

November 2026 SEC Release

DCC Conclusions to the November 2026 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 March and April 2026 DCC [consulted](#) on the draft Testing Approach Document for the November 2026 SEC Release. The November 2026 SEC Release TAD consultation opened on 16 March 2026 and closed on 15 April 2026.
4. The draft November 2026 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 outcomes to the TAG on 29 April 2026. No updates have been made to the TAD following the consultation.

2. Analysis of Responses

6. DCC received no written responses to this consultation. DCC flagged this as AOB at the Change Sub-Committee (CSC) on 21 April 2026 and requested verbal feedback at the meeting. No objection to TAG submission was received from CSC members.
7. Noting this, DCC will accept any late responses (written or verbal) by **8 May 2026**. If a response is received, this will be provided to the TAG.
8. DCC will proceed with the current version of the TAD with the view that industry is satisfied with its content.

Question 1

9. DCC sought views on the approach and scope of the November 2026 SEC Release TAD.

Q1

Do you support the overall approach and scope of the draft November 2026 DCC Testing Approach Document? Please provide rationale for your views.

Respondent views

10. DCC received no response to this question.

DCC response

11. None.

Question 2

12. DCC also requested any further comments from respondents.

Q2

Do you have any other comments on the draft November 2026 DCC Testing Approach Document? Please provide details and rationales 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 2026 SEC Release TAD.

4. Conclusions

16. DCC is of the opinion that it has undertaken appropriate engagement and consultation with industry on the November 2026 TAD in line with SEC requirements. Following 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 2026 SEC Release TAD v1.0 to SECAS for publication.

6. Attachments

Attachment 1: November 2026 SEC Release TAD v1.0