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SMKI PMA Meeting Headlines 129

9:15 – 11:15, 14 May 2025

Teleconference

SECPMA_129_1405 – Meeting Highlights

At each meeting, the Smart Metering Key Infrastructure Policy Management Authority (SMKI PMA) receives updates from the DCC, DESNZ and other Sub-Committees on matters of relevance to the SMKI arrangements.

This month, the SMKI PMA was presented with the following items:

Matters Arising

- The SMKI PMA Chair gave an update on the conclusions of the DESNZ consultation on Smart Metering Systems connected to the DCC via the internet, and the drafting of associated legal text. DESNZ has proposed a Virtual WAN Key Infrastructure (VWKI) to be implemented, and the SMKI PMA will be asked to review and approve the relevant VWKI arrangements. (**CLEAR**).
- The SMKI PMA Chair gave an update on a report commissioned by the Security Sub-Committee on Post-Quantum Cryptography (**RED**).
- The SMKI PMA was informed that meeting 131 on Wednesday 9 July 2025 would be hybrid, with the option to attend in person (**CLEAR**).

Agenda Items

2. **Gas Networks Certificate Issue (RED)** (DCC) The DCC gave an update on a Gas Networks Certificate Issue, outlining the ongoing investigation into the issue and the number of impacted Devices. The SMKI PMA **NOTED** the update.
3. **Apex Recovery Exercise (RED)** (DCC) The DCC updated the SMKI PMA that the Apex Recovery Exercise had been delayed, and that testing would restart this week. The SMKI PMA were informed of the customers that would be involved in the exercise. The SMKI PMA **NOTED** the update.

4. **String Encoding (AMBER-STRICT) (DCC)** The DCC presented an update on the string encoding issue that had been identified during a test data preparation activity, and the associated risks. The DCC clarified questions previously raised by the SMKI PMA, and confirmed it will raise a SEC Modification Proposal to implement the proposed changes. The SMKI PMA **AGREED** the proposed changes.
5. **FOC ANSO Reprocuring and HSM Approach – Changes to PKT (AMBER-STRICT) (DCC)**
The DCC updated the SMKI PMA on the proposed approach for re-procuring the Hosting and ANSO (Management Service) for the SMETS1 Final Operating Capability (FOC) cohort. Once the re-procurement reaches its outcome, SMKI PMA will be asked for further feedback of the proposed back-up and restore process. The SMKI PMA **NOTED** the update.
6. **PKI-E: High-Level and Low-Level Design (RED) (DCC)** The DCC presented an update on the Trusted Service Provider (TSP) re-procurement including the proposed solution, testing and transition process, in relation to the Public Key Infrastructure – Enduring programme (PKI-E). A summary timeline and the initial risk assessment was shared with the SMKI PMA. The SMKI PMA provided feedback and **NOTED** the update.
7. **Annual SMKI Scheme Audit Update (RED) (DCC)** The DCC gave an update on the Annual SMKI tScheme Audit and confirmed that no non-conformances had been identified. The full report will be made available to the SMKI PMA in June. The SMKI PMA **NOTED** the update.
8. **SoLR – Lessons Learned (AMBER) (DCC)** The DCC presented lessons learned from the Supplier of Last Resort (SoLR) process failure. The DCC updated the SMKI PMA on the actions taken and highlighted its confidence in the improvements made. The SMKI PMA **NOTED** the update.
9. **SMKI PMA Risk Register (RED) (SECAS)** SECAS provided an update on the SMKI PMA Risk Register and Members provided feedback. The SMKI PMA **NOTED** the updates.
10. **New Draft Proposals and Modification Proposals (CLEAR) (SECAS)** SECAS presented the SMKI PMA with an update on two new Modification Proposals:

[MP289 'BCDR Engagement'](#) – this modification proposes to amend the DCC's approach to Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery (BCDR) and to review the approach regularly. The SMKI PMA **NOTED** the update and requested to be kept updated on this Modification.

[MP290 'Incorporation of Category 3 Issue Resolution Proposal into the SEC – Batch 11 and GBCS Changes'](#) – this modification proposes to amend wording to ensure better clarity on

when Certification Path Validation (CPV) occurs, which will require changes to the GBCS list, and therefore impacts on the Non-GBCS Non-Mandated (NGNM) Alerts table. The SMKI PMA **NOTED** the update.

SECAS presented the SMKI PMA with an update on two ongoing modification proposals:

MP169 'Managing SEC Obligations and the Consumer's Right to refuse a Smart Meter' –

Change Board approved the costs of a second Impact Assessment against the existing Data Service Provider (DSP), which SECAS expects to be completed by 23 June 2025.

MP281 'Install Codes in the SMI' – Business Requirements were presented to the Working Group on 7 May 2025, and SECAS will request a DCC Preliminary Assessment.

- 12. Any Other Business** – DESNZ asked SMKI PMA for its agreement on the proposed approach to documentation for the soft launch of Virtual WAN (VWAN) Devices, which is planned for 2026. The SMKI PMA **AGREED** the proposed approach.

Next Meeting: 11 June 2025