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SEC Panel Sub-Committee Report

1. Purpose and highlights

This paper provides the Panel with an update on recent activities from the Panel Sub-Committees, including key issues discussed, and details specific points the Sub-Committees would like to bring to the Panel's attention. The Panel is requested to note the updates and endorse the concerns raised by the Sub-Committees.

- TABASC met on 6 February, covering a wide range of technical subject matter. Updates included details from DESNZ on the Virtual WAN (VWAN) Arrangements, another from the DCC on 4G coverage and outputs from its Initial Pallet Validate Stage. The DCC provided an update on their (Data Services Provider) DSP Consultation Plan, with TABASC members requesting that the DCC return with further information on the specific DCC contacts that will be involved in the implementation of the network transition.
- At the TAG, the DCC provided the Future Service Management (FSM) Testing Approach Documents (TAD), the Test Coverage Document (TCD) and Pre-Integration Testing (PIT) Coverage Traceability Document (CTD) which were approved by the group. There were updates from the DCC on numerous programmes, including Modular DCC User Interface Specification (DUIS) and the Testing Automation Framework (TAF). DESNZ presented an overview of the VWAN arrangements, including details of governance and engagement plans, which was also noted by the TAG.
- The Operations Group met twice in January. Highlights from the meetings included an update from the DCC on the Central Service Provider North (CSPN) service improvement plan, where members noted the time it had taken for specific issues to be understood and investigated. The OPSG asked the DCC to provide its view around the current system limitations, and how and when they can be resolved, to enable the OPSG to make recommendations on the priority focus areas. The DCC provided an update on the Annual

Outage Plan which included a revised Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery (BCDR) schedule and the current Planned Maintenance Schedule dates, which the group agreed to endorse.

2. Communications Transition Group (CTG)

The CTG has met once since the previous SEC Sub-Committee Report, on 20 January 2025.

DCC Update: 4G CH&N Programme

Programme Update

The DCC presented an overview of the overall plan for the Communications Hub & Network (CH&N) Transition to 4G Communication Hubs (CHs) and provided updates on its programme risks and issues, noting an overall RAG status of Green.

LSC2 Go-Live

The DCC provided an update on the Live Service Criteria 2 (LSC) Readiness and noted the DCC are investigating an incident that occurred within Initial Pallet Validation (IPV) to ensure this does not impact LSC2 approval timeframes. The OPSG Chair requested the DCC keep the Sub-Committee Chairs informed of any potential solutions to address the issue, noting the proximity of LSC2 go-live.

ICHIS Approach for IPV

The DCC provided an update on the Intimate Communications Hubs Interface Specification (ICHIS) approach and advised the DCC are on track to meet the Joint Industry Plan (JIP) milestone of 7 February 2025.

4G Cellular Coverage Enhancement

The DCC provided an update on the scope of work for 4G coverage enhancement and the DCC progress on developing a plan as requested by CTG. CTG noted that the DCC are still investigating technical solutions and could not yet provide information on costs or contractual aspects. The CTG Chair reiterated the importance of the DCC providing a plan to CTG with associated timeframes for providing information and requested the DCC provide an assessment of how IPV installations in no coverage areas impact any proposed solutions. The CTG further requested the DCC confirm if DCC Users (who fund DCC charges i.e. bill payers) can join the Coverage Assurance working group to provide a DCC User perspective on options / solutions DCC is considering in its 4G Cellular Coverage Enhancement project.

IPV Working Group playback

The DCC provided an update on IPV and indicated that 1708 installs had been completed to date. The DCC advised that it intends to review all IPV incidents in the IPV working group scheduled for 30 January 2025, however the CTG Chair confirmed the agreed proposal to bring this forward to the IPV working group on the 23 January 2025.

4G Comms Hub OBC and Charging Review

The DCC presented an update on the DCC's 4G charging methodology review ahead of the mass rollout of 4G CHs and advised the DCC will present a final draft Outline Business Case to the CTG and SEC Panel in February 2025. The CTG noted these updates.

DCC Update: Long Range Radio Committed Term

The DCC presented an overview of the Future Connectivity Strategy with focus for CTG on the development of the Long-Range Radio Committed Term draft business case. The CTG noted the development of the committed term business case should be supported by a holistic view of wider developments by including potential DCC System changes and other relevant changes, especially in respect of connectivity related matters.

DCC Update: SMETS1 EoL

The DCC presented an update on SMETS1 End of Life (EoL) and highlighted the DCC's continued engagement with DESNZ and the options being explored to compress the timelines of the Outline Business Case submission. The DCC indicated that they intend to share a plan at CTG in February regarding details of significant dates for SMETS1 EoL. The CTG noted the update.

4G Media Handling Activities

Smart Energy Great Britain (SEGB) provided an update on bilaterals with Energy Suppliers and requested any additional Energy Suppliers interested in meeting with SEGB get in touch with them. SEGB noted they would likely hold a workshop in February to discuss engagement in 2025. The CTG noted the update.

CTG OTP Update

The CTG Chair indicated that she would be presenting an updated Overall Transition Plan (OTP) for re-baselining in February or March.

CTG Risks and Issues Register Monthly Update

The CTG noted changes made to the CTG Risks and Issues Register and agreed to the baselining of the Risk and Issues Register draft as v22.0.

CTG Factsheets

SECAS presented an update on the Factsheets and a forward-look of upcoming changes. The CTG agreed to the baselining of the Amber Factsheets as v4.6 and Green Factsheets as v2.6.

AOB

DESNZ highlighted the publication of a [‘Consultation on changes to the SEC to provide for an option that would allow short-notice ordering of 2G/3G Communications Hubs’](#), which was published on 17 January 2025.

The DCC provided an update on DCC'S Customer First Initiative and invited volunteers to sign up to the pilot program to help shape its development and provide feedback.

3. Technical Operations

3.1 TABASC Highlights

The TABASC 110 meeting was held on 6 February 2025.

The following topics were discussed:

SECAS returned to the TABASC with an update on [MP085B 'Synchronisation of Smart Meter voltage measurement periods \(meters currently installed\)'](#) and presented data detailing non-compliant Devices. The TABASC recommended that this modification be put on hold and reviewed within the next 6 – 12-month period based on the expectation that non-compliant devices will become compliant.

TSAT Effectiveness

SECAS presented information supporting Technical Specifications Applicability Table (TSAT) Effectiveness and the TABASC recommended that SECAS consider monitoring the deployed Devices by Smart Meter Equipment Technical Specification (SMETS)/Communications Hub Technical Specification (CHTS) and Great Britain Companion Specification (GBCS) versions on a quarterly basis.

Virtual WAN Arrangements Update

DESNZ presented an update on the VWAN Arrangements and the TABASC noted that they supported this project.

4G Coverage - IPV Outputs

The DCC presented an update on 4G coverage IPV Outputs and the TABASC requested that the DCC return with further information concerning coverage assurance of the IPV outputs. The TABASC noted the update.

DSP Consultation Plan

The DCC returned to the TABASC with an update on their Data Service Provider (DSP) Consultation Plan and the TABASC requested that the DCC return with further information on the specific DCC contacts that will be involved in the implementation of the network transition for Users to contact. The TABASC noted the update.

FSM: Design Update

The DCC provided an update on its FSM Design and the TABASC noted the update.

Major Incidents

The DCC returned to the TABASC with an update on Major Incidents and the TABASC noted the update.

CH Diagnostic Capabilities (LRR/2G/3G and 4G)

The DCC provided an update on Comms Hub (CH) Diagnostic Capabilities (LRR/2G/3G and 4G) and the TABASC requested that the DCC return with further information regarding the costs associated with implementing the 4G diagnostic capabilities through FSM and/or DUIS Service Requests.

Updates to the SMI to remove aged pre-notified Devices

The DCC presented an update on Action TABASC74/07 and the TABASC requested that the DCC return with guidance including a sequence diagram that demonstrates the process for refurbished CHs.

CPL Plain English Mapping

SECAS provided the TABASC with an update on Central Products List (CPL) Plain English Mapping and the TABASC noted that the document was still useful and should be maintained.

AOB

A TABASC member raised an issue as part of AOB regarding some devices returning a transposed firmware version that is not on the CPL so it becomes suspended.

3.2 TAG Highlights

The TAG met once during the last month to discuss the following topics in addition to the regular testing updates:

FSM TAD

The DCC provided the FSM Testing Approach Documents (TAD) for approval. The TAG approved the FSM TAD.

FSM TCD CTD

The DCC provided the FSM Test Coverage Document (TCD) and Pre-Integration Testing (PIT) Coverage Traceability Document (CTD) for review. The TAG approved the TCD and PIT CTD.

FSM NETMAD – USER TESTING OBLIGATIONS

The DCC provided the FSM Network Evolution Transition and Migration Approach Document (NETMAD) User Testing obligations for review. The TAG noted the update.

DSP Modular DUIS

The DCC provided an update on its proposal for Modular DCC User Interface Specification (DUIS). The TAG noted the update.

VWAN SVTAD Consultation Responses and Action Responses

The DCC presented an overview of the responses submitted by industry to the Virtual Wide Area Network (VWAN) programme SEC Variation Testing Approach Document (SVTAD) consultation. This also included details of actions taken or proposed by the DCC in response to the feedback from the consultation. The TAG approved the SVTAD and agreed that the TAG did not need to submit a separate response to the consultation.

TAF CTD

The DCC provided an update on Test Automation Framework (TAF) Coverage Traceability Document (CTD). The TAG noted the update.

June 2025 SEC Release – Change to UIT-B Testing Window

The DCC presented its proposal to reduce the User Integration Testing B (UIT-B) testing window for the June 2025 SEC Release from six weeks to two weeks. The TAG agreed to the proposed reduction.

MHHS SCTAD for CSP C&S

The DCC provided the Market-wide Half Hourly Settlement (MHHS) System Capacity Testing Approach Document (SCTAD) for Communications Service Provider Central and South (CSP C&S).

The TAG approved the SCTAD.

MP2 UIT TI Update

The DCC presented Manufacturing Pack 2 User Interface Testing (UIT) Testing Issues Report for Decision. The TAG Conditionally approved the report, on the condition that no further instances of the defects discussed were raised with the DCC by 5 February 2025 prior to final approval provided by the TAG ex-committee.

DCC Customer First Overview

The DCC presented an overview of DCC 'Customer First' for information. The TAG noted the update.

DESNZ VWAN Update

DESNZ presented an overview of the Virtual Wide Area Network (VWAN) arrangements, including details of governance and engagement plans. The TAG noted the update.

3.3 Operations Group Highlights

The Operations Group met twice in January. The topics covered included the following:

SEC Panel Reports – December 2024

SECAS presented the SEC Panel Reports for December 2024 and asked Members to approve the Registration Data Process (RDP) Incident report. The OPSG approved the report.

Performance Measure Report (PMR) – November 2024

SECAS discussed the PMR for November 2024 and asked Members to approve the report. The OPSG approved the report. SECAS confirmed that the DCC would provide an up-to-date Performance Measurement Exception List (PMEL) to Members by Friday 31 January 2025 and the topic would be further discussed at the next OPSG meeting on Tuesday 11 February 2025.

CSPN

The DCC provided an update on the Customer Service Provider North (CSPN) service improvement plan, the OPSG expressed concern once more, around the time it had taken for specific issues to be understood and investigated. The OPSG asked the DCC to provide its view around the current system limitations, and how and when they can be resolved, to enable the OPSG to make recommendations on the priority focus areas. The OPSG also requested that the DCC provide assurance around the work currently being carried out by CSPN to improve the install and commission, and non-communicating performance.

Business Process Indicator (BPI) Reporting

The DCC presented the BPI reporting which included SMETS1 and SMETS2 performance and waterfall views of performance. The OPSG discussed the importance of understanding what is stopping the Install and Commission (I&C) process from occurring within the required 30 minutes, so that a solution can be established. The DCC confirmed it would continue to investigate the I&C process performance and consider if this element should be included in the CSPN updates going forward and return with an update in February 2025.

Annual Outage Plan

The DCC provided an update on the Annual Outage Plan which included a revised Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery (BCDR) schedule and the current Planned Maintenance Schedule dates. The OPSG agreed to endorse the BCDR testing schedule, noting that the Planned Maintenance dates will be discussed further at OPSG 134.

CH Returns Update

The DCC noted that the CSPN returns capacity had been breached for the first time in 2024 and provided assurance to the OPSG around the steps it had taken to address the issue. The OPSG queried when the Suppliers backlog of returns could be cleared, noting that these were potentially taking up space in warehouses, and the DCC confirmed that it would contact relevant Suppliers and confirm the approach back to the OPSG.

February 2025 SEC Release

The DCC provided an update on the planning for the February 2025 SEC Release, noting that SEC Modification [MP272 'SMKI Document Set Changes 2024'](#) had been taken out of the release and SEC Modification [MP273 'User Demand and Network Traffic Insights'](#) had since been approved by the Change Board. The OPSG noted the update.

3.4 TCSO Issues Resolution Group

TCSO Reporting

The DCC provided an update on the happy path reporting that the DCC is providing for TCSO replacement which was provided in the DCC Communications Hubs (CHs) guidance for Comms Hub Replacement (TCSO). The reports provided details of device combinations that were “happy path” meaning that a CH replacement using a device combination on the report was expected to succeed. The DCC advised that it would consider the name of the report to ensure that the content of the report was reflected in the name and that it would discuss with the DCC Device Team if it could publish the report to meter manufacturers.

IPV – General Discussion on TCSO

The DCC provided an update on the progress of Initial Pallet Validation (IPV) with specific consideration of Trust Centre Swap Out (TCSO), noting that there had been an issue with the 4G communications provider which had a broad impact on its network including smart metering. The issue had been resolved, and all CHs had been reconnected. The DCC intend to include the issue in the IPV exit report. From a TCSO perspective it had been a successful IPV as no issues directly relating to TCSO had been identified.

DCP419 – Issue 14

The Chair provided an overview of Issue 14 (DNO AD1 alerts) and indicated that there are no technical or operational impacts on the Comms Hub exchange process and that the Distribution Connection and Use of System Agreement (DCUSA) had raised modification DCP419 which is going through DCUSAs change process. The TIRG agreed that issue 14 is not a TCSO issue.

Issue 8 Update

The Chair noted that Energy and Utilities Alliance (EUA) had provided a document setting out the Gas Smart Meter Equipment (GSME) wake up procedures for certain meters and it was proposed that this document be added to the TCSO Orchestration Guidance Document as an Appendix. The Chair advised that Members need to email SECAS@gemserv.com to provide any feedback and if no feedback is received, the Chair will take the inclusion of the Appendix into the TCSO Orchestration Guidance Document as approved.

New Issues Raised

The Chair presented two new issues which had been raised; Issue 18: SRV8.12.1 “Restore HAN Device Log” and Issue 19: “GSME Manufacturer TCSO Failure SR 8.12.1”. The Chair noted that issue 18 had already been discussed at the TIRG 03 Meeting, and as a result of that discussion it had been added to the Issues Log. The TIRG agreed for issue 19 to be added to the TCSO Issues Log.

Issues Log

The Chair provided the TIRG with an update on the Issues Log which included a total of 18 issues.

4. Security Sub-Committee, SCIRS and SMKI PMA

4.1 SSC Highlights

User Security Assessments

The SSC considered the findings from five User Security Assessments and set the assurance and compliance status. The SSC reported the outcomes of the User Security Assessments to the SEC Panel, noting the instances where non-compliances have been reported and where SSC has requested a Remediation Plan to avoid the Panel considering an Event of Default.

DCC Service Provider Assessments

The SSC considered findings from one DCC CIO Security Assessment and set the assurance status. The SSC reported the outcomes of the DCC CIO Security Assessment to the SEC Panel, noting the instances where non-compliances have been reported and where SSC has requested a Remediation Plan.

DCC CIO Forward Look and Remediations

The DCC Competent Independent Organisation (CIO) provided the SSC with an update on upcoming DCC CIO Assessments. SECAS also provided an update on the status of outstanding remediations.

Anomaly Detection Report

The DCC presented the latest Anomaly Detection Report. Members were provided with the Price Change Global Anomaly Detection Report update. The SSC noted the update and approved the Global ADT settings for the next Price Change event.

Post Commissioning Report

The DCC presented the SSC with the latest Post-Commissioning Report. It was noted that the DCC are testing a new logic method of reporting and will be performing a parallel run of the January data at the end of February. The DCC also raised the issue of incorrect GNO certificates and presented the SSC with potential methods to handle this. The SSC noted the report.

Final Operating Capability (FOC) ANSO Detailed Level Requirements (DLR)

The DCC provided the SSC with an update on Final Operating Capability (FOC) Application, Network and Security Operations (ANSO) Detailed Level Requirements (DLR). The DCC requested feedback

and approval from the SSC for the document. Members provided feedback on the requirements and requested for the DCC to provide a report detailing the changes and the rationale behind them. The DCC confirmed they would provide information to the members for what is new and adjusted in the High-Level Requirements and the security impacting DLRs. The DCC agreed to provide a breakdown of the security impacting the (DLR). It was confirmed that the item would be re-presented to the SSC.

DCC Customer First Survey

The DCC presented the SSC with an update on the DCC Customer First initiative. The survey aims to provide customer insight and feedback. The DCC confirmed they aimed to deliver improvements and continuous improvement culture. It was confirmed that a survey pilot will run from February – August 2025 to enable testing.

FSM DCCKI SEC Changes and Updates

The DCC presented the SSC with an update on proposed FSM Data Communications Company Key Infrastructure Certificate (DCCKI) SEC Changes. There were no queries from SSC Members. The SSC provided no objections to DCC taking the proposed changes out to consultation.

CPA Risk Review

The SSC were presented with an update on the CPA Risk Reviews. The SCC noted the update and provided feedback.

CPA Matters

The SSC Chair presented an update on Commercial Product Assurance (CPA) Matters. The SSC approved an updated Trial Device Application Template and agreed a Trial Device Approval and issue of a Trial Device Certificate.

Future CPA Update

The SSC presented an update on the Future CPA Scheme. The SCC Chair presented an outline of the CPA Readiness Criteria.

SSC Projects

SECAS presented the SSC with an update on SSC Projects:

User CIO Procurement – It was confirmed that the item was presented to SEC Panel 28 January 2025.

Quantum Computing – The Project is due to complete by the end of March.

Security Architecture Review – It was noted that the Project check-in calls with the SSC sub-group are underway, and that SSC consultants are seeking SSC agreement on the scope of the expected changes. The SSC agreed the proposed scope.

Risk Register Review

SECAS presented the SSC with an update on the Risk Register. It was confirmed that the Risk Register would be updated with the SSC recommendations and brought to a future SSC meeting for approval.

MP265 – ‘Implementing ADT changes in response to a Security Incident’

SECAS and the DCC presented the SSC with an update on [MP265 ‘Implementing ADT changes in response to a Security Incident’](#). The SSC agreed to not go ahead with the current PIA from the current DSP on efficiency grounds to avoid the double costs of the existing and new DSP. It was confirmed that the New DSP would be submitted to ascertain costs in due course.

MP252 ‘Amending the process for Communications Hub returns’

SECAS and the DCC provided an update on [MP252 ‘Amending the process for Communications Hub returns’](#). It was confirmed the Modification is currently in the Report Phase. Members noted the update and provided feedback.

4.2 SSC CPA Issue Resolution Sub-Group (SCIRS)

CSR Criticality Flag

SCIRS Members were alerted previously that some Manufacturers are setting an incorrect flag in Certificate Signing Requests (CSRs) for Device Certificates. The DCC has conducted a further check, and some CSRs are still being submitted incorrectly. The SMK1 interface specification in SEC Appendix M indicates that the value for a compliant CSR should be set to “True”. Some CSRs are being submitted with the flag set to “False” or not set. Manufacturers are asked to ensure that the flag is ALWAYS set to “True”.

CPA Policies and Procedures

SEC Section G7.19(g) requires that: “The Security Sub-Committee shall:

(g) develop and maintain a document to be known as the “CPA Policies and Procedures” which shall:

(a) set out the steps that a Manufacturer must follow in order to obtain and maintain a CPA Certificate in respect of a Device Model

The CPA Policies and Procedures are in three parts:

Part 1 explains the policy, the governance and how the Scheme operates in line with SEC Section G13 together with the formal compliance requirements for Manufacturers and Test Labs including Traffic Light Protocols (TLPs); CPA Test Lab Operational Requirements; and descriptions and templates of the forms and reports that are used.

Part 2 explains the requirements for Manufacturers to meet the mandatory CPA Build Standard.

Part 3 explains the requirements of the Risk Review process that applies when a Device reaches its CPA Device Certificate expiry date or Risk Review due date.

SCIRS Members noted the updates and changes as outlined below.

Future CPA Scheme – CPA Policies & Procedures Part 1

SCIRS Members noted that the documents have been updated with tracked changes following SCIRS, CPA Scheme Operator (SOp) and SSC review to add a Build Standard Questionnaire (BSQ) and Assurance Maintenance Questionnaire (AMQ) to enable the SOp to formally initiate those CPA processes. In addition, the SOp Delivery Manager role has been separated for clarity into Points of Contact for Technical queries and general operational queries which matches their business processes.

Future CPA Scheme – CPA Policies & Procedures Part 2

SCIRS Members noted that the main changes in Part 2 (CPA Build Standard) relate to the introduction of the CPA Build Standard Questionnaire (BSQ) and clarification of the difference between re-evaluation and assurance maintenance as well as updating the notes section of “Requirement 2: Updates that fix security flaws and security vulnerabilities must be actively advertised to supported customers and categorised according to the severity of the flaws and security vulnerabilities.”

Future CPA Scheme – CPA Policies & Procedures Part 3

SCIRS Members noted that the main changes in Part 3 (CPA Risk Review) relate to the introduction of the BSQ and clarification of the difference between re-evaluation and assurance maintenance. The afore-mentioned changes were included in the updated CPA Policies and Procedures v1.0, available on the SEC website.

Future CPA Scheme – Next Steps

SCIRS Members were presented with an updated “Outline CPA Transition Plan”, and noted that the SSC, DESNZ and NCSC have developed and agreed Readiness Criteria to assess the CPA Scheme Operator’s capability to start to receive new applications for CPA evaluations. These require formal confirmation from NCSC; SECAS; the CPA Scheme Operator; DESNZ; and SSC.

4.3 SMKI PMA

MP268 Reporting Requirements

The DCC provided an update that the reporting requirements to support the implementation of MP268 ‘Certificate rotation and expired Certificates’ and presented a live demo of its Expiring Certificate Dashboard.

DCCKI CPS Approval

The DCC advised that updates to the DCCKI Certification Practice Statement (CPS) would be provided for the next SMKI PMA meeting. The SMKI PMA noted the update.

FSM DCCKI SEC Changes

The SMKI PMA noted a DCC update on the SEC changes needed regarding DCC Key Infrastructure (DCCKI) for Future Service Management (FSM). The DCC confirmed the legal text will be issued as part of the consultation period beginning on the 23 January.

Apex Recovery Exercise

The DCC provided an update on the upcoming Apex Recovery Exercise. The DCC provided an update on the upcoming Apex Recovery Exercise. It was confirmed that the DCC will present a full update at the SMKI PMA meeting in February.

CSR Criticality Flag Report

The DCC presented an update on criticality flags for Certificate Signing Requests (CSRs) noting that some Manufacturers are setting the criticality flag incorrectly and the SMKI PMA agreed to communicate this to Manufacturers.

4.4 Privacy Sub Committee

User Privacy Assessments

The PSC were presented with one Assessment review, a Full User Privacy Assessment, a Privacy Change Notification Request for approval and a Remediation Plan Update

MP219 'Accessing Consumption Data on behalf of SEC Parties' Ofgem Send Back

SECAS provided the PSC with an overview of [MP219 'Accessing Consumption Data on behalf of SEC Parties'](#). The Modification had been sent back by Ofgem. The PSC were asked to provide their view on the amended Legal Text to feed into the Modification Report. It was confirmed that the PSC feedback would be presented to the Change Sub-Committee.

MP234 'Addition of GDPR Principles of Public Task and Legitimate Interests into the SEC'

SECAS presented an update on [MP234 'Addition of GDPR Principles of Public Task and Legitimate Interests into the SEC'](#) to PSC members. Members provided feedback that MP234 should be split into two separate Modifications. SECAS confirmed that MP234 is in the Refinement Process and would need to be approved by the Change-Sub-Committee to ensure all investigations had taken place before the Modification Report Consultation. It was confirmed that the PSC would be consulted, and all feedback would be included in the Report. The PSC confirmed the Modification would be revisited at meeting held in February to confirm whether it should be split into two separate Modifications.

[MP235 'Enhanced Meter Data Access for Other Users'](#)

The PSC Chair presented an update on the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) response in relation to the treatment of export data and whether it should be classed as personal data. The PSC Chair noted that the ICO appeared to have changed its position from its original guidance and its guidance remains unclear. Members confirmed that the PSC should hold further discussions on the Modification in February 2025 before opening the Refinement Consultation.

Modifications Update

SECAS presented the PSC with an update on the Modifications affecting the PSC. The PSC noted the Modifications.

Ofgem Consultation – Artificial Intelligence (AI) Guidance

SECAS provided the PSC with an overview of the Ofgem Guidance on AI in the Energy Sector. SECAS noted Ofgem's four principles: Safety, Security, Fairness and Sustainability. Members were asked to provide feedback on the four principles. SECAS confirmed they would draft a response on members feedback to the Ofgem Guidance Consultation and provide this back to the PSC to review.

DESNZ – Smart Energy Data Scheme

SECAS presented PSC members with the DESNZ Smart Energy Data Scheme. It was confirmed that DESNZ is seeking views on the current energy landscape, the potential customer issues that could be solved through a Smart Data scheme, and the challenges and risks to developing an energy Smart Data Scheme. The PSC provided feedback on the consultation and SECAS confirmed that the item would be returned to the PSC meeting in February with further research.

Privacy Risk Register Quarterly Review

SECAS provided an update on the Privacy Risk Register. Members agreed the risk mitigation on PSC0R7 and PSCR04.

Privacy Incident Management

SECAS presented an overview of the Privacy Incident Management to PSC members, they confirmed that the PSC need a process for responding to Privacy Incident Management Notifications and suggested the following potential triggers: Notification from the SSC, Notification from SECAS, Notification directly from a SEC Party.

ToR, SEC I & PCF Review

SECAS informed PSC that the Terms of Reference (ToR) SEC I and Privacy Controls Framework (PCF) required reviews. SECAS appealed for members willing to volunteer to support the review.

DCC 'Customer First' Survey

The DCC presented the 'DCC Customer First Survey'. It was highlighted that the survey provided customer insight and enabled customer feedback to drive DCC continuous improvement. They invited customers to volunteer for the pilot program to help shape development and provide insight and feedback.

5. SMDA Sub Committee

There was no SMDA meeting in January 2025.

6. Recommendations

The Panel is requested to **NOTE** the contents of this paper.

Rebecca Sawyer SECAS Team, 18 February 2025

Attachments:

- **Appendix A:** User Security Assessments – Identified Non-Compliances (**RED**)
- **Appendix B:** DCC Security Non-Compliances (**RED**)
- **Appendix C:** Post Commissioning Report (**RED**)