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July 2026 Working Group – Meeting Summary

Attendees

SEC Party Category	Working Group Members	Representing
Large Suppliers	Emma Johnson (EJ)	British Gas
	Sharon Armitage (SA)	EON Next
	Amy Cox (AC)	EDF
	Alex Hurcombe (AH)	EDF
	Ralph Baxter (RB)	Octopus Energy
	Emslie Law (EL)	OVO
Small Suppliers	Daniel Davies (DD)	ESG Global
Other SEC Parties	Beth Tatton (BT)	Calisen
	Michael Snowden (MS)	Secure Meters
Network Parties	Kirsty Maddock (KM)	NGED
	Charlotte Gilbert (CG)	BUUK
	James Shippey (JL)	Northern Power Grid
	Matthew Alexander (MA)	SSE

Other Participants		
DCC		
David Walsh (DW)	Martins Atoyebi (MA)	
Bradley Baker (BB)	John Bennett (JB)	
SECAS		
Simon Grimwood (SG) ***Working Group Chair***	Abi Obadan (AO) ***Meeting Secretary***	Georgie Severin (GS)
Elizabeth Woods (EW)	Tom Rothery (TR)	
Ofgem		
Shaun McRaith (SM)		
Others		
Martin Bell (MB)	EUA	

MP265 ‘Implementing ADT Changes in Response to a Security Incident’

The Smart Energy Code (SEC) Change Team (GS) presented MP265 'Implementing ADT changes in response to a Security Incident' which was raised on behalf of the Security Sub-Committee (SSC). GS explained that whilst the Data Communications Company (DCC) can temporarily suspend a DCC User under SEC Section H10 'Business Continuity' following a security incident, the current arrangements do not allow the DCC to override User-set Anomaly Detection Thresholds (ADT) to support system recovery. As a result, affected Users are required to submit amended threshold values and subsequently restore them once the incident has been resolved, creating delays during recovery activities. The proposed solution would allow the DCC, under SSC authorisation and only in exceptional circumstances, to amend User-set ADTs to support the recovery process.

The SEC Change Team (GS) reviewed the proposed business requirements and reminded Working Group members that concerns had previously been raised regarding the absence of a Service Reference Variant (SRV)-specific approach. GS confirmed that the proposed solution would temporarily suspend ADT settings while allowing critical messages to bypass ADT checks, ensuring that essential communications could continue during incident recovery.

The Working Group reviewed the proposed solution diagram and a Working Group Member (MS) queried the references to 'User A' and 'User B', noting that the use of the term 'DCC User' was confusing as the roles referred to internal DCC personnel rather than external Users. GS acknowledged this and agreed to amend the wording. The DCC (DW) then further explained that the intention was to distinguish the internal DCC roles from Service Users, which is the terminology normally used within the Data Service Provider (DSP) environment.

Another Working Group Member (SA) then sought clarification on whether restoration of previous ADT thresholds would be undertaken by the DCC or by affected Parties. GS confirmed that the DCC would restore the previous settings, returning thresholds to the values that existed prior to the incident and the DCC (MA) confirmed this understanding. SA also queried whether ADTs configured within Enduring Change of Supplier (ECoS) would be included within the process and the DCC (MA) advised that ECoS thresholds would form part of the proposed approach and would be managed in the same manner.

The Working Group **NOTED** the update.

MP320 'Enhanced MAP & Manufacturer DCC Reporting'

The SEC Change Team (SG) presented MP320 'Enhanced MAP & Manufacturer DCC Reporting' and reviewed the Refinement Consultation responses. SG noted that the modification seeks to enhance the reporting currently provided to Meter Asset Providers (MAP) and Manufacturers through the introduction of additional reporting datasets and a new Code Required Document to support future reporting changes outside of the SEC Modification Process.

SG reviewed the Refinement Consultation responses, which included comments regarding the proposed datasets, governance arrangements and future changes to the reporting requirements.

During the discussion on the proposed datasets, a Working Group Member (DD) sought clarification regarding the monthly read Data referenced within the reporting scope. The DCC (DW) advised that the DCC does not read the underlying Data. Another Working Group Member (EL) then raised concerns regarding several of the communications-related metrics included within the proposed dataset. He noted that the DCC and industry participants may have different interpretations of what constitutes successful communications and expressed concern that the proposed metrics may indicate that communications are operating correctly when issues remain. DW acknowledged the concern and advised that further clarification could be provided. EL subsequently queried what other metrics would be considered indicators of successful communications. Another Working Group Member (BT) noted that similar questions existed amongst other industry participants. DW confirmed that there were no new data feeds being provided by the DCC and EL responded noting that some further work may be required to ensure that the proposed dataset delivers the information required by MAPs and Manufacturers. SG then confirmed that the SEC Change Team would seek to provide further clarification regarding the communications-related metrics at the next Change Sub-Committee (CSC) meeting.

WG0107/01: The DCC to provide further clarification on the reporting metrics proposed under MP320, including how communication measures are obtained and interpreted.

A Working Group Member (MS) also queried when guidance relating to the report would become available. DW advised that this information would be provided through User guidance and shared with the relevant sub-committees ahead of the Change Sub-Committee (CSC) meeting.

The Working Group also considered consultation feedback relating to charging arrangements and future amendments to the report. The DCC (BB) advised that discussions had taken place with the Proposer to ensure that the proposed solution addressed the issues raised. He confirmed that only subscribers would be required to pay for the service and that delivery of the first work package remained planned for September 2026. BB also advised that discussions had taken place with BEAMA and that there would be a cut-off point for proposed amendments and that the DCC would look to undertake consultation activity to support future changes.

The Working Group **NOTED** the update and the proposed next steps.

MP323 'Introduction of DCC Charging Arrangement Notice Periods'

The SEC Change Team (GS) presented [MP323 'Introduction of DCC Charging Arrangement Notice Periods'] and reviewed the draft legal text. GS explained that the modification sought to address a gap within SEC Section K 'Charging Methodology', which currently does not specify a notice period for changes to DCC Charging Arrangements. The proposed solution would introduce a formal notification requirement, providing Parties with advance notice of Charging Group Weighting Factors and any subsequent changes.

A Working Group Member (CG) queried whether the modification timetable would delay consideration by the Finance Sub-Committee and the SEC Change Team (SG) confirmed that the proposed timetable would not delay implementation.

The Working Group **NOTED** the update and the proposed next steps.

MP325 'SMCL2 Code Changes'

The SEC Change Team (SG) presented [MP325 'SMCL2 Code Changes'] and noted that the Smart Energy Code was originally designed around a single DCC licence and does not currently accommodate the implementation of Smart Meter Communication Licence 2 (SMCL2). Amendments are required across several SEC documents to support the transition to the new licensing arrangements and these changes would include updates to charging, invoicing and payment arrangements. They will also include revisions to SEC Objectives, changes to Elective Communications Services and the introduction of new terminology and governance documentation.

SG outlined that the proposed solution would introduce a new DCC Licence and Transitional Approach Document within SEC Section A. Amendments to existing SEC Objectives in Section C and would Transition from ‘Elective Communication Services’ to ‘Additional User Services’ in Section H. Finally, he noted that the legal drafting remained in development and would be shared as part of the Refinement Consultation.

The Working Group **NOTED** the update and the proposed next steps.