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Operations Group Meeting 166

22 June 2026, 12:30 – 15:40

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.

Decision, Discussion, and Information Items

1. Previous Meeting Minutes: (For Decision) (**GREEN**)

The OPSG **NOTED** there were comments to be addressed from a member and **APPROVED** minutes for OPSG 165 on the proviso that no further comments are received.

2. Install and Commission Metrics Workshop: (For Discussion) (**GREEN**)

The DCC **REQUESTED FEEDBACK** on its proposal to introduce a new metric to measure Install and Commissions (I&C) success to enable consistent reporting across all Industry Forums and internal Senior Leadership engagement. The OPSG **NOTED** that the DCC should ensure the metric reflects the real engineer on-site experience and requested the DCC include reporting on E20 (DCC Systems cannot establish communications with Device) Alerts to supplement its recommendations.

The OPSG **AGREED** that the appropriate metric for all Forums Service Request Variants (SRV) CH Success could be classified as:

- Birth to SRV 8.11, rather than Job Status Report
- Meter commissioning post 8.11 within 30 mins, and;
- delayed Birthing where 8.11 is birthed with E20 message and later commissioned; e.g.; SRV 8.11 (Update HAN Device Log) / SRV 8.12.1 (Restore HAN Device Log) should be used represented by the SRVs 8.14.x (CH Status Update).

3. 2/3G and LRR Comms Hub Returns

Communications Hub Returns workshop proposed SEC amendments (For Decision) (**AMBER**)

The DCC proposed amendments to the rights and obligations related to 2/3G and Long-Range Radio CHs within the SEC. The OPSG **REQUESTED** the DCC bring the legal text to its 14 July meeting and provide supporting evidence to demonstrate the benefits and impacts of the proposed changes to the code.

2/3G and LRR Comms Hub Returns (For Decision) (GREEN)

The DCC presented the OPSG with a set of options to mitigate the handling of accumulated CH returns. The OPSG **NOTED** a clear preference for options 4 & 5, being interim storage provided by the DCC and procurement of a disposal partner and requested that the DCC progress these options.

The OPSG **NOTED** the update.

4. 2G North: (For Decision) (AMBER)

The OPSG Chair provided an update on the progress of the decommissioning and removal of 2G CHs in the North region. The OPSG Chair noted the cautious approach and preparatory support from Industry had facilitated a successful process with no major detriment recorded to Consumers.

The OPSG **NOTED** the update.

5. Any Other Business (AOB): (For Discussion) (CLEAR)

The OPSG **NOTED** the amended date of the OPSG 167 meeting (14 July 2026) and the potential clash with the DCC Business Strategy and Technology Roadmap (BSTR) session.

The DCC provided an update to OPSG163/03 action and invited OPSG members to attend the Virtual WAN (VWAN) subgroup meeting on 26 June.

An OPSG member **NOTED** a recent email from the DCC in relation to SMETS1 Prepayment Meters should be recalled, the DCC **AGREED** to prioritise this and communicate with Industry.

The OPSG **NOTED** the update.

Next Meeting: 14 July 2026