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SEC Panel Meeting 138

09:30 – 14:00

SECP_138_2503 – Meeting Headlines

Decision, Discussion and Information Items

1. Minutes and Actions Outstanding (For Information)

The Panel **APPROVED** the minutes from the SEC Panel 137 and 137X meetings as final. The Panel **NOTED** the Actions update and **AGREED** to close all actions marked as Propose to Close.

2. SECP_138_2503_02: PKI-E FBC (For Information) (GREEN)

The DCC provided the Panel with an update on the Public Key Infrastructure – Enduring Solution (PKI-E) Full Business Case (FBC) and advised DESNZ had provided a non-objection in February 2025 on the DCC's preferred option. The Panel **NOTED** the update.

3. SECP_138_2503_03: End of Life (SMETS1), IO FOC (For Decision) (RED)

The DCC provided the Panel with an update on the Smart Meter Equipment Technical Specification (SMETS1) End of Life Outline Business Case (OBC). The CTG Chair presented the agreed statement from the SEC Panel Sub-group meeting, which occurred on 24 March 2025. The Panel considered the full business case and DCC's preferred option, and the Panel **SUPPORTED** the DCC's preferred option. The statement will be provided to CTG members and produced in the non-confidential minutes.

4. SECP_138_2503_04: Communication Transition Group (CTG) Chair update (For Information) (GREEN)

The CTG Chair provided the Panel with an update on the overall CTG progress and current CTG focus areas. The Panel **NOTED** the update.

5. SECP_138_2503_05: Sub-Committee reporting and Delegation of Planned Maintenance provisions (For Decision) (GREEN)

SECCo provided a proposal to restructure how the Panel receives reporting on SEC Sub-Committee matters and the process for delegated authority, in addition to a proposal on delegating Sections H8.4A and H8.6 of the SEC to the OPSG. The Panel **AGREED** to the proposed recommendations, including the delegation of the Panel's responsibilities outlined in SEC Sections H8.3 – H8.6 to the OPSG, however noted that further discussion on amending SEC Section H8.3 should be taken offline.

6. SECP_138_2503_06: Panel Response to ENA Letter (For Decision) (AMBER)

SECCo presented the draft Panel response to the Energy Networks Association (ENA) letter received on 8 November 2024, and the Panel **AGREED** for the letter to be provided to the ENA and the classification downgraded from Amber to Green.

7. SECP_138_2503_07: DESNZ Update (For Information) (GREEN)

DESNZ provided an update on its recent publications, forthcoming consultations, and key milestones. The Panel **NOTED** the update and consultations relevant to the Panel.

8. SECP_138_2503_08: Ofgem Update (For Information) (GREEN)

Ofgem provided an update on its recent publications, forthcoming consultations, and key milestones. The Panel **NOTED** the update and consultations relevant to the Panel.

9. SECP_138_2503_09: Future of Strategic Working Group (For Decision) (GREEN)

SECCo provided the Panel with the background and rationale for the review of the SWG and presented three options for the future. The Panel **AGREED** for SECCo to develop an action plan for Option 3, to transfer the SWG responsibilities back to the Panel and Board, and relevant Sub-Committees.

10. SECP_138_2503_10: Expenditure Approval – Support services for SECCo Corporate functions (For Decision) (RED)

SECCo requested the approval of a range of services to support the execution of SECCo's corporate functions. The Panel **NOTED** the update and **RECOMMENDED** the Board release the funds for the proposed services.

11. SECP_138_2503_11: SEC Customer Satisfaction Survey 2025 (For Decision) (GREEN)

SECAS presented the Panel with the proposed approach to carry out the annual Customer Satisfaction Survey. The Panel **PROVIDED** feedback on the survey questions and length of the survey, and **AGREED** for the SEC Panel Chair to provide approval of the questions after further consideration offline. The Panel further **APPROVED** DJS Research to carry out the survey and **RECOMMENDED** to the Board the release of funds to carry out the survey.

12. SECP_138_2503_12: Use of Smart Metering & Associated Data (For Discussion) (CLEAR)

SECCo presented the Panel with an initial proposal to review the current use of smart metering data and the types of data to be investigated and requested Panel feedback. The Panel **DISCUSSED** the presentation and **REQUESTED** SECCo return to the Panel with a tabled diagram of types of data used and current initiatives, as well as an assessment of SEC responsibilities towards data use.

13. SECP_138_2503_13: SECCo and Horizon 7 Access to Restricted Documents (For Decision) (AMBER-STRICT)

SECCo presented the Panel with a proposal for SECCo and Horizon 7 (procurement consultancy working with SECCo) to access Restricted Documents, and the Panel **AGREED** for the documentation to be shared.

14. SECP_138_2503_14: Events of Default (For Decision) (RED)

SECAS and the DCC presented the Panel with an update of current Events of Default and recommended actions. The Panel **APPROVED** the recommendations, subject to double checking the insolvency status of parties.

15. SECP_138_2503_15: Contract and Funding (For Decision) (RED)

SECAS provided the Panel with details of Contract and Funding requests, and the Panel **APPROVED** the requests and **RECOMMENDED** to the Board that the contracts be entered into and funds released.

16. SECP_138_2503_16: SEC Change Update (For Information) (CLEAR)

SECAS provided the Panel with high-level updates from SEC Change meetings and on key Modifications. SECAS noted concerns raised by Industry related to the title of MP169, which references the Consumers Right to "refuse" a Smart Meter, and challenges associated with completing impact assessments and progressing modifications related to the DSP Re-Procurement. The Panel **NOTED** the update.

17. SECP_138_2503_17: Transitional Governance update (For Information) (GREEN)

SECAS presented a report on the Transitional Governance meetings, recent events and developments across the Transitional Governance Committees. This paper was provided for information only. The Panel **NOTED** the update.

18. SECP_138_2503_18: DCC Consultations & Operational Update (For Information) (CLEAR)

SECAS presented the Panel with the DCC Consultations and Operational Update which covered the high-level updates from the previous month. The Panel **NOTED** the open DCC consultations, the Operations update and the Major Incident Update.

19. SECP_138_2503_19: SEC Panel Sub-Committee report (For Information) (CLEAR)

The SEC Panel Sub-Committee report was provided for information only. The Panel **NOTED** the report.

20. SECP_138_2503_2: Any Other Business (AOB) (GREEN)

The following AOB items were raised:

- The Panel Chair clarified that no response was required in relation to the letter received from DESNZ on the Future Service Management Live Service Criteria decision;
- SECAS presented a list of suggested papers for removal from the Panel agenda, and the Panel **DISCUSSED** which items should be removed or re-structured;
- The Panel **AGREED** the provision of data on completed 2G/3G swap outs be provided to the OPSG; and
- The Panel Chair advised that a letter from the Department outlining the future governance SSES arrangements was forthcoming.

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

Next Meeting Date: 139 29 April 2025