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SECMP0003 ‘Deficiencies in the Service Request for setting Maximum Demand Configurable Time’

27th October 2016

Meeting 5 Final Minutes

Attendees:

Working Group 1 Member	Organisation
Mark Pitchford (SECMP0002 Proposer)	Npower
Tim Newton (SECMP0005 Proposer)	EON
Emslie Law (SECMP0006 Proposer)	SSE
Chris Spence	EDF Energy
Marc Bowden	In Home Displays

Representing	Other attendees
DCC	Stuart Scott
	Jon Kearney
SECAS	Sebastian Rattansen (Chair)
	Urszula Thorpe (Technical Support)
	Sasha Townsend (Meeting Secretary)

1. Working Group views on preferred testing approach

SECAS informed the WG Members that a paper will be presented to the SEC Panel during their November 2016 meeting¹, to facilitate discussion on the development of principles for modification testing in Releases. These principles are in relation to the user testing requirements for each modification, following their approval and prior to their implementation, including testing tools and phases. It was highlighted that the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) consultation, issued on 22nd September 2016, includes a set of changes to explicitly add the development of testing requirements in to the Modification Process. The paper will expand on the conclusions of this consultation and will consider a number of approaches to testing. In order to assist Panel considerations, SECAS sought input from the WG Members.

The WG Members discussed enduring testing environments and the obligations surrounding user testing. It was suggested that the Smart Metering Device Assurance could be utilised for Modification Proposals. Whilst noting that the general view of the WG Members was that user testing should not be obligatory if the modifications do not impact the Change of Supplier (CoS) process, it was agreed that members should discuss this further with their respective testing experts and provide feedback ex-committee.

ACTION WG1_05/01: WG Members to feedback to their testing experts and provide necessary feedback.

2. SECMP0003: 'Deficiencies in the Service Request for setting Maximum Demand Configurable Time'

2.1 Withdrawal

SECAS informed the WG that the Proposer of SECMP0003 had stated that they wished to withdraw the modification, in accordance with the provisions in SEC Section D5.1. This was due to the charges to make the change (informed through the DCC PA) and, due to the modification's likely implementation date, the reduced number of meters that will be mandated to support the new Service Request. As a result, the Proposer and Distribution Network Operators (DNOs) cannot identify benefits that would justify the cost.

SECAS advised that this decision will be communicated to all SEC Parties and a ten Working Day window for Parties to adopt the modification, in accordance with SEC Section D5.4, will follow.

¹ Post meeting note: This paper will now be presented to the SEC Panel during their December 2016 meeting.