



Temporary Communications Hub Ordering & Delivery Rules

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2. Introduction

2.1. Document Purpose

1. This document has been published in accordance with Smart Energy Code (SEC) Section F5.1A. It defines the temporary rights and obligations of the Data Communications Company (DCC) and SEC Parties in the ordering and delivery of Communications Hubs for all Regions. The provisions of this document vary the businesses as usual rules that apply under SEC Section F (including in respect of the SEC definitions which are defined by reference to Section F5).

2.2. Scope

2. The Temporary Communications Hub Ordering and Delivery Rules (TCHODR) defines the variations from SEC for ordering requirements which apply to all Regions for all SEC Parties which may apply from time to time with SEC Panel approval.

2.3. Change Control

3. In accordance with SEC Section F5.1A, DCC shall only make changes to the TCHODR where it has:
 - a. undertaken reasonable consultation with SEC Parties regarding proposed changes;
 - b. given due consideration to, and taken into account, any consultation responses received; and
 - c. received approval from the SEC Panel to make such changes.
4. DCC shall publish an updated copy of the TCHODR on the DCC Website.

Number	Date	Summary of Changes
V0.7	15/07/2020	Original document.
V0.8	22/05/2020	Correct to Central and South Region Mid-Term Orders calculation.
V1.0	27/05/2020	Changes above approved by SEC Panel.
V1.1	11/09/2020	Draft amendments to the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Region Short-Term Deliveries; and • Central and South Region Mid-Term Orders (January to December 2021).
V2.0	XX/10/2020	Change above approved by SEC Panel.
V2.1	19/11/2021	Removal of previous now void rules. Draft amendments to be consulted on.
V2.2	9/12/2021	Addition of expiry date. Note rules covered specific period of time, expiry date added for clarity. Rules to be presented to SEC Panel for approval.
V3.0	22/12/2021	Finalised rules approved by SEC Panel 17 December 2021, and SECMP188 approved 22 December 2021.
V3.1	28/02/2022	Proposed rules covering delivery months January 2023 onwards.
V4.0	14/04/2022	Finalised rules covering delivery months January 2023 onwards (up to and including delivery month September 2023).
V4.1	08/07/2022	Proposed changes to extend V4.0 rules up to and including delivery month March 2024.
V5.0	16/09/2022	Extended TCHODR up to delivery month March 2024, approved by SEC Panel 16/09/2022.
V5.1	04/01/2023	Proposed changes to extend V5.0 rules up to and including delivery month September 2024.
V6.0	28/03/2023	Extended TCHODR up to delivery month September 2024, approved by SEC Panel 28/03/2023.
V6.1	09/08/2024	Proposed change to remove V6.0 rules which have been adopted in the SEC. Addition of new rules which amend the forecast on which orders are assessed for CSP C&S.
V7.0	24/09/2024	Addition of rules to reduce the length of time between placing a forecast and delivery date for 2G/3G Central and 2G/3G South. Approved by SEC Panel 24/09/2024.

Table 1 - Version Control

3. CH Ordering in C&S Region

5. These rules will apply to CH forecasts and orders of 2/3G CH in the 2G/3G Central and 2G/3G South Regions only.
6. For Delivery Months of October 2025 to June 2026 replace F5.10 with the following.
7. F5.10 In order for a Communications Hub Order to be a compliant order, the order must comply with the requirements of this Section F5.10. A Party is not obliged to submit a compliant order, but a noncompliant order may be amended by the DCC in accordance with Section F5.17. The requirements of this Section F5.10 are, for each Communications Hub Order submitted by a Party in respect of a Region, that the aggregate (for all Consignments) of the Delivery Quantities of each HAN Variant for the Delivery Month must be:
 - (a) greater than or equal to the higher of 80% of the number of Communications Hubs of that HAN Variant forecast for that Delivery Month and Region in the Communications Hub Forecast submitted by that Party in the 10th month prior to the start of the Delivery Month; and,
 - (b) less than or equal to the lower of 120% of the number of Communications Hubs of that HAN Variant forecast for that Delivery Month and Region in the Communications Hub Forecast submitted by that Party in the 10th month prior to the start of the Delivery Month.
8. Forecasts provided in September 2025 will set the thresholds for orders under F5.10 for deliveries for July, August and September 2026.
9. These rules will cease to apply for forecasts made in October 2025 onwards, where standard SEC rules will apply.

Appendix A – Glossary

Term	Definition
Communications Hub Order	As defined in SEC Section F
Consignment	As defined in SEC Section F
Delivery Month	As defined in SEC Section F

Table 2 - Glossary