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## MP179 ‘DCC Boxed’

### November 2021 Working Group – meeting summary

#### Attendees

Attendee	Organisation
Ali Beard	SECAS
Kev Duddy	SECAS
Mike Fenn	SECAS
Joey Manners	SECAS
Chris Barlow	DCC
Jordan Cooper	DCC
Robbie MacIntosh	DCC
Tom Rothery	DCC
David Walsh	DCC
Sarah-Jane Russell	British Gas
Julie Geary	E.ON
Daniel Davies	ESG Global
Terry Jefferson	EUA
Alastair Cobb	Landis + Gyr
James Doyle	Outfox the Market
Emslie Law	OVO Energy
Mafs Rahman	Scottish Power
Eric Taylor	SMETS Design Ltd
Matthew Alexander	SSEN
Robert Johnstone	Utilita
Kelly Kinsman	WPD

#### Overview

The Smart Energy Code Administrator and Secretariat (SECAS) provided an overview of the issue identified and asked for comments.

#### Issue

- The Data Communications Company (DCC) have developed an end-to-end testing tool, DCC Boxed, as an expansion to the existing Great Britain Companion Specification (GBCS) Interface Testing (GIT) for Industry (GFI) toolset.

- The DCC have received interest from DCC Users for access to the tool, but there is currently no available commercial vehicle for the DCC to provide this tool to its Users.

## Proposed Solution

- The solution for MP179 is a text-only change to the Smart Energy Code (SEC) to enable DCC Boxed to be provided through an Explicit Charging model.
- The approximate cost through this model will be £5.5k; this covers the tool and uplifts to functionality.
- Provision of DCC Boxed will be in accordance with Enduring Testing Approach Document and Good Industry Practice.

## Working Group Discussion

SECAS (MF) provided an overview of the meeting objectives, the issue, the Proposed Solution, the draft legal text, and the recommended implementation approach.

A Working Group member (MR) asked if the uplifts to functionality would only be supported annually. The Proposer (TR) clarified that uplifts to functionality would be incorporated twice annually, in alignment with DCC releases and would be included in the price quoted.

A Working Group member (TJ) asked how many Device emulators could be used with the DCC Boxed tool. The DCC (RM) advised that the highest number that has so far been tested at the same time is 16, however the DCC does not advise using this many at once.

A Working Group member (ET) noted that the Device emulators already in the market are not only designed to comply with the relevant technical specifications, but also to behave in alignment with “accepted, unwritten rules”, and asked for assurances that DCC Boxed and its associated emulators would do the same. The DCC (TR) noted this concern and advised that while there should be no discrepancy in the emulators’ behaviour, they could only guarantee that the emulators would comply with the relevant technical specifications. SECAS (AB) advised that this point would be noted, but that SECAS could not enforce “unwritten” rules.

The Working Group had no further comments.

## Next Steps

The following actions were recorded from the meeting:

- SECAS to confirm the draft legal text with SECAS lawyers.
- SECAS to issue MP179 for a Refinement Consultation.
- SECAS to present the Refinement Consultation responses to the Working Group on 1 December 2021.