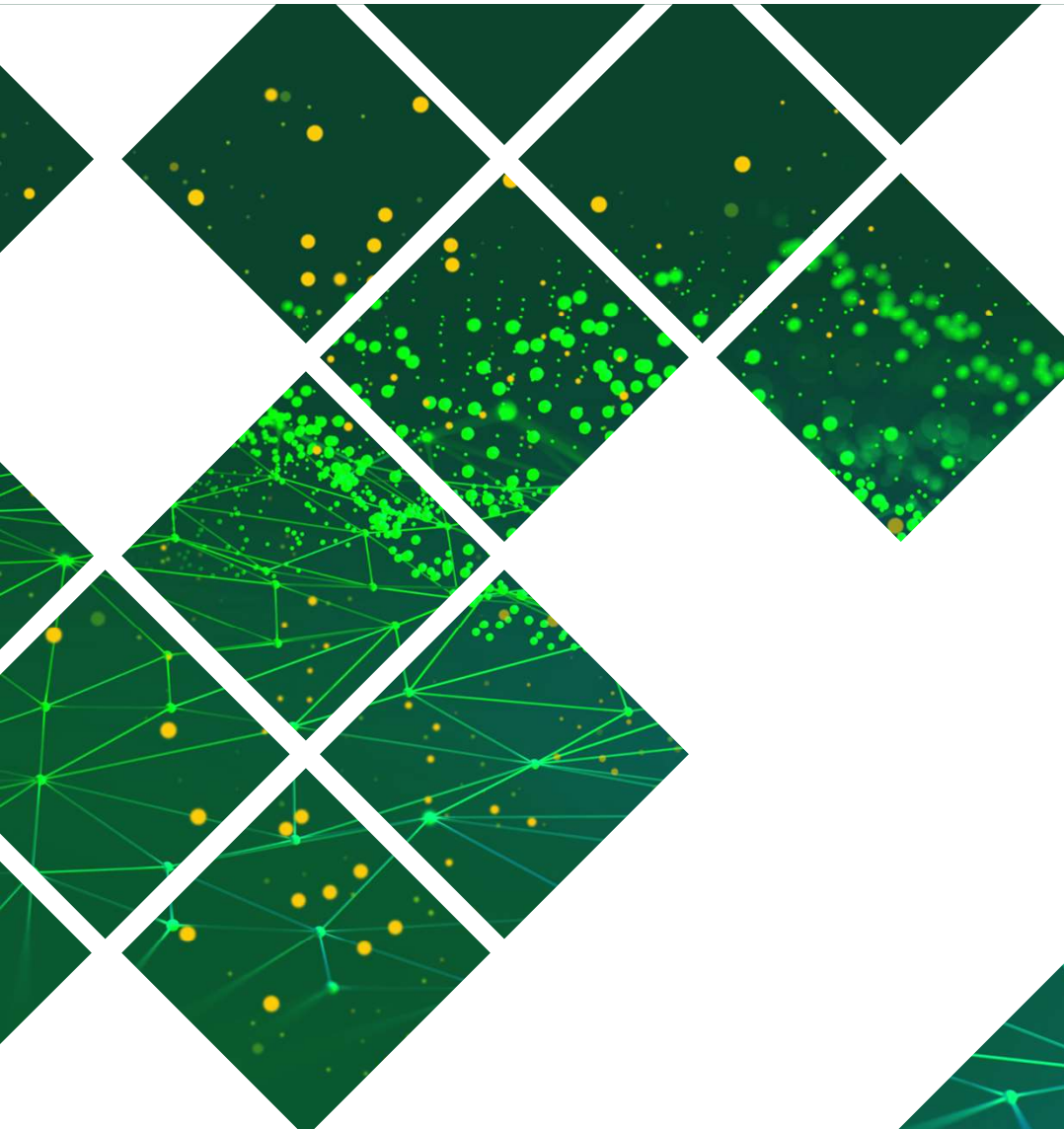




MP293 'Deferment of DCC Planned Maintenance during Adverse Weather'

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■ MP293: Overview

- The DCC periodically undertakes Planned Maintenance, during which Smart Metering Systems (SMS) cannot be communicated with.
- During adverse weather, Network Parties communicate with SMSs to check whether they have power.
- Where these two events coincide, Network Parties cannot remotely confirm the status of their portfolio via SMS comms.

Issue



- Network Parties must expend additional resources to confirm supply status in person without remote confirmation.
- Network Party operatives deployed into sites affected by storms also face additional risk.
- Where the DCC defer a Planned Maintenance, system impacts may arise and other planned maintenances may be affected

Impact



- SECAS to explore an adverse weather impact matrix where the size and scale of a weather event determine whether a DCC Planned Maintenance should be considered for deferral.

Potential Solution



■ MP293: DCC Impact

Rescheduling maintenance may incur penalties

The DCC may incur a penalty as a result of re-categorising the rescheduled maintenance as Unplanned

Incident Prevention

Where a Planned Maintenance is required to prevent an Incident, deferring it may result in that Incident occurring

DCC Service Provider Impact

- who will also have to cancel their own arrangements put in place to facilitate a Planned Maintenance

■ MP293: DCC Impact

DCC User Impact

- Consequential impacts on DCC Users, who had arranged works to coincide with a Planned Maintenance, that will now not go ahead

Consumer Impact

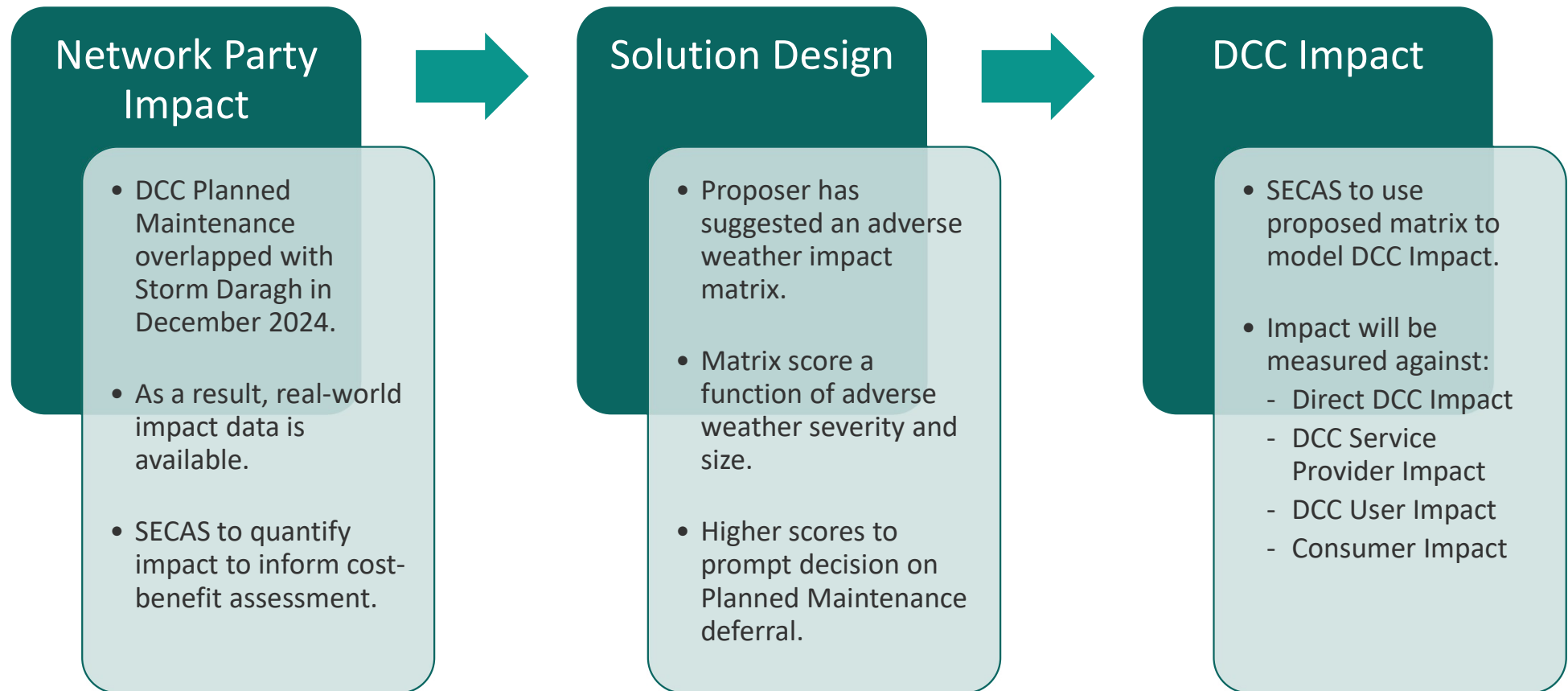
Impacts on Consumers as a result of inconsistent messaging around availability of SMS functionality

■ MP293: Differences with MP166

MP166 – ‘Adverse Weather Planned Maintenance Process’

- [MP166](#) was raised by the DCC, not by a Network Party.
- Withdrawn in June 2023 due to high costs to deliver.
- At the time, an adverse weather event had never occurred concurrently with a DCC Planned Maintenance - As such, Network Party impact data was theoretical.
- Since then, an overlap with a DCC Planned Maintenance did take place during Storm Daragh in December 2024.
- As such, new data is available is that wasn't during the MP166 progression, and this issue is being revisited in this context.

■ MP293: Development Approach



■ MP293: Example proposed solution

	Scale of Impact		
Size of Impacted Area	X	X	X
	X	X	X
	X	X	X
	X	X	X

Please note that this is for demonstrative purposes only.

Questions for the TABASC

Does the TABASC see any issues arising from the implementation of this Modification?

Does the TABASC have any views on the proposed solution?

Does the TABASC have any views on the impact of the proposed solution?

Any other comments/questions?