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SEC Change Sub-Committee Meeting 38_1904

19 April 2022, 10:00 – 11:15

Teleconference

SECCSC_38_1904 – Draft Minutes

Attendees:

Representing	CSC Member
Change Sub-Committee Chair	David Kemp (DK)
Large Suppliers	Rochelle Harrison (RH) (<i>alternate for Emma Johnson</i>)
Small Suppliers	Daniel Davies (DD)
Electricity Network Parties	Gemma Slaney (GS) (<i>alternate for Kelly Kinsman</i>)
Other SEC Parties	Alastair Cobb (AC)

Representing	Other Participants
DCC	David Walsh (DW)
Ofgem	Grace Royall (GR)
SECAS	Holly Burton (HB) (<i>Meeting Secretary</i>)
	Kev Duddy (KD)
	Alison Beard (AB)
	Khaleda Hussain (KH)
	Joe Hehir (JH)
	Mike Fenn (MF)

Apologies:

Representing	CSC Member
Large Suppliers	Emslie Law (EL)
Large Suppliers	Emma Johnson (EJ)
Electricity Network Party	Kelly Kinsman (KK)

Representing	CSC Member
Consumers	Ed Rees

1. Welcome and Introductions & Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The Chair welcomed members to the Change Sub-Committee (CSC) meeting.

The Chair noted that KK has been elected as the new Electricity Network Parties representative following the recent elections, and that there is still a Small Supplier, Gas Network Party and Other SEC Party seat vacant. The Chair also noted this was HB's last meeting as the CSC Secretary and thanked her for her support to the group over the last two years.

No comments were raised on the last meeting's minutes. The CSC **APPROVED** the minutes.

2. Actions Outstanding

Action Reference	Action
37/01	SECAS to share the CSC's queries on the sunsetting arrangements for changes to the SSC guidance for Device Refurbishment and Security Controls with the SSC.
SECAS advised that the queries were shared with the Security Sub-committee (SSC) Chair. The SSC Chair stated the intention is to split the guidance into two sections, having Part 1 as the methodology for raising and processing changes to the CPA Security Characteristics and raising new Use Cases, with Part 2 being the actual technical guidance. Status: Closed .	

3. SEC Modification Progression

MP129 'Allowing the use of CNSA variant for ECDSA'

SECAS (MF) provided the CSC with a summary of Modification Proposal [MP129 'Allowing the use of CNSA variant for ECDSA'](#).

The Data Service Provider (DSP) believes the Great Britain Companion Specification (GBCS) variant of Elliptic Curve Digital Signature Algorithm (ECDSA) is mandatory for all Device Critical Command signing operations. Use of the more common Commercial National Security Algorithm (CNSA) Suite variant is permissible, and the Smart Metering Key Infrastructure (SMKI) Policy Management Authority (PMA) believes the GBCS wording lacks clarity to explicitly permit use of the CNSA Suite variant by Remote Parties as well as the GBCS variant.

The proposed solution will clarify that either variant is acceptable to use. The CNSA variant is significantly more efficient for processing Certificates and should reduce the service charge if the DSP adopts this.

A CSC member (GS) noted there could be an indirect impact on Network Parties and questioned whether it was specifically Suppliers that would be affected or all Users who send critical commands. SECAS (MF) clarified that Network Parties can send critical commands, alongside any Party. This will be updated within the Modification Report.

The CSC:

- **AGREED** that MP129 should be progressed to the Report Phase;
- **APPROVED** the Modification Report;
- **APPROVED** the implementation approach; and
- **AGREED** that MP129 should be progressed as a Self-Governance Modification

MP193 'Incorporation of Category 3 Issue Resolution Proposals into the SEC – Batch 6'

SECAS (KD) presented the CSC with a summary of Modification Proposal [MP193 'Incorporation of Category 3 Issue Resolution Proposals into the SEC – Batch 6'](#)

The proposed solution incorporates six Issue Resolution Proposals (IRPs) and Change Resolution Proposals (CRPs) into the SEC and has been discussed and approved by the Technical Specification Issues Resolution Subgroup (TSIRS) as part of the closure of each IRP/CRP.

The CSC had no comments on this modification.

The CSC:

- **AGREED** that MP193 should be progressed to the Report Phase;
- **APPROVED** the Modification Report;
- **APPROVED** the implementation approach; and
- **AGREED** that MP193 should be progressed as a Self-Governance Modification

DP198 'Further Changes from the Review of the SMKI and DCCKI Document Set'

SECAS (KD) presented the CSC with a summary of Draft Proposal [DP198 'Further Changes from the Review of the SMKI and DCCKI Document Set'](#).

The CSC had no comments on this modification.

The CSC:

- **AGREED** the issue and the impact it is having is clearly defined and understood;
- **AGREED** that DP198 should be converted to a Modification Proposal;
- **AGREED** that MP198 should be progressed to the Refinement Process; and
- **AGREED** the first package of work and the timetable for MP198.

DP202 'Enduring Solution for SMETS1 and SMETS2+ PPMIDs'

SECAS (KH) presented the CSC with a summary of Draft Proposal [DP202 'Enduring Solution for SMETS1 and SMETS2+ PPMIDs'](#).

The CSC had no comments on this modification.

The CSC:

- **AGREED** the issue and the impact it is having is clearly defined and understood;

- **AGREED** that DP202 should be converted to a Modification Proposal;
- **AGREED** that MP202 should be progressed to the Refinement Process;
- **AGREED** the first package of work and the timetable for MP202.

4. SEC Modification Timetables

SECAS (DK) provided an update on the timetables for Modification Proposals currently in the Refinement Process and the next main programme of work for each open modification.

A CSC member (AC) asked if it would be possible to highlight in CSC meetings when reviews would occur for modifications on the waiting list, as it was felt there could be greater visibility between new Draft Proposals and those currently on the waiting list. Another member (DD) noted the timelines spreadsheet provided with the paper was good but would also find it helpful if key points could be drawn out in the slide deck. The Chair (DK) agreed to ensure there was additional time allocated each month for this item to ensure key points could be drawn out and decisions over waiting list prioritisation highlighted.

The CSC **APPROVED** the packages of work and the progression timetables outlined in the paper.

5. SEC Releases Update

SECAS (JH) presented an update on progress with the 2022 and 2023 SEC Releases.

June 2022 SEC Release

The CSC was informed by SECAS that there are seven Modification Proposals currently in scope of the June 2022 SEC Release.

SECAS (JH) informed the CSC that [MP096 'DNO Power Outage Alerts'](#) has been removed from the scope of this release, as there is insufficient time for it to reach a decision before the cut-off date. A CSC member (GS) queried why this modification was now being targeted for an ad-hoc release rather than falling back to the November 2022 SEC Release. SECAS (JH) noted this modification was still being discussed by Electricity Network Parties and the DCC, and that the recommended implementation approach will be discussed as part of this before this is returned to the CSC for decision.

November 2022 SEC Release

The CSC was informed by SECAS that there are eleven Modification Proposals currently in scope of the November 2022 SEC Release, and that no further modifications with an impact on DCC Systems were expected to be added to the scope of this release. The full scope of this release will be baselined by the CSC next month.

June 2023 SEC Release

The CSC was informed by SECAS that there are six Modification Proposals currently in scope of the June 2023 SEC Release.

November 2023 SEC Release

The CSC was informed by SECAS that the November 2023 SEC Release could be a DCC System impacting release, however no DCC System impacting modifications were currently targeted for this release.

SECAS (JH) informed the CSC that [MP162 'SEC Changes required to deliver MHHS'](#) had been targeted for the November 2023 SEC Release, however this has been delayed to the February 2024 SEC Release.

The CSC:

- **NOTED** the update on the 2022 and 2023 SEC Releases.

6. Any Other Business (AOB)

There was no further business, and the Chair closed the meeting.

Next Meeting: 17 May 2022