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Communications Transition Group (CTG) Meeting 35

13:00 – 16:00, 15 June 2026

CTG_35_1506 – Meeting Headlines

Decision, Discussion and Information Items

1. Previous Meeting's Minutes (For Decision) (**GREEN**)

The CTG reviewed the Confidential and Non-Confidential Minutes from the CTG 34X meeting and provided no objections to approving both sets of minutes.

The CTG **APPROVED** the CTG 34X Confidential and Non-Confidential Minutes.

2. Actions Log Update (For Decision) (**RED**)

The CTG **NOTED** the actions log update and **AGREED** to close **CTG 26/CONF01**, **CTG 34/01**, **CTG 33/CONF01** and **CTG 34X/03**.

3. DCC Update: Programme Update (For Information) (**AMBER**)

4G Transitional Reporting Update

The DCC provided an overview of Communication Hub (CH) swap-outs from February 2025. The DCC reported that 96% of swap-outs in May 2026 were from Long-Range Radio (LRR), Smart Metering Equipment Technical Specification 1 (SMETS1) or 2G Smart Metering Equipment Technical Specification 2 (SMETS2) CHs to 4G CHs, with minimal 4G CH to 4G CH swap-outs occurring.

The DCC discussed Trust Centre Swap Outs (TCSO) attempts and successful swap-outs. The CTG discussed the limitations of current TCSO reporting provided to CTG, and members provided feedback on reporting improvements. The DCC **AGREED** that the TCSO reporting provided to CTG should align with what is presented at the TCSO Issues Resolution Group (TIRG).

Supply Chain Update

The DCC shared the current stock levels for 2G CHs, 4G CHs and LRR CHs, noting that all stock levels are stable. There are currently no issues to the Supply Chain due to the Middle East conflict, and freight lead times remain at 44 days.

The DCC reported that October 2026 4G CHs orders are up 15% from the forecast, with deliveries stable and underway.

The CTG **NOTED** the updates and provided feedback on TCSO reporting improvements.

4. DCC Update: CH Returns Update (For Discussion) (**AMBER**)

The DCC highlighted emerging challenges with returning 2G and LRR CHs, which was expected to worsen due to the increasing 4G CH swap-outs.

The DCC outlined a proposed future process and noted that there would be a SEC workshop on 22 June to discuss this in further detail. The CTG raised concerns with commercial implications of the proposed CH returns process and asked that the DCC pick these up at the Finance Sub-Committee. The CTG **NOTED** the update and provided feedback on the proposed CH returns process.

5. DCC Update: CSAS Update (For Information) (AMBER)

The DCC presented an update to the Communication Services Availability Statement (CSAS), including Device volumes, and service end dates which are under-negotiation or have been agreed.

The CTG requested clearer information from the DCC around current contract end dates that are under extension negotiations. The DCC agreed to provide this to the CTG.

The DCC provided the swap out activity by cohort and invited feedback on the projected burndown for the SMETS1 cohorts. The CTG requested that the DCC provide the projections for the sub-cohorts and the DCC agreed to assess the feasibility of providing this to the CTG. The CTG requested that the DCC provide the Supplier reporting for certain roaming SMETS1 Devices as soon as possible and the DCC agreed to review when it could provide this information.

The CTG **NOTED** the update.

6. CTG Risks and Issues Register – Monthly Update (For Decision) (RED)

SEC Industry Operations shared a monthly update on the CTG Risks and Issues Register and confirmed that baselined changes to the Register have been incorporated into draft v33.1.

SEC Industry Operations noted R037 was escalated due to proximity to the contract end date, while R032 was downgraded due to the issuing of the CSAS.

R026 was agreed as closed as there are no current orders for 2G CHs, and R005 was agreed to be transferred to the Finance Sub-Committee.

The CTG **AGREED** to the baselining of the Risks and Issues Register draft as v34.0.

7. CTG Overall Transition Plan (OTP) and Plan-on-a-page (POAP) Update (For Decision) (AMBER)

SEC Industry Operations shared the latest versions of the CTG Overall Transition Plan (OTP) and the Plan-on-a-Page (POAP) documents, discussing the key changes issued in the accompanying paper.

The CTG **AGREED** to baseline the OTP as v1.15 and POAP as v1.15.

8. AOB (For Discussion) (CLEAR)

Future of CTG

SEC Industry Operations sought feedback from members on the future cadence and scope of CTG meetings, with consensus to maintain quarterly meetings and review the Terms of Reference (ToR) to clarify the CTG's remit.

2G Mesh CH Leaf Nodes Replacement

A CTG Member suggested industry coordination to proactively replace leaf nodes in mesh networks, and Suppliers agreed to raise the topic internally and discuss at the next CTG meeting in September.

VWAN Consultation

The CTG discussed the scope of the VWAN consultation, and SEC Industry Operations agreed to circulate the consultation link and determine which SEC Sub-Committee should address the topic.

[Post-Meeting Note: SEC Industry Operations circulated the [DESNZ VWAN consultation](#) on 16 June 2026 via email.]

Next Meeting Date: 28 September 2026