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SEC Change Board Meeting 70_2709 rescheduled

27 September 2022, 11:00– 11:40

Teleconference

SECCB_70_2709 - Final Minutes

Attendees:

Category	Change Board Members
Change Board Chair	David Kemp (DK)
Large Suppliers	David Rodger (DR)
	Emma Johnson (EJ)
	Emslie Law (EL)
	Robert Johnstone (RJ)
	Sharon Armitage (SA)
	Alex Hurcombe (AH)
Small Suppliers	Daniel Davies (DD) (<i>Alternate for Carolyn Burns</i>)
Network Parties	Paul Fitzgerald (PF) (<i>Alternate for Gemma Slaney</i>)
	Stephen Charlton (SC)
	Andy Clasper (ACI)
Other SEC Parties	Alastair Cobb (ACo)
	Ian Lovett (IL) (<i>Alternate for Mike Woodhall</i>)
Consumers	Ed Rees (ER)
Representing	Other Participants
Data Communications Company (DCC)	Tom Rothery (TR)
SECAS	Mike Fenn (MF)
	Rebecca Sawyer (RS)
	Rachel Black (RB) (<i>Meeting Secretariat</i>)

Apologies:

Representing	Participant
Small Suppliers	Gareth Evans
	Carolyn Burns
Network Parties	Gemma Slaney
Other SEC parties	Mike Woodhall
	Patrick Caiger-Smith

1. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The Meeting Secretary (RB) informed the Change Board that no comments were received on the minutes from the previous Change Board meeting held on Wednesday 24 August 2022. The Change Board agreed the changes and **APPROVED** the minutes as final.

2. Actions Outstanding

Action Reference	Action
67/01	SECAS and the DCC to ensure that the relevant DCC guidance documents are prepared and proactively circulated to Users suitably in advance of the SSI and MP109 changes being implemented The DCC provided an update regarding the latest Anomaly Detection Threshold (ADT) User guidance, which has been approved by the Design Release Forum but still needs to be reviewed by the Security Sub-Committee (SSC). The guidance will be published on the Self-Service Interface (SSI) and a DCC SharePoint location available to all Users. The first iteration notifying of the upcoming changes related to MP109 and the delivery method will be published on 6 October 2022. The final version with all the new live SharePoint process will be published again to both SSI and SharePoint on 3 November 2022 in line with the SEC Release. This action is still in progress and will remain open. Following publication of the guidance and it being circulated to Users, the action may be closed. Status: Open
68/01	SECAS to work with Ofgem and other Codes to look at the Code change landscape and consider any lessons to be learnt for the future SECAS raised this for discussion with Ofgem and the other Code Administrators and Managers at the September 2022 Code Administration Code of Practice (CACoP) Forum meeting. Members will provide feedback and input at the next Forum meeting in October 2022. Status: Open
69/01	SECAS to provide clarity on what guidance has been produced for the MP125 solution, and what further guidance will be produced prior to go-live

Action Reference	Action
	No guidance has been produced on MP125 as the DCC and SECAS don't believe it needs any. If DCC Users would like guidance they should specify what areas need to be covered. It would need to be incorporated into DCC owned guidance and published on the DCC website with other such guidance for consistency. Status: Closed.
69/02	The DCC to provide clarity on how the Enhanced Self-Service (ESS) changes overlap with the MP176 changes, and how this may affect the MP176 implementation costs The DCC has confirmed that there is no overlap and no overlapping implementation costs and the Action was Proposed for Closure. A Change Board member (EL) asked for clarification on whether the SSI changes will be included under MP176, or if it will be delivered under a different programme. The member noted that under the elective services, the DCC has received some funding to pilot some enhanced self-service options. However, the DCC had said this work had been included under MP176, but discussions at the last Working Group meeting seemed to disagree with this. The Chair left the action open to allow SECAS (MF) and the member (EL) to discuss this in more detail with the DCC to ensure clarity that this work and MP176 is aligned. An update will be provided at the next Change Board meeting. Status: Open

3. Change Board Votes

MP129 'Allowing the use of CNSA variant for ECDSA'

The Change Board was invited to perform the final vote on [MP129 'Allowing the use of CNSA variant for ECDSA'](#).

There has been a delay between the Modification Report Consultation concluding and the modification being brought to Change Board as during the consultation period it was noted that some further clarification was needed around the legal text and there was some outdated referencing. This has now been updated and validated with the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) and the Technical Specification Issue Resolution Subgroup (TSIRS).

A Change Board member (IL) enquired over the rationale for the view set out by SECAS that this modification will not impact Devices. SECAS (MF) confirmed that the Critical Command will remain the same as the only change is to the algorithm which generates the secret number, therefore the actual content of the message itself will not be changed. SECAS agreed to share the outcome of the TSIRS review of the changes with the Change Board member.

A Change Board member (DD) asked if further modifications would be required to enable Parties in general and the Data Service Provider (DSP) in particular to switch to using a different variant of the algorithm. SECAS (MF) confirmed that MP129 clarifies Parties are free to use either the Great Britain Companion Specification (GBCS) variant or the Commercial National Security Algorithm (CNSA) Suite variant and that it is the responsibility of the individual Party to make any internal changes required for switching.

The Change Board agreed to proceed to vote, and the voting outcome is shown below:

Party Category	Approve	Reject	Abstain	Conclusion
Large Suppliers	6	0	0	Approve
Small Suppliers	1	0	0	Approve
Network Parties	3	0	0	Approve
Other SEC Parties	2	0	0	Approve
Consumers	1	0	0	Approve
Overall conclusion:				Approve

The view of the Change Board is that MP129 will better facilitate SEC Objective (g)¹ for the reasons given by the Proposer in the Modification Report.

The Change Board:

- **AGREED** that this Modification Proposal should proceed to vote
- **AGREED** the Modification Proposal be **APPROVED** under Self-Governance, and;
- **PROVIDED** rationale for this decision against the General SEC Objectives

There will now be 10 Working Days for any SEC Party who wishes to refer the Change Board's decision to the Change Sub-Committee (CSC). This referral period will close at **5pm on Tuesday 11 October 2022**. If no referrals are notified, the decision will be final and MP129 will be implemented in the November 2022 SEC Release

MP212 'Housekeeping Changes 2022'

The Change Board was invited to perform the final vote on [MP212 'Housekeeping Changes 2022'](#).

There were no comments and the Change Board proceeded to vote. The voting outcome is shown below:

Party Category	Approve	Reject	Abstain	Conclusion
Large Suppliers	6	0	0	Approve
Small Suppliers	1	0	0	Approve
Network Parties	3	0	0	Approve
Other SEC Parties	2	0	0	Approve
Consumers	1	0	0	Approve
Overall conclusion:				Approve

The view of the Change Board is that MP212 will better facilitate SEC Objective (a)² for the reasons given by the Proposer in the Modification Report.

The Change Board:

- **AGREED** that this Modification Proposal should proceed to vote

¹ facilitate the efficient and transparent administration and implementation of this Code

² facilitate the efficient provision, installation, and operation, as well as interoperability, of Smart Metering Systems at Energy Consumers' premises within Great Britain

- **AGREED** the Modification Proposal be **APPROVED** under Self-Governance, and;
- **PROVIDED** rationale for this decision against the General SEC Objectives

There will now be 10 Working Days for any SEC Party who wishes to refer the Change Board's decision to the Change Sub-Committee (CSC). This referral period will close at **5pm on Tuesday 11 October 2022**. If no referrals are notified, the decision will be final and MP212 will be implemented in the November 2022 SEC Release

4. 2023 Change Board Meeting Dates

SECAS (RB) requested that the Change Board agree the 2023 Change Board meeting dates.

There were no comments, and the Change Board **AGREED** the 2023 meeting dates.

5. Any Other Business

There was no further business, and the Chair closed the meeting.

Next scheduled meeting date: 26 October 2022