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SEC Panel Meeting 102

09:30 – 13:00, 18 March 2022

SECP_102_1803 – Meeting Headlines

Decision, Discussion and Information Items

1. Minutes and Actions Outstanding (For Information)

The Panel noted that the minutes from the February Panel meeting had been approved ex-committee. The Security Sub-Committee Chair also provided an update on Use Case 004, as requested by a Panel member. The Panel **NOTED** the update and **AGREED** that all actions marked as Propose to Close could be closed.

2. DCC Technical Refresh Programme (For Decision) (GREEN)

The DCC presented its request to utilise the schedule for High Impact Window (HIW) maintenance releases in the remainder of the year to complete the 2022 tech refresh programme of work. This schedule has been reviewed and baselined at the Operations Group (OPSG) meeting on 8 March 2022.

The Panel **ENDORSED** the recommendation agreed with OPSG members on 8 March for DCC to utilise the schedule for HIW maintenance releases in the remainder of the year to complete the 2022 tech refresh programme of work.

3. DCC Network Transition and Sunset (For Information) (AMBER)

The DCC provided context for the network transition and sunset challenges, and presented its follow-up engagement with customers. The Panel queried several areas and asked for the DCC to provide answers to its questions when possible. The Panel **NOTED** the update.

4. Faster Switching – Readiness Review approach (For Decision) (GREEN)

SECAS provided the Panel with an overview of the proposed approach and timeline for reviewing and considering the readiness of the Faster Switching service. The Panel **NOTED** the contents of this paper and **ENDORSED** the approach and timeline.

5. Monitoring and Assurance of DCC Services Project Brief (For Decision) (GREEN)

SECAS sought Panel approval for a project for the Monitoring and Assurance of DCC Services, and Panel recommendation to the SECCo Board to approve the proposed project budget. The OPSG reviewed the Project Brief and subsequently agreed to recommend the scope of the project at its meeting on 8 March 2022. The OPSG had no comments or feedback on the Project Brief.

The Panel **DISCUSSED** the proposal, and **APPROVED** the scope of this project as set out in the Monitoring and Assurance of DCC Services Project Brief and **AGREED** to recommend the project to the SECCo Board for release of funds, but only up until the Project Initiation phase. Once the Project Initiation Document (PID) is available, the Panel will consider the remainder of the project.

6. Operational Performance Regime Approach 2022 – DCC Engagement (For Information) (GREEN)

SECAS provided details of its approach for the assessment of DCC engagement in accordance with the Ofgem Operational Performance Regime (OPR) guidance, published March 2021. The Panel **NOTED** the contents of this paper and had no feedback on the approach set out.

7. Market-wide Half Hourly Settlement Update (For Information) (GREEN)

SECAS updated the Panel with progress made under the Market-wide Half Hourly Settlement (MHHS) programme, and the associated SEC Modification, [MP162 'SEC changes required to deliver MHHS'](#). The Panel **NOTED** the update set out in this paper and **PROVIDED** feedback.

8. SMDA Scheme Coverage (For Information) (GREEN)

The Smart Metering Device Assurance (SMDA) Scheme Operator presented the Panel with further detail regarding SMDA, following questions raised at the last SEC Panel Meeting. The SMDA set out responses to questions around where SMDA sits within the wider device testing programmes of Suppliers and the DCC, as well as SMDA's coverage against SMETS2 requirements. The Panel **NOTED** the update.

9. CPA Security Characteristics Project Brief (For Decision) (AMBER)

SECAS sought Panel approval of the additional work required to be undertaken on the Commercial Product Assurance (CPA) Security Characteristics (SC's). SECAS also sought Panel recommendation to the SECCo Board that the funds be released and a contract variation be agreed with the third-party provider. The Panel **NOTED** the paper and **RECOMMENDED** to the Board that the funds be released and a contract variation be agreed with the third-party provider.

10. Other User Comments on the Privacy Controls Framework (For Discussion) (AMBER)

SECAS provided the Panel with the comments raised by Other User 'Q' in response to the consultation on the current version of the Privacy Controls Framework, which closed on 4 February 2022. The comments were received after the closing date. The Panel **NOTED** the contents of this paper, **CONSIDERED** the comments provided by Other User 'Q' and the views of the User IPA, and **AGREED** that no changes are required to the SEC or the Privacy Controls Framework as a result of the comments provided by Other User 'Q'.

Privacy Change Notification Requests - Update (For Information) (RED)

SECAS (JH) provided the Panel with an overview of the recent Privacy Change Notification Requests SECAS has received from Other Users and their status. The Panel **NOTED** the contents of this paper.

11. Other User Charging Update (For Decision) (AMBER)

At SECCo Board meeting 99, SECAS presented a paper investigating how much work is generated by Other Users and the Board agreed that SECAS should investigate options for charging Other Users. SECAS presented its and the DCC's analysis of the current SEC arrangements and details of Services accessed by Other Users, and recommended that a SEC Modification is raised. The Panel **AGREED** that before raising a SEC Modification, SECAS should develop principles against which charging could be introduced.

12. Other SEC Party Feedback (For Decision) (AMBER)

SECAS informed the SEC Panel of recent correspondences received from an Other SEC Party relating to SEC Panel's role in innovation, and requested agreement on the suggested content of the formal response to the Party. The Panel **NOTED** the contents of this paper and **AGREED** the suggested content in section 4 of the paper to be included in Panel's formal response to the Party, with the

additional ask about what the Party would suggest the Panel could do differently, and reference to 'proper governance *and security* processes'; and instruct the Panel Chair to respond to the Party concerned.

13. MP182 'Improving transparency of election results' Solution Feedback (For Discussion)

SECAS informed the Panel that [MP182 'Improving Transparency of Election Results'](#) is currently undergoing the Refinement Process, and if the Proposed Solution is implemented then it will impact all elections under the SEC, including SEC Panel elections. Therefore, SECAS sought the Panel's views on the Proposed Solution. The Panel **PROVIDED** views on the benefits and consequences of the modification and **PROVIDED** views on the options for draft legal text.

14. Current Events of Default (For Decision) (RED)

SECAS updated the Panel on:

- Three new Parties in Event of Default;
- The status of existing Events of Default;
- The insolvent Suppliers; and
- SECAS's recommendation to expel two Parties from the SEC.

The Panel **NOTED** the update, and **AGREED** to SECAS' recommendations.

15. BEIS Update (For Information)

BEIS provided an update on its recent publications, forthcoming consultations, and key milestones. This included upcoming publications which may be of interest to the Panel throughout March and April 2022. The Panel **NOTED** the update.

16. DCC Update (For Information)

The DCC provided the Panel with an update on the activities undertaken by the DCC since the last Panel meeting. The Panel **NOTED** the update.

17. SEC Panel Sub-Committee Report (For Decision)

SECAS provided an update on recent activities of the SEC Panel Sub-Committees, including highlights and concerns raised by the Sub-Committees. The Panel **NOTED** the update, and **ENDORSED** the concerns raised by the Sub-Committees.

18. DCC Reporting (For Information)

SECAS provided the Panel with details of the Post Commissioning Information report as provided by the DCC. The Panel **NOTED** the updates and observations raised by the Operations Group (OPSG).

19. Operations Report (For Information)

SECAS provided the Panel with the Operations Report for February 2022, outlining the activities undertaken by the SECAS team in support of the SEC. The Panel **NOTED** the report.

20. Transitional Governance Update (For Information) (GREEN)

SECAS presented an update from the transitional governance forums and other smart metering related meetings and workshops attended by SECAS and the Panel Chair in the last month. The Panel **NOTED** the update.

21. Any Other Business (AOB)

SECAS informed the Panel that [MP149 'Effecting Changes to the Smart Energy Code efficiently'](#) had been rejected by the Authority, and SECAS will be engaging with Ofgem to further understand its rationale. SECAS then proposes to raise a further Modification.

A member suggested moving the Panel meetings from Fridays to another day, which SECAS will investigate.

SECAS noted that Ofgem is developing its thinking and planning regarding its' approach to the DCC Licence end date of 22nd September 2025. The Panel is starting to engage with Ofgem on the subject regarding any activities that it may need to undertake in readiness for the work programme, and as part of the deliverables through to completion. Ofgem will review the plan with Panel as soon as practical.

A member also raised an issue experienced with a WNC update, asking for help in finding out whether this issue is unique to their company. The Chair agreed to investigate.

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

Next Meeting Date: 14 April 2022