduling Services for SMETS1 Devices (SRV4.3)'	On 22 October 2025, the Change Board approved the request to submit an Impact Assessment to the DCC. The Impact Assessment request has been submitted to the DCC, and upon confirmation of receipt, will be returned 40 working days following that date. There is also a Request for Information (RFI) open to gather more detailed information about costs that will be incurred by Suppliers to uplift to the new DCC User Interface Specification (DUIS) that will be created for this modification. The RFI closes at 5pm on 3 December 2025.	

The CSC baselined 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.

7. Ad hoc releases

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

Modification	Latest Update	Estimated Implementation
DP309 'Housekeeping changes for SEC Section G – Security'	SECAS will present this modification to the Change Sub-Committee on 16 December 2025, recommending its approval as a Fast-Track Modification. If approved, this will be implemented as an ad hoc SEC Release.	TBC
MP308 'Out of Region Communications Hubs'	The Modification was discussed at an ad-hoc Change Board meeting on Friday 28 November 2025. The Change Board voted to recommend that the Authority approve MP308. If approved by the Authority, this modification will be implemented one working day following decision.	TBC

DP309 was raised as a Fast-Track modification since the November 2025 Change Sub-Committee meeting. MP308 is awaiting an Authority Determination before it can be implemented.

8. 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.