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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. SECAS is working 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
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. ON HOLD
MP281 'Install Codes in the SMI'	1	Medium	Requirements developed – ready for submission.
MP293 'Deferment of DCC Planned Maintenance during Adverse Weather'	1	High	Requirements developed. High priority and Authority-Determined modification.

Modification	Submission Group	Priority	Rationale
MP265 'Implementing ADT changes in response to a Security Incident'	2	Medium	PIA completed. IA will be requested following the Security Sub-Committee's input on the cost benefit.
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 developed. SECAS will present these to the DCC at a Requirements Workshop in March 2026.
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 is currently completing Preliminary Impact Assessments for MP281 and MP293.

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 Communications Hub returns'	Solution approved by Change Board in Feb 2025 includes delivery into FSM. Delivery has been agreed with industry in order to ensure 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'	SECAS will present this modification at the Change Board on 28 January 2026 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>	
MP310 'Trial Device Assurance Certificate'	The Change Sub-Committee approved this as a Fast-Track Modification on 16 December 2025. SECAS will implement the modification in the February 2026 SEC Release.	
DP314 'Housekeeping changes for February 2026 SEC Release'	SECAS will present this modification to the Change Sub-Committee on 20 January 2026, recommending its approval as a Fast Track Modification. If approved, the modification will be implemented in the February 2026 SEC Release. <i>Estimated Cut-off Date: 14 February 2026</i>	

DP314 was added to the scope of the February 2026 SEC Release since the December meeting.

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>	
MP313 'Remove the DCC requirement to delete CHs from the SMI'	On 16 December 2025 the Change Sub-Committee converted this Draft Proposal into a Modification Proposal and sent it to the Refinement Process. This modification will be discussed at the TABASC & SSC meetings in February 2026. <i>Estimated Cut-off Date: 11 June 2026</i>	

MP313 was added to the scope of the June 2026 SEC Release since the December 2025 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 5 January 2026 Change Board approved the implementation of the modification under Self-Governance. SECAS will implement the modification in the November 2026 SEC Release.	

MP304 was approved at an Ad hoc Change Board on 5 January 2026.

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
MP241 'Interoperability Checker Update'	On 25 June 2025, the Change Board voted to reject the modification under Self-Governance. The Proposer appealed the Change Board decision and referred this to the SEC Panel. SECAS will present this to the SEC Panel for a determination on whether the decision should be upheld or overturned.	TBC
MP309 'Housekeeping changes for SEC Section G – Security'	The Change Sub-Committee approved this on 16 December 2025 as a Fast-Track Modification. This will be implemented as an ad hoc SEC Release.	TBC
MP311 'Additional Out of Region Communications Hubs Amendments'	The Authority approved this modification on 9 January 2026. SECAS implemented this modification on 12 January 2026.	12 January 2026
MP312 'Caching SRV 4.10 for SMETS1 Devices'	This modification was presented to the Change Sub-Committee on 16 December to progress to Refinement. It will now be presented at the Working Group in January.	TBC

MP309 was approved as a Fast-Track modification on 16 December 2025. MP311 was approved by the Authority on 9 January 2026. SECAS implemented the modification on 12 January 2026, one Working Day following Authority decision. MP312 was added to the scope of ad hoc SEC Releases since the December 2025 meeting.

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.