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MP215 ‘Communications Hub Ordering and Forecasting’

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
Leigh Hill (LH)	DCC
Mark Pitchford (MP)	DCC
David Rollason (DR)	DCC
Christopher Thompson (CT)	DCC
David Walsh (DW)	DCC
Eleanor Taylor (ET)	BEIS
Julie Brown (JB)	British Gas
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 (RBa)	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 a summary of the issue and impacts, business requirements, Proposed Solution and legal text.

Working Group Discussion

A member (RBa) queried if the business requirements had been signed off by the Supply Chain Working Group (SCWG). SECAS (MF) advised that the DCC recommended the approach and the SCWG has not objected to it. The DCC (LH) advised that they have presented this to the SCWG and have received no negative feedback. The member (RBa) highlighted the importance of SCWG endorsement of this modification. The DCC (LH) agreed and advised that the next SCWG meeting is due to be held on 19 January 2023.

A member (ET) advised that the Working Group has not treated the SCWG as a formal decision-making group in the past and queried why this was the case for MP215. The member (RBa) advised that it is a semi-formal group but is made up of experts on supply chain issues and would be well-informed on the topic being discussed.

SECAS (MF) acknowledged these comments and advised that during the Refinement Consultation SECAS would request input on responses from individuals engaged in Communications Hub ordering and deployment. SECAS (AB) suggested that SECAS also gather feedback from the SCWG during the Refinement Consultation, as the deadline will not be until after the SCWG meeting in January 2023. The DCC (LH) advised they would add it to the agenda.

The DCC (LH) shared slides from the SCWG which showed red/amber/green statuses for potential risks to the supply chain over the past five months. The DCC (LH) asked if the information provided would meet the requirement for the DCC to provide reporting on supply chain risks. SECAS (MF) advised that as this requirement was requested by the Operations Group (OPSG) this would be discussed further at the next OPSG meeting.

SECAS (MF) noted that the next steps for this modification will depend on the inclusion of providing additional supply chain risk reporting, as to deliver this would require DCC System impacts and the relevant assessments.

SECAS (AB) asked the Working Group if they agree that the reporting looks sufficient. No comments were received from the Working Group. SECAS (AB) advised that they would share these slides when the meeting summaries are sent out to the members.

Next Steps

The following actions were recorded from the meeting:

- SECAS (MF) and the DCC to engage with the SCWG for its views on the proposed approach.
- SECAS and the DCC to discuss the reporting requirement with the OPSG and the SCWG.