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Operations Group Meeting 129_1211

12 November 2024, 9:20 – 13:30

Meeting Headlines

At every meeting, the OPSG will focus on cross-industry matters that affect, or have the potential to affect, multiple Smart Energy Code (SEC) Parties. This month, the OPSG meeting included the following discussions (referenced by agenda item number):

3. Issues Review (SECAS): SECAS provided an update on the incorrect DNO security certificates issue and noted that the number had now breached 1% threshold across the industry once more. The OPSG Chair requested that Suppliers focus on working through these in order to resolve them. The DCC provided an update on non-communicating devices and the OPSG discussed concerns regarding the reporting, including a gap with non-communicating GSMs. The DCC agreed to provide a footnote in the report, to represent the gap and that it is being worked on.

4. DCC Operational Update (DCC): The DCC presented the impacts and root causes of the two Category 2 Major Incidents that occurred in October 2024. The DCC noted that they were both as a result of change and were attributed to human error. The DCC provided a summary on Rolling Major Incidents, highlighting that everything that could have a risk of causing an outage would be implemented within a high impact maintenance window. The DCC stated the network performance for October has remained stable from the previous month in terms of Prepayment SMETS1 and SMETS2.

5. CSPN Scaling & Optimisation (DCC): The DCC presented an update on the CSPN Radio Network Interface (RNI) Software version CB7 deployment Planned Maintenance derogation, noting that the content has not changed, only the date has changed, to 8 March 2025. The OPSG raised concerns around any last-minute change of dates and the impact of pausing firmware downloads for up to five days ahead of the change being implemented. The DCC advised that it had its contingency dates which were weeks ahead and would provide updates to OPSG if any further delays were going to occur.

6. DCO Update (DCC): The DCC provided an update on the DCO Programme, stating that the final business case had been submitted to DESNZ in October 2024 and that the FBC would be on track to be shared with industry at the SEC Panel meeting on 26 November 2024. The DCC advised that it would provide OPSG with a more detailed implementation plan once it had progressed further in December 2024. The OPSG noted the update.

7. MP273 – DCC Users to provide demand forecasting (DCC): The DCC presented an update noting the submission process SEC Parties would need to use. The OPSG highlighted that it did not believe that the proposed solution was addressing the problem statement which is more focused on unpredictable network capacity demands from Other Users. The OPSG Chair noted that MP273 would be taken to Panel at the next SEC Panel meeting on 26 November 2024 for further discussion as there are a number of related issues being progressed by other SEC Sub-Committees.

8. Work Package: Q2 2024/25 Look Back and Q4 2024/25 Look Forward (SECAS): SECAS presented the update highlighting that OPSG's SECAS resource costs came under budget for Q3 2024/2025 and expected to be under budget again for Q4 2024/2025. The OPSG endorsed the Q4 2024/25 look forward.

9. AOB:

10 December – in-person OPSG followed by Sub-Committee social: The OPSG Chair reminded Members of the upcoming in-person meeting on 10 December 2024 and the Sub-Committee social event occurring after the meeting.

14 November (11:30-13:00) - MP241 'Interoperability Checker Update' meeting: SECAS reminded Members of the upcoming 14 November 2024 meeting being held to discuss MP241, recommending Members attend if they are available.

Next Meeting: 25 November 2024; Next in person Meeting: 10 December 2024