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MP167B ‘Review of SEC documents (DCC Internal Systems change governance)’

June 2023 Working Group – meeting summary

Attendees

Attendee	Organisation
Rachel Black (RBI)	Gemserv
Kev Duddy (KD)	Gemserv
Bradley Baker (BB)	Gemserv
Rainer Lischetzki (RL)	Gemserv
Abhijit Pal (AP)	DCC
Christopher Thompson (CT)	DCC
David Walsh (DW)	DCC
Tom Rothery (TR)	DCC
Julie Brown (JB)	British Gas
Beth Davey (BD)	Calvin Capital
Alex Hurcombe (AH)	EDF
Sharon Armitage (SA)	EON
Daniel Davies (DD)	ESG
Martin Bell (MB)	EUA
Alastair Cobb (AC)	Landis + Gyr
Rachael Prosser (RP)	National Grid
Joey Manners (JM)	Octopus Energy
Ralph Baxter (RB)	Octopus Energy
Jamie Flaherty (JF)	Ofgem
Audrey Smith-Keary (ASK)	OVO
Mahfuzar Rahman (MRa)	Scottish Power
Nik Wills	Stark
Shuba Khatun (SK)	SSEN
Kevin Clark (KC)	Utilita

Overview

The Smart Energy Code Administrator and Secretariat (SECAS) provided an overview of the issue identified, and the Proposed Solution.

MP167 Issue

- Smart Energy Code (SEC) Sections, clauses and subsidiary documents have been identified as no longer applicable to the Code.
- This included SEC Section T 'Testing During Transition'.
- The SEC Sub-Committee Chairs have requested that obligations are in place to ensure satisfactory testing is carried out for Data Communications Company (DCC)-led programmes and projects outside of SEC Modifications.

Proposed Solution

- In the case where the DCC initiates projects and programmes that potentially impact DCC Users, the DCC shall adhere to the Programme Assurance Policy except projects and programmes that are non-SEC impacting.
- The DCC shall co-operate with the Panel in planning and implementing DCC projects and programmes.
- If the DCC disagrees with the Panel on any changes made to the Programme Assurance Policy, the DCC may refer the matter to the Authority for determination.

Programme Assurance Policy

- It sets out the framework and processes for SEC involvement and oversight in DCC initiated projects and programmes that have the potential to impact DCC Users.
- The purpose of the policy is to provide the Panel with the necessary framework and processes to allow it to discharge its role in providing assurance of DCC Programmes; helping to support successful programme delivery to the maximum benefit of SEC Parties.
- Scope: Any programme or project initiated by the DCC that has the potential to impact SEC DCC Users should progress in accordance with the policy.

Working Group Discussion

SECAS (BB) provided an overview of the issue and the Proposed Solution.

SECAS informed the Working Group that the next steps would be to update the Modification Report ahead of the Refinement Consultation, scheduled for June 2023. Depending on the consultation responses, SECAS will then present the modification to the Change Sub-Committee (CSC) under the recommendation that it proceeds to the Report Phase. The Working Group provided no comments.

Next Steps

The following actions were recorded from the meeting:

- SECAS to update the Modification Report, and
- SECAS to issue the Refinement Consultation.