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SEC Panel Meeting 113

9:30 – 15:30, 28 February 2023

SECP_113_2802 – Meeting Headlines

Decision, Discussion and Information Items

1. Minutes and Actions Outstanding (For Information)

The Panel reviewed the minutes from SEC Panel 112 meeting 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 actions **SECP111/CONF01** and **SECP110/07**, which relates to DP218: the Panel **AGREED** to leave this action open and **REQUESTED** that a paper be brought to Panel detailing how explicit and transactional charges could be enacted.

2. DSP Preferred Option (For Decision) (**AMBER**)

The DCC provided the Panel with their formal position on the DSP options and SECAS provided a summary of the Sub Committee views. The Panel **CONSIDERED** the TABASC and OPSG assessment of the Options against Business Needs, **QUERIED** the DCC's preferred option, **REQUESTED** that the DCC articulate the value for money and benefits of the different options with associated risks, and **REQUESTED** some amendments to the draft letter, in appendix C, to the Department for Energy Sustainability and Net Zero (ESNZ), for electronic Panel approval.

3. Protecting DCC Service Policy (For Information) (**GREEN**)

The DCC provided the Panel with an overview of the Policy that DCC has developed to monitor and protect services where the Services have been compromised or are at risk of being compromised. The Panel **QUERIED** the proposed tactical solution and **NOTED** that the DCC needs to evaluate the difference between Suppliers acting in the singular and Suppliers fulfilling Services for Other Users.

4. GBCS.1 Programme Update (For Decision) (**GREEN**)

The DCC updated the Panel with amended dates to the agreed baseline Milestone Dates by swapping the order in which the EDM1 and Toshiba Comms Hub are deployed into live Service. The Panel **ENDORSED** the change in Milestone Dates, **NOTED** that the SEC Website will be updated to reflect the change, and **ENDORSED** the recommendation by OPSG to proceed with industry consultation for the First Pallet Installations for the GBCS 4.1 CH variants.

5. Proposed SEC Changes to support 4G Communications Hubs and Networks Financing Arrangements (For Decision)

SECAS provided the Panel with a summary of the DCC proposed SEC changes to support the financing arrangements for the 4G Communication Hubs and Networks (CH&N) programme. The Panel **NOTED** the update; and **APPROVED** the draft response.

6. Regulatory Changes to support 4G Communications Hub & Network Programme (For Decision) (GREEN)

SECAS provided the Panel with a summary of the DCC Consultation on SEC Changes to support the DCC 4G CH&N Programme. The Panel **NOTED** the update and **REQUESTED** that the Panel is consulted on the re-written consultation before it is sent to SEC Parties.

7. SEC Strategic Plan update (For Decision) (GREEN)

SECAS presented the updated Strategic plan to the Panel following a 6 monthly update. The Panel **APPROVED** the SEC Strategic Plan v2.2.

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

SECAS provided the SEC Panel with the updated Draft SEC Panel Budget 2023-26 following incorporation of areas agreed by SEC Panel following SEC Party consultation. The Panel **AGREED** that the Draft Budget can now be published to become the Approved Budget. This will be made available on the SEC website and issued to SEC Parties.

9. Annual Customer Satisfaction Survey – Actions Taken (For Decision) (GREEN)

SECAS presented the Panel with evidence of actions completed since the survey last year. The Panel **NOTED** the update and **REQUESTED** that SECAS present a draft Survey at the March meeting, highlighting the areas where feedback from customers would be sought together with a proposed timeframe, at which point the Panel will agree whether it should be issued.

10. SMDA November SEC Release Project Brief (For Decision) (GREEN)

SMDA provided the Panel with the changes required to SMDA test scripts to align testing to the November 2022 SEC release and to conduct a full test suite review. The Panel **NOTED** the update and **AGREED** to recommend to the SECCo Board that funding is released for this work.

11. SMDA Network Party Test Scenario Project Brief (For Decision) (GREEN)

SMDA provided the Panel with the changes required to SMDA test scripts to incorporate 14 additional test scenarios proposed by Network Parties. The Panel **NOTED** the update and **AGREED** to recommend to the SECCo Board that funding is released for this work.

12. Privacy Assessment Updates (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** to defer a decision on the FUPA until the next meeting.

13. RECCo Open Data Update (For Information) (GREEN)

RECCo provided the Panel with an update on open data consent and putting in place appropriate controls ensuring data is appropriately accessible. The Panel **NOTED** the update and **REQUESTED** RECCo return to a Panel meeting to provide an update on next steps.

14. Amendments to the SEC Modifications Working Group ToR

SECAS presented a paper inviting Panel approval of the updated Terms of Reference (ToR). The Panel **APPROVED** the Working Group Terms of Reference to be effective from 1 March 2023

15. SEC Change update report – February 2023 (For Decision)

SECAS presented an update on the recent developments in SEC Modifications. The Panel **RECOMMENDED** changes to the Priorities table and **REQUESTED** that the DCC produce an action plan to outline how changes to the ACB Rotation, required for MP165, will be achieved. The Panel **NOTED** the contents of the report.

16. DP218 RFI Responses overview (For Information)

SECAS presented an update on the modification DP218, which has been proposed to be split into two separate modifications, with separate Proposers. The Panel **RECOMMENDED** that an audit trail for each Modification is made explicit through this journey. The Panel **NOTED** the update.

17. 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.

18. ESNZ Update (For Information)

ESNZ 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.

19. 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.

20. 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.

21. Programme Assurance Reporting (For Discussion)

SECAS provided the Panel with an update on DCC's programmes progressing through the Programme Assurance Policy. The Panel **REQUESTED** a RAG rating for the items in flight and **NOTED** the update.

22. SEC Panel Sub-Committee Report

SECAS provided an update on recent activities of the SEC Panel Sub-Committees and discussed the responsibility for maintaining migrated SMETS1 CHs and who should be responsible for maintenance of Devices that have migrated but are still dormant. The Panel **NOTED** the update.

23. 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.

24. DCC reporting

SECAS provided an update on DCC reporting. The Panel **NOTED** the report.

25. Any Other Business (AOB)

The Panel noted that DCC representative, Ro Crawford will be leaving in March and Ed Hurford will join the Panel. The Panel thanked the Chair, Peter Davies for his service on the Panel and wished him well in his retirement.

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

Next Meeting Date: 28 March 2023