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SECMP0006 ‘Specifying the number of digits for device displays’

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. SECMP0006: 'Specifying the number of digits for device displays'

2.1 Update on BEIS clarification

Prior to the WG meeting, SECAS circulated an email from the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) clarifying the BEIS policy intent regarding Smart Metering Equipment Technical Specification (SMETS) and device displays.

It was noted that SMETS currently requires the meter to display the same value as what is recorded in the consumption/import register. However, this does not currently align with the SMETS1 or SMETS2 meters already being installed or manufactured. SECAS advised that BEIS are going to change SMETS to reflect existing meter designs. The WG requested sight of the email communication from BEIS confirming that this change will be made.

ACTIONWG1_05/06(SECMP6): SECAS to circulate further BEIS email confirming changes will be made to SMETS in order to clarify intent regarding meter displays.

2.2 Next steps

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

SECAS advised that they will now draft the WG Consultation document and necessary legal text. This will be circulated to the WG for review prior to the consultation being issued².

² Post meeting note: due to time required to draft and review the legal text for SECMP0006, the WG Consultation document is targeted for WG's review in early December 2016.