

April 2026 SEC Sub-Committee Report

The monthly Sub-Committee report provides the SEC Panel and Parties with an update on recent activities from the Panel's Sub-Committees, including key topics discussed, risks and issues, and change items.

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Section 1 of this report '[Key Sub-Committee topics](#)' provides an overview of the Sub-Committees' activities on the key topics which have been discussed across several Sub-Committees during the last month. This month's key topics are:

1. [Device Issues Management](#)
2. [Long Range Radion Committed Term \(LRR CT\)](#)
3. [4G Communications Hubs and Networks \(4G CH&N\)](#)
4. [Data Services Provider \(DSP\)](#)
5. [Outage Management](#)
6. [Future Service Management \(FSM\)](#)
7. [SMETS1](#)

Section 2 '[SEC Change](#)' provides an update on the progress of SEC Modifications and the recent and upcoming decisions of the Change Board (CB) and Change Sub-Committee (CSC) under delegated authority from the Panel.

Section 3 '[Sub-Committee Activities](#)' provides details of any discussion held by the Sub-Committees that have met during the last month which are not included in the Section 1 Key Sub-Committee topics.

The Sub-Committees that have met during the last month are:

- [The Testing Advisory Group \(TAG\)](#)
- [The Operations Group \(OPSG\)](#)
- [Communications Transition Group \(CTG\)](#)
- [Technical Architecture and Business Architecture Sub-Committee \(TABASC\)](#)
- [The Security Sub-Committee \(SSC\)](#)
- [Smart Metering Key Infrastructure Policy Management Authority \(SMKI PMA\)](#)
- [Privacy Sub-Committee \(PSC\)](#)

1. Key Sub-Committee topics

Topic	Sub-Committee activities
Device Issues <i>Including any issues identified with installed Smart Metering Systems and Communication Hubs.</i>	SMKI PMA: DCC updated the SMKI PMA on the investigation into the incorrect National Grid Gas Certificates on Devices: ➤ Further information will be brought back to the SMKI PMA at a future meeting. OPSG: DCC shared analysis and insight into Devices generating Spurious Alerts, the impact on network performance, and plans for further detailed reporting: ➤ The OPSG discussed the need to further break down Device Alert data reporting. ➤ DCC agreed to provide separate views of the data by Device type, including by Communications Hub (CH) variants and meters for future updates to the OPSG. ➤ DCC emphasised a recent shift towards proactive identification and resolution of issues, along with the importance of focusing on Alerts that have a tangible impact on consumers and network performance. ➤ DCC committed to providing the next stage of analysis to the OPSG for further input once it was completed. ➤ DCC also reported that 165,000 Smart Metering Equipment Technical Specifications v1 (SMETS1) Final Operating Capability (FOC) meters have now been decommissioned and removed from the non-communicating Devices dataset, which has led to a significant drop in reported non-communicating Devices. ➤ The OPSG assessed DCC's proposal to track Operator Device Certificate (ODC) burn-down, unenrolled SMETS1, and failed SMETS2 installs, and supported increasing visibility and reconciling DCC and Supplier data. ➤ DCC updated the OPSG on the Non-Communicating Action List, including completed sprints, ongoing engagement with the DCC's internal Device and Service Management teams, and plans to improve visibility of 4G triage, resolve FOC data issues and create new buckets for known issues such as Status A and 3G Sunsetting.

Long Range Radio Committed Term (LRR CT)

The LRR CT project, initiated by DCC, was set up to ensure service continuity of the LRR solution for the required duration. The Project team first formally engaged with SEC (through CTG) in February 2025 and has been engaging via the DCC led LRR Customer Working Group (CWG) since May 2025.

Following final information on updated pricing and operational assurance, the CWG has made a recommendation that is being discussed across the SEC Sub-Committees.

CTG: DCC provided an overview of the DCC's proposal, outlining the strategic, technical and contractual considerations:

- The DCC presented the Long-Range Radio (LRR) Customer Working Group (CWG) Statement and recommended it for endorsement to the SEC Panel.
- DCC and SEC Industry Operations invited questions from all attendees and provided clarifications and explanations.
- The CTG endorsed the LRR CWG Statement, with caveats and questions to be fed back to DCC's LRR team

OPSG: DCC provided an update on LRR Committed Term (CT) activities, including the proposed project phases:

- The OPSG noted that DCC has collated the full set of LRR CT requirements, for sharing with the OPSG.
- The OPSG requested DCC also share the LRR CT Governance and Control Framework, including a plan for proactive replacements, and any draft Service Level Agreements.
- The OPSG also discussed the strategic considerations regarding the LRR network, including the need for a 4G overlay, assessment of coverage gaps, and the importance of industry-wide collaboration.

TABASC: DCC provided an update on the LRR CT technical requirements:

- The update focused on the current technical specification, how the requirements for the CT work support the use of LRR as a communications solution, and the alignment of these requirements with the wider Data Services Provider (DSP) and communications architecture.
- DCC explained the key technical considerations underpinning the LRR CT requirements, including interoperability, performance expectations, and compliance with existing SEC obligations.
- The update also highlighted how the technical requirements are intended to ensure reliable communications while supporting installation and operational processes.
- The TABASC provided feedback on the technical requirements.

Communications Hubs and Networks (CH&N)

The DCC CH&N programme is aimed at delivering future-proof Communications Hubs (CHs) & Networks with an efficient supply chain by introducing new CHs which use the 4G network.

CTG: The DCC noted that 4G CH installations were just over 600k and provided a view of the Trust Centre Swap Out (TCSO) volumes:

- DCC discussed global logistics considering recent geopolitical events and confirmed that the risk is being monitored, and the supply chain continuity is currently being maintained.
- The CTG provided feedback that future reporting must focus on actionable insights, such as operational and cost implications.
- DCC agreed to review its reporting.

TAG: DCC presented the updated Testing Approach Document (TAD) for 4G CHs Release 2, highlighting changes made since TAG 135, including updates to scope, User Testing approach and Testing Issues (TIs) threshold.

- The TAG agreed to close TAG Action 135/CONF02 and approved the TAD.
- DCC also presented the 4G CH Release 2 Pre-Integration Testing (PIT) TAD and accompanying Coverage Traceability Documents (CTD), setting out the proposed scope and coverage of testing.
- The TAG approved the TAD and CTD

DCC also provided an update on the Maintenance Release 1 (MR1) (0.9.0.3) 4G Firmware rollout, highlighting the high success rate to date, and providing an update on the scope, risks and timelines for Maintenance Release 2 (MR2):

- DCC shared an update on the MR1 Over the Air (OTA) pilot which began in October 2025, noting a record number and the most diverse mix of customer and Device combinations during a pilot with a success rate which surpassed previous Firmware release rates.
- DCC confirmed that Service Request Variants (SRVs) are not inhibited during Device roaming, as CHs only attempt to roam after a disconnection and reboot, therefore, as long as a Device remains connected, all SRVs, including Firmware upgrades, will proceed without issue.
- DCC confirmed that that Initial Pallet Validation (IPV) orders for MR2 will be placed at the end of March 2026, with deliveries in September 2026 and installations starting in October 2026.
- The IPV will use criteria similar to the IPV phase of the 4G CH & Network Programme.

Data Services Provider (DSP)

The DCC's Data Services Provider (DSP) system is a central facility that controls the flow of messages to and from smart metering equipment.

The contract for the current DSP solution is set to expire in 2028, and the DSP Programme will implement a range of replacement and new capabilities, along with the migration of Devices from the current DSP to the new DSP solution.

TABASC: DCC provided an update on DSP Design Integrity, focusing specifically on customer centricity:

- The update set out how customer considerations are being incorporated into the DSP design to ensure that solutions remain aligned with User needs and support effective interaction with the DSP platform.
- DCC explained how customer feedback, usability considerations and User impacts are being considered as part of ongoing design activities, including consideration of how design decisions may affect customer experience, operational processes and the ability for Users to interact effectively with DSP services.
- DCC also provided an update on the future DSP test approach, outlining how testing activities will evolve as the DSP programme progresses. The update focused on the need to ensure that testing remains aligned with the developing DSP architecture, while providing sufficient assurance that changes can be deployed safely and with minimal disruption to Users.
- DCC explained that the proposed approach seeks to balance early validation of new DSP capabilities with the need to maintain stability across existing services.
- This includes consideration of how testing environments will be structured, how deployments will be validated prior to release, and how lessons learned from earlier DSP testing phases will be incorporated.

TAG: DCC presented an update on the DSP Programme DCC Connect, including the indicative timeline for cutover from Gamma to DCC Connect, in response to TAG Action 135/03:

- The TAG sought assurance that adequate time had been included within the plans for User connections to be set up, and a to close TAG Action 135/03.
- DCC demonstrated how Azure DevOps is being used to provide end-to-end traceability from requirements through to testing issues, including illustrative reporting outputs.

OPSG: The OPSG discussed the importance of early and collaborative planning for DSP2, proposing a more integrated approach across Sub-Committees and requesting DCC to provide an indicative glide path or Supplier and Sub-Committee input:

- DCC agreed to provide the requested clarity.

Service outage management

Under the SEC service outages are categorised as either Planned Maintenance, Unplanned Maintenance, or BCDR testing.

The DCC publishes an [annual outage plan](#) to provide Users with advance notice.

OPSG: DCC provided an update on Major Incidents (MIs):

- There were three MIs which impacted 5,500 journeys and 32,7000 prepayment vends, affecting prepay performance by approximately 0.2% in total.
- There were four Category 1 MIs, one impacting SMETS1 FOC, one impacting DSP, and two impacting SMETS1 Initial Operating Capability (IOC), and provided root cause analysis into the cause of the MIs, rectifying steps taken by DCC and planned monitoring.
- DCC noted that because of the MIs, the DCC ended up under their availability target of 99.7% for the Regulatory Year (RY), with only 99.6% reached.
- DCC highlighted that, following Incidents caused by human error, the DCC is updating runbooks and control mechanisms to ensure clearer procedures and prevent recurrence, with a focus on both High and Low Impact Maintenance activities.
- DCC also provided an update on ongoing service desk improvement activities, including enhanced collaboration with Service Providers, recruitment of new staff, and the implementation of a new target operating model. The DCC highlighted that the customer effort scores have improved, reaching a high of 6.5 in March.
- DCC highlighted a future focus on the Future Service Management (FSM) system rollout, technical enhancements, and automation improvements, with expectations for improved operational dashboarding.
- The OPSG discussed concerns relating to the impact of upcoming regulatory changes, which will put an obligation on Suppliers to commit to all reasonable steps for dealing with non-communicating Devices within 90 days, as well as the unknown impact of the Guaranteed Standards of Performance (GSoP).
- The OPSG Chair encouraged SEC Parties to engage with the DCC in bilaterals, to assist the DCC in understanding how to resolve Parties' concerns and develop robust processes.

Future Service Management (FSM)

The support contract for the current Service Management solution, used to request DCC services, raise Incidents, and access reporting and diagnostics information, is due to expire in October 2025 and The Future Service Management (FSM) Programme will procure and implement a replacement solution.

TAG: Recommended conditional approval of Live Services Criteria (LSC) 4 to the Panel, with the following conditions:

- DCC must activate email notifications in the test environments, support Users during testing, and provide the TAG with evidence that this has successfully completed prior to go-live.

OPSG: Approved LSC 3, and recommended conditional approval of LSCs 1,2, and 5 to the Panel, with the following conditions:

- DCC has provided the full schedule and scope of post go-live Maintenance releases that will contain fixes for outstanding defects with the FSM system.
- The following criteria have been met to demonstrate a reasonable number of Users have been able to complete the mandatory testing set out in SEC Appendix AU, the Network Evolution Migration and Transition Approach Document (NETMAD):
 - All relevant Large Supplier Parties.
 - At least one Testing Participant from each remaining Party Category.
 - All MSPs.
- A sample of up to five Users for each Party that has completed NETMAD testing are able to access the FSM system.
- The DCC has provided a credible post implementation plan to ensure that any Users that have not been involved in testing or arranging access prior to go-live will be able to access the relevant SEC services.

SSC: Recommended conditional approval of LSC 6 to the Panel, with a condition that all remaining issues must be remediated prior to go-live, and that the SCC will be provided with evidence of this.

Panel: Agreed to recommend that DCC should proceed to implement FSM only after the seven outstanding actions and conditions agreed with the Sub-Committees have been met.

SMETS1

First-generation smart meters, also known as SMETS1 (Smart Metering Equipment Technical Specifications v 1).

Many SMETS1 meters have now been incorporated into the DCC ecosystem to increase the functionality they provide when a consumer changes their energy supplier.

TABASC: DCC presented an update on the SMETS1 FOC Stability War Room, focusing on the current stability of the SMETS1 FOC solution and the activities being undertaken to monitor and manage risks to service continuity:

- The update set out the purpose of the War Room and its role in providing enhanced oversight of issues impacting stability.
- DCC outlined the key themes emerging from War Room discussions, including Incident management, trend monitoring and coordination across stakeholders.
- DCC explained how issues are being tracked, prioritised and escalated where required to minimise impact on Users and maintain operational stability.

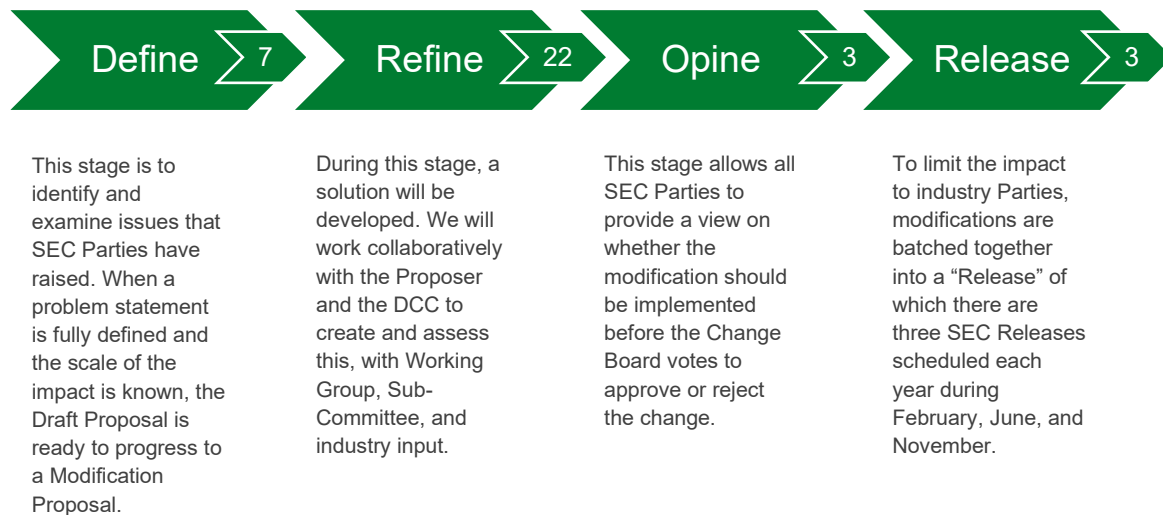
SMKI PMA: DCC presented an update on the t-Scheme non-compliances for SMETS1 FOC and Middle Operating Capability (MOC) t-Scheme audits conducted in November 2025, for review and approval:

- The SMKI PMA discussed the governance approach to remediation following the t-Scheme audit outcomes and noted that the remediation activity would be progressed through the related documentation update in agenda items 6 and 7.
- DCC also presented an update on FOC SMETS1 Service Provider Key Infrastructure (S1SPKI) Certificate Policy (CP) and Certification Practice Statement (CPS) changes for SMKI PMA approval.
- The identified non-conformities were addressed including alignment of the CPS with the Certificate Policy and progression of a related SEC Modification to correct the hashing algorithm reference.
- The SMKI PMA noted that Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) and security expertise will be needed during Change Working Groups to assist in understanding the use and value of the hashing algorithm during the Modification activity.
- DCC also presented an update on the MOC S1SPKI CP and CPS changes for SMKI PMA approval.
- The SMKI PMA agreed further actions for DCC to progress prior to approving the changes and submitting the required SEC modification for the CP.
- The action will remain open for DCC to provide further information about the current associated risks prior to approving the changes and submitting the required SEC modification for the CP.

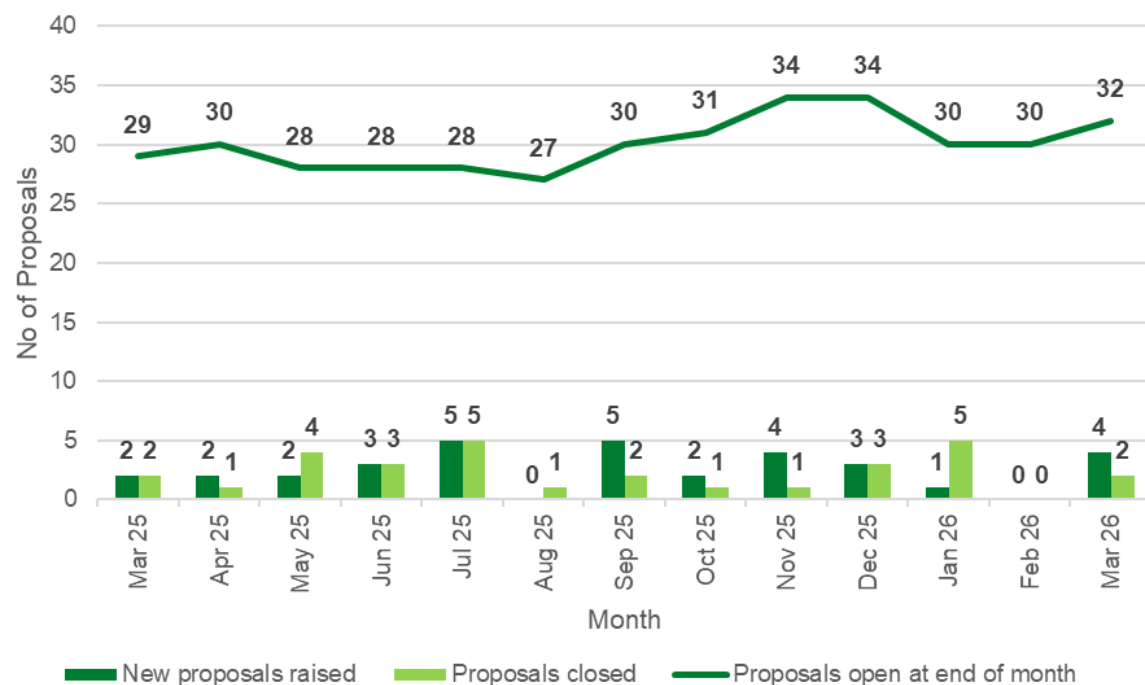
2. SEC Change

2.1 Overview

Number of proposals in each stage of the modification framework:



Volume of proposals going through the modification framework:



2.2 Modification updates and points to note

Modification	Priority	Update
MP169 'Managing the Consumers refusal of a Smart Meter'	HIGH	SEC is liaising with the Ombudsman to address the issue. Some Parties believe that there is a link to Market-Wide Half Hourly Settlement (MHHS) and consumer consent and these will be monitored as they develop.
MP218 'Review of the SEC Charging Methodology'	HIGH	This is in the Refinement Process. SEC is working with the Proposer and the DCC on the next steps.
MP255 'WAN issues during Smart Meter installations'	HIGH	SEC is working with the DCC to develop the business requirements.
MP293 'Deferment of DCC Planned Maintenance during Adverse Weather'	HIGH	SEC has requested the DCC Impact Assessment. This is expected to be returned by 4 June 2026. Once received we will schedule this Modification for discussion at the next Working Group.
MP300 'Additional Operational Metrics to Measure on Success'	HIGH	This is in Refinement Process. SEC is working with the proposer to develop the Business Requirements.
MP302 'Supplier Alerts for ENOs'	HIGH	This is in the Refinement Process. SEC is working with the Proposer to develop the business requirements before presenting to the TABASC and the OPSG.

Open letter from DESNZ and Ofgem: 'Scoping Exercise on the provision of wider access to smart metering data'

The Department is initiating a scoping exercise which will consider options for the design, delivery and provision of a data repository or repositories (including roles, responsibilities and the associated legal, regulatory and governance framework).

The letter references pausing 'nugatory work or spend on progressing solutions to make available smart metering data'. Within the letter, [MP234 'Addition of Public Task and Legitimate Interests into the SEC'](#) was specifically mentioned as it was noted Ofgem wouldn't be able to make a decision on this modification until the outcome of this scoping exercise.

As a result of this letter, the SEC Change team has placed the following modifications on hold until the outcome of the scoping exercise:

- [MP218 'Review of the SEC Charging Methodology'](#)

- [MP234 'Addition of Public Task and Legitimate Interests into the SEC'](#)
- [MP235 'Enhanced Meter Data Access for Other Users'](#)
- [DP257 'DCC Management of Duplicate Messages'](#)
- [MP291 'DNO Alerts to Suppliers'](#)
- [MP302 'Supplier Alerts for ENOs'](#)

2.3 Change Sub-Committee decisions – February 2026

Modifications remaining in Development Stage:

- [MP315 'Dual running of DCC Smart Meter Communication Licenses'](#)

Modifications moving to Report Phase:

- [MP316 'DUIS SRV12.2 Pre-Notification of CHF Ambiguity'](#)

Modifications approved as Fast Track Modification:

- [MP317 'SMETS1 FOC ANSO implementation housekeeping changes'](#)

Modifications moving to Refinement Process:

- [MP318 'Incorporation of Category 3 Issue Resolution Proposal into the SEC – Batch 12 and GBCS Changes'](#)

2.4 Change Board decisions – February 2026

The February Change Board was cancelled as there were no items to discuss.

Modification Approved:

- [MP312 'Caching SRV 4.10 for SMETS1 Devices'](#)

Modification Deferred and going on hold:

- [MP234 'Addition of Public Task and Legitimate Interests into the SEC'](#)

Modification Deferred to April 2026 meeting:

- [MP289 'BCDR Engagement'](#)

Impact Assessment request Rejected:

- [MP184 'Increase smart capability of SMETS2 Twin Element ESME to support solar and storage use cases'](#)

Impact Assessment request Approved:

- [MP281 'Install Codes in the SMI'](#)

2.5 SEC versions issued and designations:

SEC versions issued:

The SEC Change Team implemented Designation to Appendix AU 'Network Evolution Transition and Migration Approach Document (NETMAD)' on 13 March 2026 and SEC v133.0 reflects the changes required.

SEC v134.0 was implemented on 25 March 2026, to reflect the [DESNZ Designation of Appendix AZ](#).

Upcoming Designations:

The SEC Change Team is expecting a Designation relating to the go-live of FSM during April 2026. This is dependent on DCC completing its requirements that would permit FSM to go live.

2.6 Cross-Code working

Code Administration Code of Practice (CACoP) Forum update

The latest CACoP forum meeting took place on 17 March 2026.

The CACoP Forum discussed cross code modification prioritisation, including Ofgem's revised timeline (decision expected in early May), emerging prioritisation principles, and the need for light touch alignment of templates and guidance ahead of licensed Code Managers.

Members agreed that major template overhauls may be premature, but that aligned interim guidance and shared wording for proposers would be beneficial.

Updates were provided on actions, including progress on CACoP Principles (with a new Principle 18), confirmation that "biennial" wording has been clarified, and agreement to publish the 2024 CACoP Code Survey without further delay.

Ofgem shared updates on energy code reform publications, and CACoP agreed actions to refresh the website and remove outdated branding from templates.

The next meeting is scheduled for 21 April 2026.

3. Sub-Committee activities

Testing Advisory Group (TAG)

The TAG supports the Panel with obligations in relation to testing activities, including providing advice and making decisions on all aspects DCC SIT and User Testing Services (UTS).

The TAG has met once since the previous SEC Sub-Committee Report, on 25 March to discuss the following topics:

SEC Releases

The DCC presented the November 2026 SEC Release TAD, which is open for consultation until 15 April 2026, outlining the scope of the release, the proposed testing approach and the User Testing Services (UTS) window.

The TAG reviewed the TAD and agreed the proposed User Testing window, pending the results of the consultation.

CSP North

The DCC presented the Approach to Testing (AtT) for Unified Build 3.2.2, outlining the scope of testing, governance route and proposed completion criteria, which the TAG noted.

The DCC also presented the updated AtT for Radio Network Interface (RNI) Network Command Suite 2.2.2 and confirmed that no feedback had been received from the TAG following the previous review.

Enduring Change of Supplier (ECoS)

The DCC presented the updated AtT for Storing Registration Data in Enduring Change of Supply (ECoS), setting out the proposed scope of testing, environments to be used and completion criteria, and presented responses to TAG actions. The TAG agreed to close the actions.

Artificial Intelligence

SECAS presented the Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Testing Risk Register, outlining identified risks, mitigations and ongoing monitoring activities.

Operations Group (OPSG)

The OPSG focuses on cross-industry matters that affect, or have the potential to affect, multiple SEC Parties. The OPSG has met twice since the previous SEC Sub-Committee Report, on 23 March and 14 April, and discussed the following topics:

DCC User Journeys

The DCC presented an update on DCC User Journey Reporting, focusing on firmware performance trends, and the impact of reporting anomalies.

The DCC reported a significant decline in legacy SMETS2 Install and Commission (I&C) volumes in the North region, noting monthly journeys have reduced by 55% from October 2025 to February

2026, without an observable impact to performance. The DCC shared that the performance of legacy SMETS2 journey volumes was lower than expected due to a rise in Timeouts. The DCC shared that OTA success rate reached 98.4% in total across both SMETS1 and SMETS2 Devices.

Guaranteed Standards of Performance (GSoP)

SEC Industry Operations shared a verbal update on the progress of the GSoP Phase 3 review, noting that contractual measures, including performance reporting, are being cross-referenced, with analysis planned on reporting definitions, applied service credits, and potential volumes being discussed. SEC Industry Operations noted that Phase 3 Findings and Recommendations are expected to be delivered in May.

2G in the North Region

The OPSG discussed the ongoing efforts, challenges, and Supplier perspectives regarding the replacement of 2G CHs with 4G CHs in the North Region, including replacement rates, customer engagement barriers and reporting accuracy.

SEC Industry Operations outlined that the current replacement rate for 2G CHs is significantly below the required weekly target and emphasised the urgency and the focus on prioritising prepayment and Priority Services Register (PSR) customers.

OPSG members highlighted that the main barrier is not resource availability but customer engagement and stressed that further deadline extensions would not improve access or replacement rates and may only increase costs. Members discussed the process for handling incidents where 4G coverage is absent, agreeing that such incidents are closed if the coverage database indicates no coverage, but are still tracked for assurance purposes.

Network Traffic Management

The DCC provided an update on Network Traffic Management (NTM) initiatives, including improvements in first-time success rates, scheduled randomisation, and collaborative efforts to optimise network utilisation.

The DCC reported on efforts to improve first-time success rates for scheduled remote operations, which reduces the need for retries and increases operational efficiency. The DCC shared information about a recent initiative to randomise schedule execution times, and noted that it has smoothed network traffic, reducing congestion and spikes.

The OPSG expressed concerns about the impact of network management policies on Supplier operations, emphasising the need for detailed discussions before curtailing activities. The DCC assured members that genuine use cases would be considered collaboratively, balancing network efficiency with Supplier needs.

DCC Customer First

The OPSG received a comprehensive update on the Customer First programme, detailing its evolution, structure, engagement initiatives, cultural changes, and the integration of customer feedback into business planning and operational improvements.

The DCC explained that Customer First has evolved from a survey revamp into a structured programme aligned with DCC's strategic priorities. The DCC shared that the programme consolidates

13 work streams under three pillars: engagement, performance, and culture, ensuring executive visibility and direction. The DCC noted that these efforts aim to improve communication, gather actionable feedback, and make processes more acceptable to customers.

Price Change Event

The DCC also provided an update on the April Price Change Event and noted 30 million Devices had been targeted at the time of the meeting with an overall success rate of 97%.

Inbound Roaming

The DCC provided an update on the SMETS1 2G/3G inbound roaming services, including progress on site swap-outs, challenges with customer engagement, and enhancements to monthly reporting. Monthly reports will now include information on alternative technologies and coverage options for affected sites, starting from May 2026.

The DCC highlighted that the number of swap-outs completed between March and April was minimal, and this was a marked reduction compared to previous months. The OPSG Chair emphasised the importance of reducing technical and contractual barriers to swap-outs and encouraged Suppliers to raise any specific difficulties.

DCC non-compliances

The DCC provided an update on the DCC SEC Compliance status and reported that the DCC is actively remediating four SEC non-compliances and is investigating one additional SEC Obligation.

The DCC highlighted that recent SEC releases introduced new appendices and changes, resulting in a significant increase in DCC-related obligations. These are being tracked through the standard compliance governance process, with a target to close a large portion of assessments by the end of April.

Communications Transition Group (CTG)

The Purpose of the CTG is to facilitate the execution of the transition to next generation Smart Metering communications to maintain continuity of smart services to consumers. This includes enabling and fostering communication and cooperation between the DCC, which is responsible for service provision and CH delivery, and Users, who are responsible for deployment of new CHs, and other stakeholders.

The CTG is responsible for 4G transition activities and SMETS1 End of Life activities, which include the development and management of the overall transition plan, alongside management of issues and risks with input from CTG Members, the DCC, DESNZ and Ofgem.

The CTG has met once since the previous SEC Sub-Committee Report, on 16 March, and discussed the following topic:

VMO2 2G/3G Inbound Roaming Services Withdrawal

The DCC presented an update on the timeline for withdrawal of SMETS1 2G Inbound Roaming Services. The CTG discussed the primary challenges involved with Device swap outs, including gaining access to customer premises and availability of suitable Wide Area Network (WAN) coverage. The DCC agreed to include the WAN coverage within its Supplier reporting.

SEC Industry Operations discussed the need for holistic reporting suite that covers all relevant roaming end dates, volumes, and service continuity risks, including both current and future cohorts. The DCC agreed to investigate this and bring this report to a future CTG meeting.

Technical Architecture and Business Architecture Sub-Committee (TABASC)

The TABASC provides advice and guidance to the Panel regarding the Technical Code Specifications, End-to-End Technical Architecture, and Business Architecture.

The TABASC has met once since the previous SEC Sub-Committee Report, on 5 March. All the topics discussed have already been covered in Section 1 'Key Sub-Committee Topics'.

Security Sub-Committee (SSC)

The SSC reviews the outcome for User Security Assessments and sets an Assurance status for Initial Full User Security Assessments (FUSAs) or a Compliance status for Verification User Security Assessments (VUSAs), and subsequent FUSAs. The SSC also reviews outstanding actions, monitors the risks to the Commercial Product Assurance (CPA) certification of Devices, considers available updates from the DCC on the security implications of proposed changes and Anomaly Detection and any reported changes in Shared Resource Providers by Users and reported Security Incidents and vulnerabilities.

The SSC has met twice since the previous SEC Sub-Committee Report on 25 March and 9 April, and discussed the following topics:

DCC CIO Forward Look

The DCC provided information on the DCC Competent Independent Organisation (CIO) Forward Look. The SSC noted the update.

Anomaly Detection

The DCC presented its six-monthly rolling Anomaly Detection Report and provided the SSC with a view of Anomaly Detection Threshold, Volume Observations and the setting of Global Thresholds. The SSC provided feedback.

Use Case 005

The DCC presented proposed options in relation to Use Case 005 and the impact it has on the 4G CH refurbishment process. DCC presented three options to align with Use Case 004. The SSC provided feedback.

DCC Diagnostic Function Overview

The DCC presented an overview of the core capability of the proposed DCC Diagnostic Function including details on service requests, system users and data flows which the SSC noted and advised that the DCC presents an overview to the SEC Panel.

CPA Matters

The SSC Chair presented updates on CPA Matters. The SSC provided feedback and agreed the outcomes. The SSC also approved the proposed agenda for the SCIRS meeting held on 13 April 2026.

DCC Live System Definition

The DCC presented information on the DCC Live System Definition. The SSC provided feedback.

SSC SEC Modification G2.22A / G2.22B

The SSC Chair presented updated options in relation to a proposed SSC SEC Modification on G2.22A / G2.22B. The SSC noted the update, provided feedback and agreed to consult with DESNZ and defer a decision until a future SSC Meeting.

SSC Risk Assessment (RA11) Scope approval

The SSC Consultant presented the SSC Risk Assessment (RA11) with an overview of the plan that will be conducted in five phases. The SSC approved the scope.

VWAN Trial Device

The DCC provided an update on the Virtual WAN (VWAN) Trial Device noting the additional Volume requests. The SSC approved the change.

PPMID Firmware Downloads

The TABASC Representative presented an update on the Pre-Payment Meter Interface Device (PPMID) Firmware Downloads. The SSC noted the updates.

Post Quantum Computing Working Group

The SSC Chair presented Members with the updated changes to the Post Quantum Computing Working Group (PQCWG) terms of reference. Members noted the changes and approved the ToR.

4G and Beyond

The DCC presented SSC with an update on the DCC approach for Next Generation Communications Hub (NGCH). The DCC also provided the NCSC PQC Mitigation timeline. The SSC provided feedback.

PQ Shield Report

The PQ Shield representative shared the outcome of a review of the DCC Post Quantum Computing (PQC) Proof of Concept (PoC). Members were provided with the background, summary of the approach, strategy and the suggested next steps. The SSC provided feedback on the approach and noted the update.

SMKI Policy Management Authority (PMA)

The SMKI PMA receives updates from the DCC, DESNZ and other Sub-Committees on matters of relevance to the SMKI arrangements. The SMKI PMA has met once since the previous SEC Sub-Committee Report, on 8 April, and discussed the following topics:

Apex Recovery Exercise

The DCC presented an update on the progress of the planning for the next Apex Recovery Exercise due later in the year. The DCC will continue to provide regular updates at SMKI PMA meetings.

Key Custodians

The SMKI PMA considered a Key Custodian nomination and confirmed approval in line with the SEC requirements

Certificate Management

The SMKI PMA Chair provided an update on a SMKI Certificate Revocation request confirming that there is no adverse impact for consumers in agreeing to instruct DCC to remove these for a previous SEC Party who is no longer a SMKI Subscriber.

The SMKI PMA noted the update and agreed to instruct DCC to revoke the SMKI Organisation Certificate in line with SEC Appendix B.

Privacy Sub-Committee (PSC)

The Privacy Sub-Committee (PSC) and Panel has delegated relevant SEC Section I Obligations. Duties follow a similar remit to the SSC but also cover data ethics, emerging technologies, a privacy statement of objectives and a consent strategy.

The PSC met once this month on 19 March, and discussed the following topics:

In-Flight Assessments, Remediation Plans, Change Notifications and Forward Look

The PSC noted an update on current in-flight assessments, ongoing Privacy Change Notifications and the Assessment Forward Look.

Smart Meter Energy Data Repository

DESNZ provided an update on the progress of the development of the Smart Meter Energy Data Repository (SMEDR), including a recap of the innovation programme outcomes, the design principles and data scope initiative, noting also the stakeholder engagement process involving DCC, Elexon, the Retail Energy Code (REC) and the SEC, which has prompted alignment activities and the initiation of a scoping exercise to address these. The PSC was encouraged to hear the plans for further engagement regarding alignment for this with Elexon SDR and RECCo, and the intention to complete this within a 4–6-week timeframe.

Privacy Controls Framework

SECAS presented the final draft of Privacy Controls Framework (PCF) V2.16 for approval confirming that the outstanding queries and feedback had now been resolved and the remaining housekeeping

amendments to correct the references to SEC Panel within the Assessment Process diagrams, had now been completed.

The PSC noted the final draft of the PCF; and approved V2.16 for publication subject to industry consultation in accordance with SEC I2.16.

Smart Data Repository

Elxon provided an update on its Smart Data Repository (SDR) Development and presented the design, data flows, legal basis, and governance structure of the SDR. The PSC raised concerns about clear communication to consumers regarding data access and the risks of third-party misuse; Elxon committed to explicit messaging, ongoing stakeholder engagement, and ensuring that personal data is only processed once the Consumer Consent Solution (CCS) is operational.

Privacy Experts provided an updated version of the draft statement on Houses of Multiple Occupancy (HMO) accounting for the feedback provided by PSC members at meeting 22 and requesting approval from the PSC to issue to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) to request their views. The PSC approved the statement for issue to the ICO.

Consumer Consent Solution

RECCo provided an update on CCS consultation process, timelines, working group activities, technical and governance design. RECCo confirmed that the CCS consultation is open until 25 March, inviting PSC Members to register interest. The target delivery date for Minimum Marketable Product (MMP) remains unchanged, but this will be confirmed once the consultation responses have been received and reviewed.