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## SECMP0005 ‘Add Tariff and Register Labels in SMETS2 Devices’

**27<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

### Meeting 4 Final Minutes

**Attendees:**

| Working Group 1 Member              | Organisation     |
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| 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                    |
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| 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 meeting<sup>1</sup>, 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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. SECMP0005: ‘Add Tariff and Register Labels in SMETS2 Devices’

### 2.1 Working Group’s consideration of Preliminary Assessment

The WG reviewed the DCC Preliminary Assessment (PA) for this modification with the aim to get in a position to request a DCC Impact Assessment (IA). It was noted that the same clarifications had been discussed for SECMP0002 “Add new Command to reset Debt Registers”, and it was agreed that the similar amendments should be made to the SDD for SECMP0005.

### 2.2 TABASC concerns

A concern raised by the TABASC in relation to supporting the old and proposed new Use Cases in conjunction, was highlighted to the group. It was noted that TABASC strongly suggested that the old Use Case be dropped to help maintain stability and to avoid unnecessary cost and complexity for the Parties involved. It was also highlighted that supporting the old Use Case goes against BEIS policy intent and contradicts previous Issue Resolution Processes (IRPs).

Potential issues surrounding the old Use Case and CoS were also discussed. It was highlighted that if a new supplier, who does not support the new version of Service Requests, gains a meters and sets new Tariffs without labels, the old supplier’s Tariff would be overwritten with the new supplier’s Tariff but the old supplier’s labels would remain. This applies to both ESMEs and GSMEs. The DCC noted

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

that this could also cause error messages, as the meter does not recognise that a CoS event has definitely occurred.

A WG Member noted that they wish to confirm their organisations views ex-committee prior to any further considerations. The WG also discussed a potential solution in that the DCC would support both versions of Service Request (SR) 1.1.1. On receipt of this SR, the DCC would check whether the meter supports tariff and price labels, and choose the Great Britain Companion Specifications (GBCS) version of the Command which the device supports. If the supplier sends a previous version SR1.1.1, and the meter supported tariff and price labels, the DCC would create the new GBCS Command leaving tariff and price labels blank. This Command, when sent to the meter would then clear any labels that may be left on a device from the previous supplier. The DCC highlighted that as ESC01/GSC01 are Critical Commands, and any deviation between the SR and corresponding Pre-Command would be picked up by the Correlate software. As such material changes to Parse and Correlate (P & C) would be required to support this option. The Proposer also highlighted that Export Tariffs had not been considered in the scope of this modification and suggested that this be discussed further. The WG therefore agreed to reconvene to discuss these matter further, prior to requesting a DCC Impact Assessment.

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| <p><b>ACTION WG1_05/04(SECMP5):</b> WG Member to confirm EDF Energy's position on proposed solution.</p> |
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| <p><b>ACTION WG1_05/05(SECMP5):</b> SECAS to arrange additional WG meeting to consider solution to TABASC concerns.</p> |
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