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MP235 'Enhanced Meter Data Access for Other Users'

December 2025 Working Group – meeting summary

Attendees

SEC Party Category	Working Group Members	Representing
Large Suppliers	Julie Brown (JB)	British Gas
	Sharon Armitage (SA)	E.ON
	Francesca Scott (FS)	EDF
	Jack Marling (JMa)	Octopus Energy
	Joey Manners (JM)	Octopus Energy
	Ralph Baxter (RB)	Octopus Energy
	Emslie Law (EL)	OVO
	Mahfuzar Rahman (MR)	Scottish Power
	Kevin Clark (KC)	Utilita
Small Suppliers	Daniel Davies (DD)	ESG Global
	Steve Blackler (SB)	E Gas and Electricity
Other SEC Parties	Patricia Massey (PM)	BEAMA
	Swetta Coopamah (SCo)	BEAMA
	Beth Tatton (BT)	Calisen Metering
	Martin Bell (MB)	EUA
	Matt Roderick (MRo)	SMS Energy
	Michael Snowden (MSn)	Secure Meters
Network Parties	Kirsty Maddock (KM)	National Grid Electricity Distribution
	James Shippey (JSh)	Northern Powergrid
Ofgem	Ian Chalfon (IC)	Ofgem

Other Participants		
DCC		
Bradley Baker (BB)	David Walsh (DW)	
SECAS		
Simon Grimwood (SG) <i>WG Chair</i>	Abi Obadan (AO) <i>Meeting Secretary</i>	Lydia Bentley (LB) <i>Lead Analyst</i>
Marc Rhodes (MRh)	Ali Beard (AB)	Georgiana Severin (GSe)

Overview

The Smart Energy Code Administrator & Secretariat (SECAS) provided a summary of the Modification and its background.

Modification Overview

An increasing number of Other Users are offering services which assist Energy Consumers to view and manage their energy consumption. Currently, Other Users are limited in the Service Requests (SR) which they can request from Smart Metering Systems (SMS). The Proposer would like Other Users to be allowed access to eleven additional SRs.

The Proposer believes this will enable Other Users to offer improved services and provide Consumers with increased options to access granular information about their energy usage.

Proposed Solution

The solution to this modification would enable Other Users to access eleven additional Service Reference Variants (SRV). These are listed in the table below:

Service Requests	
Service Reference Variant	Service Request Name
4.2	Read Instantaneous Export Registers
4.6.1	Retrieve Import Daily Read Log
4.6.2	Retrieve Export Daily Read Log
4.12.1	Read Maximum Demand Import Registers
4.12.2	Read Maximum Demand Export Registers
4.14	Read Prepayment Daily Read Log
4.16	Read Active Power Import
6.2.1	Read Device Configuration (Voltage)
6.2.5	Read Device Configuration (Instantaneous Power Thresholds)
6.2.9	Read Device Configuration (Payment Mode)
7.4	Read Supply Status

The Proposer would like to access these requests with the same Target Response Times (TRT) as existing User Roles are able to. Further detail on the TRTs for each of the SRVs in the scope of this modification can be found within the Business Requirements document of Annex A of the Modification Report.

Working Group

Working Group Discussion

LB (SECAS) gave an overview of the Modification, and the Proposed Solution. The Proposer then provided an overview of the anticipated benefits of the Proposed Solution and outlined how SEC Other Users will be able to offer a broader variety of services, which in turn will enable consumers to better manage and control their energy usage and spending. A WG Member (EL) asked if the Proposed Solution would expand the scope of the SEC Other User role to enable new organisations to qualify as a SEC Other User. LB (SECAS) confirmed that this was not the case.

LB told WG Members that the Proposer has asked SECAS to explore targeting MP235 for implementation into Data Service Provider (DSP)1. A WG Member (JB) indicated that she was not in favour of this due to the cost. EL agreed with this position. JB went on to ask about the means by which a SEC Other User may access the 11 SRs in the Proposed Solution. LB told JB that a SEC Other User would access the information by way of either Unambiguous Consent, or via the lawful bases of Legitimate Interest or Public Task (as defined in General Data Protection Regulation) subject to the approval of [MP234 'Addition of Public Task and Legitimate Interests into the SEC'](#).

Returning to the question of implementation into DSP1, another WG Member (DD) was against this, also citing cost. Another WG Member (JM) agreed with DD and asserted that there would be little value in implementing into DSP1 relative to the cost of doing so. JB asked a question about the policy of DSP1 implementation, saying that it was their understanding that a deadline was in effect, meaning that no further Modifications could be targeted for implementation into DSP1 unless they had been approved by November 2025. The WG Chair (SG) indicated that this is not fully the case, and that the November 2025 approval cut off was the last point at which any system changes arising from Modifications would automatically be included in the scope of DSP2 where they are already present in DSP1. DSP1 changes are still possible post November 2025, but they would need to be approved on a Modification-by-Modification basis and would likely incur additional costs.

EL noted that due to the high costs associated with implementation into DSP1, an assessment of the benefits case should be made even prior to initiating a Preliminary Impact Assessment with the DCC. EL said that the likely high costs of the Proposed Solution would need to be justified before a Preliminary Impact Assessment, and goes on to make this point more broadly, arguing that this could be considered as a novel approach for all Modifications, not just MP235. Another WG Member (SA) agrees with this position.

A WG Member (KC) highlights the potentially high ongoing cost of the Proposed Solution, arising from an increase in SRV traffic as SEC Other Users access an expanded range of SRs at a higher volume. KC goes on to indicate that this may have a system capacity impact also, which may be exacerbated further in the context of SMETS1 Smart Metering Systems (SMS). DW (DCC) indicates that there would likely not be a similar impact for SMETS2 SMS', however, noted that JB made a good point in that once the Proposed Changes are live, the volumes at which the SRs are accessed by SEC Other Users cannot be restricted, so this must be considered as the Modification is developed.

SA makes the point that consumer benefit from the Proposed Solution is directly related to system traffic; for more consumers to benefit, more SRs must be requested, and therefore more traffic results. Another WG Member (SB) indicates that there may even be an incidental consumer detriment as a result; increased system traffic resulting from new SEC Other User activity in respect of the 11 SRs requested may impede the ability of system users to send messages relating to Prepayment Meters, for example.

Next Steps

SECAS will engage with the Proposer to address the points raised by WG Members. Following this, subject to the resolution of questions raised in respect of cost assessments, SECAS will look to initiate a Preliminary Impact Assessment with the DCC in respect of either DSP2, or DSP1 and DSP2, as per the Proposers direction.