

Smart Energy Code

Section C: Governance

SEC Section C provisions concern:

- SEC Parties
- SEC Panel
- Data and Communications Company
- The Authority
- Secretary of State

What does Section C cover?

Section C sets out the **SEC General** and **Charging Objectives** and code governance arrangements including the **Panel** and its **Sub-Committees**, the role of the Code Administrator and Secretariat and the SEC Budgets.

The Panel

The **Panel** has been established in order to undertake the duties as set out in the Code. The Panel must achieve their objectives by:

- giving effect to the Code in accordance with its Terms and Conditions;
- effecting the Code so as to facilitate the General Objectives;
- ensuring no undue discrimination between Parties or any classes of Party; and
- conducting their affairs in an open and transparent manner.

Comprising 11 Voting Members and an Independent Panel Chair, the Panel meet on a monthly basis.

The Panel's duties include but not limited to:

- overseeing the performance of SECAS;
- maintaining a three-year budget and work plan and reporting on performance against the budget;
- coordinating the resolution of disputes;
- managing and co-ordination of Parties to the Code; and
- overseeing the Modifications Process.

SEC [Section C2.3](#) sets out Panel Duties

Further information on the Panel is available on the [Website](#).

General SEC Objectives

1. To facilitate the efficient provision, installation, operation and interoperability, of Smart Metering Systems;
2. To enable the DCC to comply with the General Objectives of the DCC Licence;
3. To facilitate Energy Consumers' management of their use of electricity and gas by providing information through Smart Metering Systems;
4. To facilitate effective competition between persons engaged in the Supply of Energy;
5. To facilitate innovation in the operation of Energy Networks to the extent this supports a secure and sustainable Supply of Energy;
6. To ensure the protection of Data and the security of Data and Systems in the operation of the SEC; and
7. To facilitate the efficient and transparent administration and implementation of the SEC.
8. To facilitate the establishment and operation of the Alt HAN Arrangements.

The **Charging Objectives** set out that the DCC's Charging Methodology and charges must:

- not distinguish between regions for Domestic Premises;
- facilitate effective competition;
- not hinder smart meter installation; and
- be non-discriminatory and reflective of the costs incurred by the DCC.

Transition Objective

This requires that the **General Objectives** should be given effect in order to facilitate the efficient, economical, co-ordinated, timely, and secure process of transition to the Completion of Implementation.

Code Administrator, Secretariat and SECCo

The **Code Administrator and Secretariat** functions have been put in place in order to support the Panel and to perform the tasks ascribed under the SEC and as instructed by the Panel.

The Panel also has the power to direct SECCo to become a Subscriber for IKI Certificates on behalf of the Panel and for the purpose of Digitally Signing the Certified Products List.

Panel Elections

Each Panel Member will serve a term of two years. The first Panel Members terms were staggered (12 and 24 months) in order to keep continuity on the Panel.

Scheduled Elections will take place each year for the Panel Members who are due to retire. The SEC does not prevent retiring members running for re-election.

SEC Budget and Costs

The Panel activities for the SEC are funded through **SECCo** (the corporate vehicle for the Panel). Included are costs relating to:

- Panel and Sub-Committees Member expenses;
- the appointment of independent Chairs;
- the Code Administrator and Secretariat services;
- the appointment of any specialist advisors; and
- corporate costs incurred by SECCo.

SECCo is reimbursed through the DCC as part of the DCC pass-through costs to Users.

The Panel is required to produce a draft three year budget for consultation in January of each year. The budget will outline the costs that the Panel expect to be reasonably incurred during the next three Regulatory Years in the operation of the SEC.

The current 3 Year Budget can be found on the SEC Panel page on the [SEC Website](#).

Sub-Committees

Apart from the **Sub-Committees** that are established through specific requirements in the Code, the Panel may establish a Sub-Committee in order to support the achievement of its duties prescribed to it in the SEC.

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