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## Remove the DCC requirement to delete CHs from the SMI

### December 2025 Issues 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                                    |
|                    | 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                             |                                             |                                       |
| Ali Beard (AB)<br><i>IG Chair</i> | Abi Obadan (AO)<br><i>Meeting Secretary</i> | Simon Grimwood<br><i>Lead Analyst</i> |
| Marc Rhodes (MRh)                 | Georgie Severin (GSe)                       | Lydia Bentley (LB)                    |

## Overview

The Smart Energy Code Administrator and Secretariat (SECAS) provided an overview of the issue identified, and a view of the Proposed Solution.

## Background

- The Data Communications Company (DCC) are required to remove Devices from the Smart Metering Inventory (SMI) that have been in a pending status for 36 months or more.
- Suppliers have existing processes to manage the re-prenotification of meters and consumer displays.
- No established processes for the re-prenotification of Communications Hubs that have been removed by the DCC.

## Potential Solution

- Remove the DCC requirement to remove Devices from the SMI that have remained in a 'Pending' status for 36 months (SEC Appendix AC - Inventory, Enrolment and Decommission Procedures v9.0, Section 8.2).

## Working Group Discussion

A Working Group member (JM) noted that this issue arose from discussion during a Technical Architecture & Business Architecture Sub-Committee (TABASC) meeting, and they were acting as the Proposer for the issue. The member added that expecting Suppliers to pre-notify Communication Hubs (CH) is not practical due to challenges endured by both on-site engineers and back-office teams.

Another Working Group member (DD) queried if the Proposed Solution was to remove the DCC obligation for all Devices, or just explicitly for CHs. (JM) confirmed the intention was to remove the obligation only in relation to CHs.

Finally, another Working Group member queried if the DCC would pause removing pending CHs older than 36 months from the SMI while the issue is addressed. The DCC (DW) confirmed they would be holding off for the foreseeable future.

The Working Group agreed to support a modification being raised to address this issue, with SECAS (SG) confirming the intention to raise the modification for the Change Sub-Committee meeting in December 2025.

## Next Steps

The following actions were recorded from the meeting:

- Present the issue as a Draft Proposal to the Change Sub-Committee – December 2025