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SEC Change Sub-Committee Meeting 45_1511

15 November 2022, 10:00 – 11:00

Teleconference

SECCSC_45_1511 – Final Minutes

Attendees:

Representing	CSC Member
Change Sub-Committee Chair	David Kemp (DK)
Large Suppliers	Emma Johnson (EJ)
	Emslie Law (EL)
Small Suppliers	Daniel Davies (DD)
Electricity Network Parties	Kelly Kinsman (KK)
Other SEC Parties	Beth Davey (BD)
	Alastair Cobb (AC) <i>(part meeting)</i>

Representing	Attendee
DCC	Joe Hehir (JH)
	David Walsh (DW)
Ofgem	Scott McPhillimy (SMcP)
	Jennifer Semple (JS)
	Jamie Flaherty (JF)
SECAS	Rachel Black (RB) <i>(Meeting Secretary)</i>
	Ali Beard (AB)
	Bradley Baker (BB)
	Mike Fenn (MF)
	Ben Giblin (BG) <i>(part meeting)</i>

Apologies:

No apologies were received.

1. Welcome and Introductions & Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

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

The Secretary noted that proposed changes to the text of the previous meeting minutes had been received. The CSC was shown the proposed changes and asked if it approved of them. The CSC **APPROVED** the proposed changes, and once these changes are made the CSC **APPROVED** the minutes as final.

2. Actions Outstanding

Action Reference	Action
40/01	SECAS and the DCC to work on producing guidance for the Gas Network Operators (GNOs) regarding the planned changes under MP128A. SECAS had intended to provide the new drafting to the Data Communications Company (DCC) before the November CSC meeting. SECAS (MF) advised that they had not been able to do so as there were some modifications at critical stages in their progression. However, they advised that they would be able to provide the DCC with the new drafting by the end of the week. SECAS (MF) estimated that if the DCC approved of the drafting, it could be completed by the December CSC meeting. The DCC (DW) advised that they are unsure how long they will spend reviewing the draft, but stated that they would be prompt. Status: OPEN
42/01	SECAS to monitor and report back on the status of the Re-Certification Certificates in relation to MP209 following the Security Sub-committee (SSC) meeting in September and to confirm that all the points set out for discussion are carried out. The SSC, the SSC Commercial Product Assurance Issue Resolution Sub-group (SCIRS) and the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) are continuing to work with the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) in order to agree the final Process Document and Security Analysis Template (SAT). Table 1 of the SAT for Electricity Smart Meter (ESME) and Gas Smart Meter (GSME) Devices was provided by the NCSC and issued to the SCIRS and SSC Members on 4 October 2022 to highlight the areas of interest for the risk reviews and the full SAT document will be released at the end of the pilot. At the last SSC meeting, the SSC noted there are no outstanding issues to prevent Commercial Product Assurance (CPA) Risk Reviews taking place as part of the pilot. Manufacturers are advised to seek guidance from the SSC if they intend to commence this activity before the end of the pilot and the full release of the SAT documents. The SSC Chair has recommended that this action be close. The CSC noted the update and agreed to close the action. Status: CLOSED

3. SEC Modification Progression

MP167A 'Review of SEC documents (Testing Approach Document criteria)'

SECAS (BB) presented the CSC with a summary of [MP167A 'Review of SEC documents \(Testing Approach Document criteria\)'](#), recommending it be progressed to the Report Phase as a Self-Governance Modification.

The CSC had no comments.

The CSC:

- **AGREED** that MP167A should be progressed to the Report Phase.
- **APPROVED** the Modification Report.
- **APPROVED** the implementation approach.
- **AGREED** that MP167A should be progressed as a Self-Governance Modification.

MP172 'Reduced CPA & CPL requirements for innovation and Device field trials'

SECAS (MF) presented the CSC with a summary of [MP172 'Reduced CPA & CPL requirements for innovation and Device field trials'](#), recommending it be progressed to the Report Phase as a Self-Governance Modification.

A CSC member (AC) asked what the timescales would be for delivering guidance to Users around the process being implemented by this modification. SECAS (MF) advised that they had spoken with the Security Sub-Committee (SSC), and that the SSC has tabled this for discussion to develop guidance. The CSC member (AC) expressed concern around the length of time it would take for this to be completed and noted that Commercial Product Assurance (CPA) related items can take a long time. SECAS (AB) acknowledged this but noted that the modification was very close to implementation, with only some minor work left. The main body of work left was for the SSC to produce guidance which SECAS would oversee. SECAS (MF) advised that the modification had originally been targeted for the November 2022 SEC Release, but the guidance would not have been finalised in time for this, and so it had been moved to the February 2023 SEC Release. SECAS (MF) advised that the SSC had confirmed that guidance would be finalised and ready to publish alongside the modification's implementation.

The CSC:

- **AGREED** that MP172 should be progressed to the Report Phase.
- **APPROVED** the Modification Report.
- **APPROVED** the implementation approach.
- **AGREED** that MP172 should be progressed as a Self-Governance Modification.

MP210 'RSA forecasts, orders and pay stock charges for Alt HAN Equipment'

SECAS (BB) presented the CSC with a summary of [MP210 'RSA forecasts, orders and pay stock charges for Alt HAN Equipment'](#), recommending it be progressed to the Report Phase as a Self-Governance Modification.

The CSC had no comments.

The CSC:

- **AGREED** that MP210 should be progressed to the Report Phase.
- **APPROVED** the Modification Report.
- **APPROVED** the implementation approach.

- **AGREED** that MP210 should be progressed as a Self-Governance Modification.

DP221 'CHTS v1.0 and GBCS v1.1 Applicability End Date and Maintenance End Date'

SECAS (BB) presented the CSC with a summary of new Draft Proposal [DP221 'CHTS v1.0 and GBCS v1.1 Applicability End Date and Maintenance End Date'](#), recommending it be converted to a Modification Proposal and be progressed to the Refinement Process.

A CSC member (EJ) asked why this issue had been raised now as highly urgent, rather than raising and addressing the problem at an earlier stage. SECAS (AB) noted the situation had been continually changing as Communications Hubs continue to be installed but not necessarily at the rate to achieve the deadline. Therefore, the DCC has advised extending the applicability period. SECAS (AB) advised that they need to ensure that Small Suppliers are not adversely affected by the timescales, while also creating an incentive to install the Communications Hubs as quickly as possible. The Chair noted that the length of the extension needed will be addressed in the Refinement Process, and that a full Modification Report with finalised solutions is expected to be brought to the next meeting.

The CSC:

- **AGREED** that the issue and the impact it is having is clearly defined and understood.
- **AGREED** that DP221 should be converted to a Modification Proposal.
- **AGREED** that MP221 should be progressed to the Refinement Process.
- **AGREED** the first package of work and the timetable for MP221.

DP220 'MMC Changes resulting from GBCS v4.1 Device Testing'

SECAS (MF) presented the CSC with a summary of new Draft Proposal [DP220 'MMC Changes resulting from GBCS v4.1 Device Testing'](#), recommending that it remain in the Development Stage to further develop the issue and understand the impact.

A CSC member (BD) noted that it is important to understand how the issue occurred in order to prevent the issue happening again in the future. SECAS (AB) highlighted that the Technical Specifications are complicated documents, and sometimes it is difficult to ensure that all the consequential changes are tracked, resulting in some errors only being flagged towards the end of the process. The documents are reviewed by several parties, including different subgroups and organisations. The Proposer (DW) agreed with this and suggested that this supports the justification for the time and effort spent on testing.

The CSC:

- **AGREED** that DP220 should remain in the Development Stage to further develop the issue and impact.

DP222 'CPL submission efficiency improvements'

SECAS (BB) presented the CSC with a summary of new Draft Proposal [DP222 'CPL submission efficiency improvements'](#), recommending that it remain in the Development Stage to further develop the issue and understand the impact.

The DCC (DW) advised that they also have interest in this Draft Proposal, highlighting the DCC's concerns around knowing the proposed new firmware has gone through the necessary processes and testing if it has not come from a Supplier.

A CSC member (AC) expressed concern around delays in finding Suppliers to send supporting emails to SECAS to place Devices on the CPL, which can take several weeks. They advised that discussion is needed within the SSC in order to move on from this point. They understood the DCC's concerns, but noted that there is no change in the technical checks being carried out. The member advised that this Draft Proposal focuses on Devices being available to Suppliers in time to roll them out.

The CSC:

- **AGREED** that DP222 should remain in the Development Stage to further develop the issue and impact.

DP223 'WAN Coverage Reporting'

SECAS (BG) presented the CSC with a summary of new Draft Proposal [DP223 'WAN Coverage Reporting'](#), recommending that it remain in the Development Stage to further develop the issue and understand the impacts.

The Proposer (EL) highlighted the importance of ensuring that WAN coverage is visible to all Parties. They advised the measures should enhance reporting which already exists, improve transparency and encourage further discussion on the topic.

The CSC:

- **AGREED** that DP223 should remain in the Development Stage to further develop the issue and impact.

4. SEC Modification Timetables

SECAS (AB) provided an update on the timetables for Modification Proposals. SECAS recommended that [MP202 'Enduring Solution for SMETS1 and SMETS2+ PPMIDs'](#) and [MP215 'Communications Hub Ordering and Forecasting'](#) be reactivated. SECAS also recommended that [MP176 'Customer Analytics Reporting'](#) be placed on hold.

A CSC member (EL) asked why consultation with the SEC Lawyer is required for [DP219 'Accessing Consumption Data on behalf of SEC Parties'](#), as the Proposer had advised the CSC previously that the security matters regarding this Draft Proposal had been resolved. SECAS (AB) advised that further discussion with the SSC had led to the conclusion that there were still some matters to be addressed.

The CSC:

- **AGREED** to reactivate MP202 and MP215.
- **AGREED** to place MP176 on hold.
- **APPROVED** the packages of work and the progression timetables outlined in this paper.

5. SEC Releases Update

SECAS (MF) presented an update on progress with the upcoming SEC Releases. The paper included updates on each of the scheduled SEC Releases up to the June 2024 SEC Release. SECAS also asked the CSC to baseline the scope of the November 2023 SEC Release on the DCC Systems.

When discussing the November 2023 SEC Release, SECAS (MF) advised the members that it is the DCC System impacting modifications that are being baselined here, and there will be scope to add non-DCC System impacting modifications in the future.

The CSC:

- **AGREED** to baseline the scope of the November 2023 SEC Release on the DCC Systems.
- **NOTED** the updates on the other SEC Releases referenced in this document.

6. Any Other Business (AOB)

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

Next Meeting: 20 December 2022