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SEC Panel Meeting 143

09:30 – 14:00

SECP_143_2608 – Meeting Headlines

Decision, Discussion and Information Items

1. SECP_143_2608_01: Minutes and Actions Outstanding (For Information) (RED)

The Panel **APPROVED** the confidential and non-confidential minutes from SEC Panel 142, subject to minor amendments. The Panel noted ambiguity remains around the DCC's use of the Green Book process and **REQUESTED** further clarification from DESNZ. The Panel **NOTED** the Actions update and **AGREED** to close all actions marked as Propose to Close, with several actions merged into a new consolidated action to be addressed via a dedicated SECCo workshop in September/October.

2. SECP_143_2608_02: SEC Panel Sub-Committee Highlights (For Information) (CLEAR)

SECCo provided updates on the latest Sub-Committee activities and key issues, and SEC Modifications. The Panel **RAISED CONCERNS** about the feasibility, cost, and architectural implications of Smart Meter Guaranteed Standards of Performance (GSoPs). The Panel **NOTED** that a cross-committee approach is required to address GSoP enforcement and **REQUESTED** further engagement with Ofgem and DESNZ to clarify enforcement expectations and contractual impacts.

3. SECP_143_2608_03: DCC Annual Supplier Report (For Information) (GREEN)

The DCC presented the Annual Supplier Report, due for publication on 29 August. The Panel **NOTED** the report's role in service provider performance management and **REQUESTED** the report be renamed to Annual Service Provider Report to distinguish between energy suppliers and service providers.

4. SECP_143_2608_04: DCC OPR Contract Management Audit - PWC Overview (For Discussion) and Proposed SEC Response (For Decision) (GREEN)

PwC presented the key audit findings, which recognised improvements in DCC's contract management and procurement processes, however highlighted issues around DCC's Fundamental Service Capability approach and recommended improvements in supplier training and early regulatory engagement. The Panel **PROVIDED FEEDBACK** on the findings, **REQUESTED** visibility of DCC's audit action plan and **AGREED** to delegate the approval of the response to Ofgem to the Panel Chair.

5. SECP_143_2608_05: The future of CTG (For Decision) (GREEN)

SECCo provided an update on the future of the CTG. The Panel **AGREED** to reduce CTG meeting frequency to quarterly from February/March 2026, with key operational activities transitioning to BAU sub-committees.

6. SECP_143_2608_06: Agenda Item Removed

7. SECP_143_2608_07: MP241 Appeal (For Decision) (CLEAR)

Following a split Change Board vote, the Panel **AGREED TO DEFER** the decision until November 2025, pending confirmation of whether DESNZ's consultation will include the future of the Interoperability Checker, and clarification from the OPSG on non-communicating meter definitions.

8. SECP_143_2608_08: SMDASC Testing of 4G CH Pilot Programme (For Decision) (AMBER)

SECAS provided an update on the proposed testing of 4G CH in the SMDA Scheme, endorsed by the SMDA Sub-Committee. The Panel **APPROVED** the release of funding for a pilot programme to validate 4G Comms Hub performance consistency with existing SMDA test environments.

9. SECP_143_2608_09: 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.

10. SECP_143_2608_10: 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.

11. SECP_143_2608_11: Consultations (For Decision) (CLEAR)

SECCo provided the Panel with proposed response themes to the following consultations: DESNZ Smart Metering Policy Framework Post 2025, Ofgem Smart Meter Guaranteed Standards of Performance, DESNZ SSES Programme: Enduring Governance, DCC SEC Required Documents for FSM Programme, DESNZ VWAN Transition Document & WAN Selection Arrangements. The Panel **PROVIDED FEEDBACK** on the proposed responses and **AGREED** to delegate approval of the consultation responses to the Panel Chair.

12. SECP_143_2608_12: Corporate Style Re-Design (For Decision) (AMBER)

SECCo presented an update on the proposed rebranding of the Smart Energy Code. The Panel provided detailed feedback, raising considerations around accessibility, inclusivity, and brand identity. Post feedback being incorporated, the Panel **AGREED** to defer the decision to the Panel Chair.

13. SECP_143_2608_13: Customer Satisfaction Survey Results and Action Plan (For Decision) (GREEN)

SECAS presented an update on the annual Customer Satisfaction Survey and associated action plan. The Panel noted the positive results and provided feedback on stakeholder engagement and endorsed improvements to website functionality, document clarity, and technical expertise. The Panel **APPROVED** the action plan.

14. SECP_143_2608_14: Security Project Briefs (For Decision) (AMBER-STRICT)

SECAS presented an update on three proposed security initiatives endorsed by the Security Sub-Committee. The Panel noted the SSC's recommendations and **APPROVED** the associated funding for the proposals.

15. SECP_143_2608_15: Quarterly Risks Update (For Decision) (RED)

SECAS provided the Panel with an update on the new format for SEC Panel Risks and Issues, incorporating recommendations from the Enterprise Risk Management Review. The Panel **APPROVED** the amendments to the existing SEC Panel Risks and Issues and **NOTED** the updates to Sub-Committee Risks and Issues.

16. SECP_143_2608_16: Event of Default - SSC Review Outcomes (For Decision) (RED)

SECAS presented the Panel with an update on Events of Default following SSC review and recommended actions, and the Panel **APPROVED** the recommendations.

17. SECP_143_2608_17: Contracts Update (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.

18. SECP_143_2608_18: 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

19. SECP_143_2608_19: DCC Consultations and Operational Update (For Information) (AMBER)

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 update.

20. SECP_143_2608_20: Sub-Committee Reporting (For Information)

SECAS presented the Panel with the Sub-Committee Reporting. This paper was provided for information only. The Panel **NOTED** the update

21. SECP_143_2608_21: Any Other Business (AOB) (GREEN)

SECAS provided an update on the recent Panel elections which will require a vote for Large Supplier and Other SEC Party representatives, with a deadline of 4 September 2025 at 5pm.

The Panel **NOTED** the updates.

Next Meeting Date: 23 September 2025