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SEC Panel Meeting 112

9:30 – 14:10, 24 January 2023

SECP_112_2401 – Meeting Headlines

Decision, Discussion and Information Items

1. Minutes and Actions Outstanding (For Information)

The Panel reviewed the minutes from SEC Panel 111 and SECP_111X_1301 meetings and **APPROVED** them as final. The Panel **NOTED** the Actions update and **AGREED** to close all actions marked as Propose to Close except for the action **SECP110/CONF01**.

2. Scaling and Optimisation (For Decision) (GREEN)

The DCC provided the Panel with the Scaling & Optimisation (S&O) Strategic Outline Case (SOC) to inform the Panel of the solutions analysis that has been undertaken during Phase 2. The Panel **NOTED** the update and **REQUESTED** that the DCC consider BEIS feedback and return to the Panel after a BEIS decision on whether to object or not has been taken.

3. CGI Technical Refresh (For Decision) (GREEN)

The DCC provided the Panel with details of the DCC's formal request to extend the High Impact Window (HIW) maintenance release on March 21, from a 6-hour window to an 8-hour window. The Panel reluctantly **ENDORSED** the request.

3b BCDR – February Outage Request (For Decision) (GREEN)

The DCC provided the Panel with an update regarding the proposed new Secure BCDR Test Dates following the failure of these tests on 10 December. The DCC requested endorsement from the Panel on the associated new test timeline which would require a high-impact 6-hour outage window on 18 February 2023. The Panel **NOTED** the endorsement of the window by the SEC Operations Group (OPSG) and reluctantly **ENDORSED** the proposed timeline and the proposed fallback date of 18 February 2023.

4. Code Reform Call for input (For Decision) (GREEN)

SECAS provided the Panel with the draft response to the Ofgem Energy Code Reform Consultation – Call for Input. The Panel **NOTED** the update and **REQUESTED** some amendments be added to the draft response ahead of the submission deadline on 1 February 2023.

5. DCC Review: Phase 1 Consultation (For Decision) (AMBER)

SECAS provided the Panel with a summary of the workshop held on 20 December 2022 and a draft response to the Ofgem DCC review: Phase 1 Consultation. The Panel **NOTED** the update; and **APPROVED** the draft response be submitted to Ofgem by the Panel Chair rather than the Panel with presentation slides as accompanying evidence and a caveat that the response does not reflect the views of individual Panel members.

6. Communications Transition Group ToR Approval (For Decision) (GREEN)

Engage UK provided the Panel with a view of the final Terms of Reference as agreed at the SECP_111X meeting. The Panel **NOTED** the update and **APPROVED** the final Terms of Reference for publication and the set-up of the Communications Transition Group (CTG) as a new Sub-Committee.

7. SMDA Review update (For Information) (GREEN)

The Smart Metering Device Assurance (SMDA) Scheme Operator (SO) SECAS provided the Panel with information on the engagement work that has been carried out, and the timetable for costed options to be brought back to SEC Panel. The Panel **NOTED** the update.

8. SEC Panel Draft Budget (For Decision) (GREEN)

SECAS provided the SEC Panel with the updated outcome of the Draft SEC Panel Budget 2023-26 consultation and summarised the consultation responses. The Panel **DISCUSSED** the feedback and **AGREED** a response to each respondent and how it wishes to reflect on in the final budget.

9. Privacy Assessments and Change Notification Requests (For Decision) (RED)

SECAS asked the Panel to consider and set an assurance/compliance status for each DCC User that has undergone a Privacy Assessment (SEC Section 12.23). The paper presented at the meeting provided the Panel with the outcome of a Full User Privacy Assessment. The Panel **AGREED** SECAS' recommendations.

10. Asset Life Challenge Project Closure Report (For Decision)

SECAS provided the Panel with a summary of the conclusions from the recently completed Asset Life Challenge Project, sponsored by the Strategic Working Group (SWG). The Panel **NOTED** the update and **AGREED** that the project can be closed.

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

SECAS updated the Panel on Events of Default, insolvent suppliers, and SEC Parties being expelled from or withdrawing from the SEC. The Panel **AGREED** to expel the Parties from the SEC.

12. SEC Panel Issue and Risk Register (For Decision) (GREEN)

SECAS presented the Panel with an update on the SEC Panel Risks and Issues, along with any Risks that have been escalated to it by the Sub-Committees. The Panel **APPROVED** the amendments to the existing SEC Panel Risks and Issues set out in Annexes A and B respectively; **REQUESTED** SECAS consider the inclusion of two new Risks; **NOTED** that two new OPSG risks have been escalated this quarter; and **NOTED** the updates previously escalated to the Sub-Committee Risks.

13. 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. The Panel **NOTED** the update.

14. 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.

15. Transitional Governance (For Information) (GREEN)

SECAS presented a High-Level 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 from the Transitional Governance Groups and forums.

16. SEC Modification Performance Update (For Information)

The DCC provided a summary of the performance of delivering Preliminary Impact Assessments (PIAs) and Final Impact Assessments (FIAs) in 2022 and the impacts of improvements made. The Panel **NOTED** the update.

17. SEC Change Update Report (For Discussion)

SECAS provided an update on the progress of SEC Modifications and Releases and the recent and upcoming decisions of the Change Sub-Committee (CSC) under delegated authority from the Panel. The Panel **NOTED** the update and **PROVIDED** views and feedback on the Modifications raised.

18. Annual Customer Satisfaction Survey Project Brief (For Decision) (GREEN)

SECAS provided the Panel with information regarding the Annual Customer Satisfaction Survey, which is a defined requirement within the SECAS contract and sought a decision from the Panel whether to proceed. The Panel **NOTED** the contents of the Paper and **AGREED** to review progress against the feedback in the previous survey before taking a decision at the February Panel meeting.

19. SEC Panel Sub Committee Report (For Decision)

SECAS provided an update on recent activities of the SEC Panel Sub-Committees. The Panel **NOTED** the update.

20. Operations Report (For Information)

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

21. Any Other Business (AOB)

SECAS highlighted that a new consultation had been issued by Ofgem regarding OPR Guidance which is looking to amend the independent Auditor Scoring Mechanism. A proposed response will be circulated ex-Committee.

The Panel discussed a recent Energy Live News Article and **AGREED** to respond verbally.

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

Next Meeting Date: 28 February 2023