

November 2025 SEC Release

DCC Conclusions to the November 2025 SEC Release Testing Approach Document Consultation

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1. Introduction and Context

1. The Smart Energy Code (SEC) is the agreement that defines the rights of parties involved in the management of smart metering in Great Britain. Changes to the SEC are managed via the SEC Modification Process and then implemented as part of a SEC Release. There are three scheduled SEC Releases a year: February, June and November, the latter two can impact DCC Systems.
2. Under SEC Section D10.18, DCC has an obligation to produce a SEC Release Testing Approach Document (TAD) which defines the approach to testing changes to DCC Systems arising from a SEC Release.
3. In April and May 2025 DCC [consulted](#) on the draft Testing Approach Document for the November 2025 SEC Release. The November 2025 SEC Release TAD consultation opened on 7 April 2025 and closed on 8 May 2025.
4. The draft November 2025 DCC TAD was published alongside the consultation document to satisfy the requirements set out in SEC Sections D10.18 – D10.20.
5. This document is the conclusion to that consultation and sets out the points raised by respondents and received from the Testing Advisory Group (TAG). DCC will present the consultation responses to the TAG on 28 May 2025. No updates have been made to the TAD as a consequence of the consultation respondent's comments.

2. Analysis of Responses

6. DCC received once written response to this consultation: One Network Party.
7. DCC has analysed the feedback provided. This section sets out an overview of the responses received to this consultation and DCC's response.

Question 1

8. DCC sought views on the approach and scope of the November 2025 SEC Release TAD.

Q1

Do you support the overall approach and scope of the draft November 2025 DCC Testing Approach Document? Please provide rationale for your views.

Respondent views

9. DCC received one response to this question.
10. The Network Party supports the overall approach and scope of the November 2025 SEC Release TAD. They added that the inclusion of MP252, which amends the Communications Hub return process, addresses challenges faced by some Meter Asset Providers (MAPs) particularly in enabling returns where decommissioning cannot be completed. They felt that the governance framework, with established entry/exit criteria enhances the process.

DCC response

11. DCC thanks the respondent and advises that no amendments have been made to the TAD as a consequence of this response.

Question 2

12. DCC also requested any further comments from respondents.

Q2

Do you have any other comments on the draft June 2025 DCC Testing Approach Document? Please provide details and rationale for your views.

Respondent views

13. DCC received no response to this question.

DCC response

14. None.

3. Summary of Drafting Changes

15. DCC has made no changes to version 1.0 of the November 2025 SEC Release TAD.

4. Conclusions

16. DCC is of the opinion that it has undertaken appropriate engagement and consultation with industry on the November 2025 TAD. Following review of the responses and subsequent TAG approval, the DCC will issue the TAD to the Smart Energy Code Administrator and Secretariat (SECAS) for publication.

5. Next Steps

17. DCC will publish this consultation conclusion document.

18. DCC will issue the November 2025 SEC Release TAD v1.0 to SECAS for publication.

6. Attachments

Attachment 1: November 2025 SEC Release TAD v1.0.