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MP211 'Aligning the SMI with the CPL'

December 2022 Working Group – meeting summary

Attendees

Attendee	Organisation
Ali Beard (AB)	SECAS
Rachel Black (RB)	SECAS
Mike Fenn (MF)	SECAS
Ben Giblin (BG)	SECAS
Joey Manners (JM)	SECAS
Elizabeth Woods (EW)	SECAS
Mark Pitchford (MP)	DCC
David Rollason (DR)	DCC
Robin Seaby (RS)	DCC
Christopher Thompson (CT)	DCC
David Walsh (DW)	DCC
Patricia Massey (PM)	BEAMA
Julie Brown (JB)	British Gas
Emma Johnson (EJ)	Centrica
Steve Blackler (SBlac)	E Gas & Electricity
Alex Hurcombe (AH)	EDF
Daniel Davies (DD)	ESG Global
Martin Bell (MB)	EUA
Craig Biffen (CB)	EUA
Gemma Slaney (GS)	National Grid Electricity Distribution
Stuart Blair (SB)	Northern Power Grid
Ralph Baxter (RB)	Octopus
Jamie Flaherty (JF)	Ofgem
Audrey Smith-Keary (ASK)	Ovo Energy
Mahfuzar Rahman (MR)	Scottish Power
Shuba Khatun (SK)	SSE
Luke Brady (LB)	Vantage Meters

Overview

The Smart Energy Code Administrator and Secretariat (SECAS) provided an overview of the issue identified, impact, Assessment of Change, Refinement Consultation responses, updates of the current status of the modification and next steps.

Issue

- The policy intent is that the DCC should only communicate with Devices that are 'current' on the Central Products List (CPL)
- The SEC caters for 'suspending' Devices if the Device Model is marked as removed on the CPL

Impact

- Suppliers could be responsible for Devices with unauthorised firmware
- Potential security vulnerabilities could be introduced

Assessment of Change

- **Impacted Parties**
 - DCC
 - Suppliers
 - Network Parties
- **Costs**
 - Approximate Design, Build & PIT cost of £50,000 - £150,000
 - FIA cost of £10,143
- **Target Release**
 - November 2023 SEC Release
- **Benefits**
 - Improve safety and security

Refinement Consultation responses

- **Key Comments**
 - Large majority of respondents agreed with Solution Option B
 - Most agreed modification should be approved
 - Minimal costs incurred for Parties
 - Improved safety and security for consumers
 - Although some Devices will be uncommunicable, would still allow the consumer to continue to receive energy supply

- This change would make the smart metering infrastructure more secure.

Updates for the Working Group

- SECAS is working with The Proposer to assess the Security risk
- Impact Assessment Costs re-requested for approval at December 2022 Change Board

Working Group Discussion

SECAS (EW) provided an overview of the issue identified, impact, Assessment of Change, Refinement Consultation responses, updates of the current status of the modification and next steps.

SECAS (EW) noted that following feedback at the last Change Board, this modification has been discussed with TABASC which confirmed there is no interest from architectural point of view. The SSC Chair has provided background of the issue and Security risk to concerned Parties.

This modification will return to Change Board to request approval of the Impact Assessment costs. SECAS will return to the Working Group after the Impact Assessment returns to provide an update to members.

Working Group members noted the update and had no comments at this time.

Next Steps

The following actions were recorded from the meeting:

- SECAS will present the modification at the next Change Board to request approval of the Impact Assessment costs.
- SECAS will return to the Working Group after the Impact Assessment returns to provide an update.