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SEC Panel Meeting 103

09:30 – 13:00, 14 April 2022

SECP_103_1404 – Meeting Headlines

Decision, Discussion and Information Items

0. Minutes and Actions Outstanding (For Information)

The Panel noted that the minutes from the March Panel meeting had been approved ex-committee. The Panel **NOTED** the update and **AGREED** that all actions marked as Propose to Close could be closed.

1. BEIS & Ofgem Response to Consultation on the Design and Delivery of Energy Code Reform

A late 'for information' paper was provided in response to Ofgem and BEIS publishing the response to their joint Energy Code Reform consultation on 6 April, which was made available via the meeting documentation folder [here](#). The Panel **NOTED** the update.

2. ECoS Live Services Criteria (For Decision) (GREEN)

BEIS presented an update on Enduring Change of Supplier (ECoS) Live Services Criteria. The Panel **APPROVED** the proposed criteria. BEIS will then write to the DCC, SEC Panel and Sub-Committees informing them of the criteria and proposed process.

3. Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery (BCDR) Testing (For Decision) (GREEN)

The DCC sought Panel endorsement regarding DCC's decision in relation to BCDR Testing. The Panel **ENDORSED** cancellation of the DXC Trilliant 2021 Annual BCDR Testing, and rescheduling of Data Services Provider (DSP) BCDR Test from the planned date of 24 April (Failover); 8 May (Failback) to 31 July/7 August 2022 (Failover) – 7/14 August 2022 (Failback).

4. Temporary Communications Hub Ordering and Delivery Rules – DCC Proposed Amendments (For Decision) (GREEN)

The DCC provided the Panel with details of its proposed changes to the TCHODR, and a summary of consultation responses. The Panel **AGREED** the proposed changes, noting the feedback received through industry consultation and the potential to reduce risk in the CH supply chain, and the DCC recommendation of option two, rolling 12 month forecast with 20% variance.

5. Network Evolution Programme Update (For Information) (AMBER)

The DCC provided an update on the Network Evolution programme. The Panel **NOTED** the update. The DCC will look to downgrade this item to a Green classification so it is available to SEC Parties.

6. Programme Assurance Panel Project Framework (For Decision) (GREEN)

SECAS presented a framework for how and when the SEC Panel and its Sub-Committees should interact with User-impacting DCC-led projects. The Panel **AGREED** the Panel Project Framework and **AGREED** that the PID will be presented to the Panel for approval at its May meeting.

7. Operational Performance Regime Independent Auditor (For Information) (GREEN)

SECAS updated the Panel on the tender to appoint an Independent Auditor to support the Operational Performance Regime (OPR) assessment. The Panel **NOTED** the update.

8. Faster Switching Programme – Transition Stage 2: SEC Panel Sub-Committee Review (For Decision) (AMBER)

SECAS updated the Panel on the DCC's readiness to progress to Transition Stage 2 of the Faster Switching Programme. An updated version of the paper was provided to the Panel following the SSC meeting on Thursday 13 April. The Panel **CONSIDERED** the assessments made by the TAG, OPSG and SSC and **AGREED** to recommend to DCC that the Faster Switching Transition Stage 2 can Go Live.

9. MHHS Change Request 005 - Programme Steering Group Agreed Cooperation Principles (For Decision) (GREEN)

SECAS updated the Panel with the details of the Market-wide Half Hourly Settlement (MHHS) Programme Change Request (CR) CR005 'Update the MHHS Governance Framework with Programme Steering Group (PSG) Agreed Cooperation Principles'. The Panel **DISCUSSED** observations noted within this paper and **AGREED** areas for inclusion in a response.

10. End of Regulatory Year Report (For Decision)

SECAS provided a draft of the End of Regulatory Year Report for the 2021-22 period in a confidential appendix to allow Panel review prior to wider circulation to Parties. The Panel **AGREED** the End of Regulatory Year Report for the period 2021-22. This report will be made available to SEC Parties imminently via the website and SEC newsletter.

11. Alt-HAN Update (For Information) (AMBER)

Alt-HAN provided an update on its activity, policy context for replan and revised JIP milestones, and an update on the Crowded Meter Rooms project. The Panel **NOTED** the update.

12. Strategic Working Group Update (For Decision) (GREEN)

SECAS informed the Panel of the discussions and outcomes of the last Strategic Working Group (SWG) meeting, held on Monday 4 April, and requested that the Panel provides a view on whether it would like SEC Parties to be surveyed in relation to Elective Communication Services, and to endorse the proposed approach to SWG's role in Issue Triage. The Panel **NOTED** the update provided, **AGREED** that a SEC survey should be carried out to identify the factors affecting use of ECS, whether Parties have suggestions to encourage uptake, and whether it would be helpful if the scope was expanded to Elective Services (not just Communication), dependent on Ofgem deeming it appropriate, and **ENDORSED** the approach to Issue Triaging outlined in the paper.

13. SEC Panel Meeting Schedule (For Decision)

Following discussion at SEC Panel meeting 102, SECAS presented possible alternative meeting dates for the SEC Panel's consideration. The Panel **AGREED** to move SEC Panel meetings to the fourth Tuesday of the month, **AGREED** that this change should take place from October 2022, and **AGREED** to recommend to the SECCo Board that it aligns its meetings. SECAS will present prospective dates for approval at the May Panel meeting.

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

SECAS updated the Panel on Events of Default, insolvent suppliers, and SEC Parties withdrawing 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 April and May 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 OPSG observations in relation to DCC reports delegated to them.

19. Operations Report (For Information)

SECAS provided the Panel with the Operations Report for March 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)

The Panel discussed Ofgem's rejection of [MP149 'Effecting Changes to the Smart Energy Code efficiently'](#), and agreed that SECAS should provide a paper for the May Panel meeting responding to Ofgem's concerns. After this, the Panel will consider whether to resubmit the Modification Proposal.

The Panel agreed to delegate responsibilities relating to 2G/3G to the OPSG, but to maintain close oversight of relevant issues.

SECAS informed the Panel of the resignation of one Small Supplier representative, and the Panel agreed that an interim election is not necessary as the scheduled election will take place in September.

A member raised concerns about Smart Metering not being mentioned in the BEIS Energy Paper white paper, which BEIS explained is due to this being supplier-focussed.

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

Next Meeting Date: 13 May 2022