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SEC Newsletter



WELCOME TO THE MARCH 2022 SEC NEWSLETTER!

Welcome to the March SEC Newsletter edition, we hope you are enjoying the start of Spring!

This edition highlights SECAS performance on its services, the latest Smart Meter Device Assurance (SMDA) scheme updates and the Operational Performance Regime Consultation which is now open. SEC Parties will also hear upcoming events and the latest updates on SEC Modifications.

We always like to hear from you, and we welcome feedback on this edition as well as any topics you would like covered in future webinars or newsletter editions. Feel free to contact us via the [SECAS Helpdesk](#).

SECAS Monthly Stats

How are we doing?
Here is a snapshot from February 2022 of the SECAS
performance on its services:



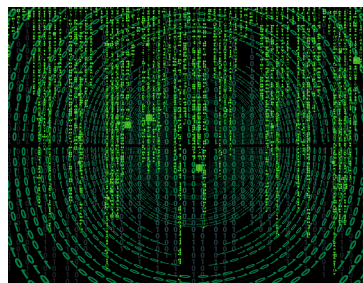
Committee Support

- 15 Sub-Committee & Working Group Meetings held
- 100% of meetings arranged with five Working Days' notice
- 99% of papers issued five Working Days in advance of meeting
- 87% of minutes issued five Working Days after meeting



Security

- 100% Assessment compliance
- 50 SEC Parties currently being assessed



Modification

- 1 new Modification raised
- 51 Modifications undergoing assessment
- 8 Modifications decided upon
- 5 Modifications implemented



Party Engagement

- 1,788 emails received and actioned
- 3 Parties acceded to the SEC
- 3 Party category tailored engagement events held



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SMART METER DEVICE ASSURANCE (SMDA) SCHEME UPDATE

Recently the [SMDA Scheme](#) has received feedback from industry including Manufacturers, BEIS and the SEC Panel. The feedback related to establishing the value and coverage of SMDA as well as improvements that can be made to its documentation.

Off the back of this feedback, SMDA is now working with some SEC Panel members and the [SMDA Sub-Committee](#) to provide greater detail to industry on its coverage and its value, as well as ensuring improvements are made to the documentation to support Device Manufacturers.

From a Scheme perspective, SMDA provides assurance that Smart Meters will work effectively in a Smart environment for:

Interoperability:

- Evidence for Suppliers that devices and firmware are interoperable with the DCC and its systems; and
- Assurance for Suppliers that any SMDA assured Device can be operated in the same manner and produce the same results whether installed or inherited.

Interchangeability:

- A level of assurance that different combinations of device hardware models / versions, Manufacturers and firmware versions are compatible with each other.

SMDA testing consists of over **300 tests** and covers **67% of SMETS2 requirements**. Of the remaining SMETS2 requirements, these are either security issues outside of the Scheme's remit or are not related to interchangeability or interoperability. To date, out of 14 Manufacturers on the CPL with SMETS2 compatible devices, seven have devices with SMDA assurance and two have their initial devices in for testing. Two Manufacturers have expressed interest and have been contacted by the SMDA testing. Three Manufacturers do not have devices with SMDA assurance or have submitted them for testing.

Testing Updates

Following the milestone of SMDA Full Assurance being awarded in February 2022 on three Pre-Payment Meter Interface Devices (PPMIDs), the Scheme is pleased to report that the first Electricity Smart Metering Equipment (ESME) device has been awarded Full Assurance. Following this, Full Assurance is expected to be awarded on at least six more devices including 5 Terminal ESME devices, Polyphase ESME devices, 4 Terminal Variant ESME devices and Gas Smart Metering Equipment (GSME) devices.

The updates to the SMDA test scripts to align with the November 2020 and November 2021 SEC Release are due to be implemented in April 2022. This will bring the Scheme up to date with requirements. The Scheme has already reviewed the changes for the June 2022 and November 2022 Release.

SMDA welcomes industry feedback and continues to strive to provide the best service for industry. If you have any feedback or questions, please email smdaso@gemserv.com.



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OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE REGIME (OPR) CONSULTATION UNDERWAY

SEC Parties are being contacted for their view on how well the DCC has engaged during the 2021/22 Regulatory Year. This is to seek feedback as a result of Ofgem publishing changes to the DCC Operational Performance Regime (OPR), which include financial incentives for Customer Engagement. To help evaluate the DCC's performance in this area, the SEC Panel is required to submit an assessment of how the DCC performed in the 2021/22 Regulatory Year, and your feedback will shape this.

The consultation invites feedback as to the best way to engage with SEC Parties when such feedback is required for future submissions. Please find the online submission form [here](#), responses will be limited to **one per SEC Party and are requested by 5pm on 29 April 2022**.

The SEC Panel will review the responses and incorporate views expressed into their final submission. Any respondents who wish to be anonymous will be treated as such, but full details of all responses will be issued to Ofgem as part of their wider review.

If you have any questions, please contact the [SECAS Helpdesk](#), with the subject line 'OPR – DCC Engagement Consultation.'



CHANGE SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

The [Change Sub-Committee](#) elections were held in February 2022. Congratulations to the following candidates who have been selected by their Party Categories as Change Sub-Committee Members:

Large Suppliers

Emslie Law

Electricity Networks

Kelly Kinsman

Thank you to the outgoing Change Sub-Committee members, Lynne Hargrave and Gemma Slaney, for their commitment and contribution to the Change Sub-Committee.

There are still vacant seats available for one Small Supplier Party representative, one Gas Network Party representative and one Other SEC Party Representative. If you would like to nominate yourself or an individual, please contact the [SECAS Helpdesk](#).



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TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE JUNE 2022 SEC RELEASE

You can now find drafts of the DCC User Interface Specification (DUIS) and the Message Mapping Catalogue (MMC) to be implemented in the June 2022 SEC Release published on the release webpage [here](#). These include mark-up to text and commentary identifying which modification implemented the change.

These documents currently reflect the approval of [SECMP0015](#), [SECMP0024](#), [MP104](#) and [MP199](#). If you have any questions, please contact the [Change Team](#).



Events

UPCOMING SECAS EVENT

Save the Date: Introduction to the Smart Energy Code Webinar, Tuesday 17 May 2022 - 11am-12:30pm

SEC Parties are requested to save the date for the Introduction to the SEC Webinar which will take place on Tuesday 17 May 2022, from 11am-12:30pm. We would be grateful if SEC Parties could provide any questions or topics you would like to see covered at this session by emailing the [SECAS Helpdesk](#).

Please register using this [Livestorm Link](#).

SECAS WEBINAR PRESENTATION SLIDES AND RECORDINGS

Once [logged in](#), SEC Parties can view the presentation slides and video recordings of our recent webinars on Export Metering, Open Modification Consultations and Enrolment and Adoption [here](#).

If there are any topics that you'd like to be covered at future webinars, please contact the [SECAS Helpdesk](#).



DCC ENDURING CHANGE OF SUPPLIER SUMMIT (ECOS) 26 APRIL 2022

The DCC would like to invite you to our **Enduring Change of Supplier Summit (ECoS) on 26 April 2022**, venue: London.

This will be an all-day event in London starting at 10am, where you will have an opportunity to understand the DCC's role in the ECoS Programme, including a dedicated workshop on 'The introduction of ECoS credentials and the impact on supply chains'. This would give attendees the opportunity to:

- Meet the DCC's Service Delivery Partners and what they will be delivering as part of the ECoS programme.
- Walk through the plan, focusing on those areas impacting Suppliers (i.e., User Integration Testing (UIT), Life Service)
- Understand the ECoS Engagement plan – Which forums ECoS will be attending over the coming months
- A view of the ECoS Transition And Migration Approach Document (ETMAD) headlines that are due 18 April 2022.
- Interact with DCC experts and Delivery Partners who will be on hand to answer any questions you may have.
- Understand the Migration - What to expect after Go Live on 30 June 2023.

With the recent relaxation of Covid restrictions, to get the most out the day, the DCC would like to host this event in person. To help the DCC understand industries appetite and readiness for this approach, the DCC kindly asks if you could take a few moments to complete this very short survey: [ECoS Attendance Survey](#).

Please register your interest to attend the sessions by contacting us at customerengagement@smartdcc.co.uk.

Modifications

NEW DRAFT PROPOSALS

Two new Draft Proposals have been raised since the last Newsletter. You are invited to provide feedback to the [Change Team](#) to help us understand whether this affects you.

[MP201 'CHTS v1.1 and GBCS v2.0 Applicability End Date':](#)

- MP201 extends the Applicability Period End Date for Communications Hub Technical Specifications (CHTS) v1.1 and GB Companion Specification (GBCS) v2.0 by 18 months from 28 February 2022 to 28 August 2023.

[DP202 'Enduring Solution for SMETS1 and SMETS2+ PPMIDs':](#)

- The DCC has several Users who have indicated they would like to use the same PPMID (Pre-Payment Meter Interface Device) model across SMETS1 and SMETS2+ Devices. The DCC is unable to determine whether to construct a GBCS command for a SMETS2+ Device or forward a Service Request to the S1SP (SMETS1 Service Provider) for a SMETS1 Device. The SEC does not currently permit Devices to be both SMETS1 and SMETS2+ and the DCC Systems are unable to process commands to any Device type that is both SMETS1 and SMETS2+.



MODIFICATION REPORT CONSULTATION

There is currently one open Modification Report Consultation. You are invited to provide feedback to the [Change Team](#) to help us understand your views on whether the modification should be approved.

MP195 'Security Sub-Committee (SSC) guidance on Device Assurance' Download here .	Closing Date: 5 April 2022	Impacted Parties: Large Suppliers Small Suppliers Other Sec Parties
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Publications

OPEN INDUSTRY CONSULTATIONS WEBPAGE

Please visit our [Open Industry Consultations webpage](#) for details of consultations that may be of interest to SEC Parties. If you are aware of a consultation that should be added, please contact the [SECAS Helpdesk](#).

For other publications that may be of interest to you, please view the [Operations Report in the March 2022 WHITE SEC Panel Meeting 102 Documentation](#). SEC Parties can also view the Transitional Governance Update (TGU) Paper in the [March 2022 GREEN SEC Panel Meeting 102 Documentation](#).

SECAS HELPDESK

Please contact the [SECAS Helpdesk](#) with any questions and a member of the team will be happy to help. Helpdesk hours are **Monday-Friday 9-5pm (excluding bank holidays)**.

Key Governance Meeting Dates

4 April	Strategic Working Group 08
4 April	MP162 Working Group meeting
6 April	SEC Monthly Working Group Meeting – April 2022
7 April	Technical Architecture and Business Architecture Sub-Committee Meeting 76
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