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Technical Architecture and Business Architecture Sub-Committee (TABASC) Meeting 119 on 6 November 2025

09:30 – 16:30

Meeting Headlines

1. Minutes and Actions Outstanding (**AMBER**)

The TABASC reviewed the minutes from the TABASC 118 meeting and **APPROVED** them as final.

The TABASC **NOTED** the actions log update and **AGREED** to close actions TABASC96/CONF02, TABASC105/CONF03, TABASC110/CONF03, TABASC112/CONF03, TABASC118/01, TABASC114/CONF03, TABASC118/04, TABASC118/07, TABASC109/CONF05, TABASC108/CONF01, TABASC111/CONF01, TABASC110/CONF04 and to keep TABASC114/CONF01 and TABASC115/03 open.

2. FOC Major Incidents (**GREEN**)

The DCC noted that there had been 21 Major Incidents (MIs) affecting the FOC cohort since November 2025. The DCC advised that it will share a weekly technical update with TABASC, including architectural diagrams and progress tracking. A tailored update would also be provided to the Operations Group (OPSG) by the DCC, that focused on operational impacts and Incident Management.

3. DSP Programme Update (**GREEN**)

The DCC reported that the DSP blueprinting phase was nearly complete, with a full summary to be presented at the 9 December 2025 TABASC meeting. The Data Service Provider 2 (DSP2) Release 1, involving migration to the Smart Routing Gateway (SRG), was scheduled for August 2027, with a 13.5-week migration window. Service Users will need to update their adapters and certificates, and the DCC will provide support and testing environments.

The DCC advised it is transitioning network connectivity from Gamma to CSP C&C (DCC Connect), noting that Service Users would be migrated cleanly without hybrid network states, while Service Providers would require more complex coordination. The DCC emphasised the importance of early planning and confirmed that more detail would be shared to TABASC in December, including consultation timelines and migration readiness activities.

The TABASC raised concern around the risk of DSP traffic rapidly increasing once User Migration started and the DCC advised that a fully scaled functional test would provide more capacity than it had today and there was no concern regarding traffic demand.

4. In-life DSP Capacity for Scheduled Read SR (AMBER)

The DCC presented a proposal to upgrade the In-Life DSP architecture to address growing risks in completing scheduled read Service Requests (SRVs) within the required 24-hour window. The DCC proposed introducing a queuing system using Kafka to improve throughput and reduce strain on the shared database. This change would allow the DSP to handle up to 4,800 transactions per second, mitigating the risk of delays caused by outages or maintenance windows.

The TABASC Members raised concerns about the cost and questioned whether it should be funded by Industry or covered under the existing DSP contract. The DCC committed to returning to TABASC in December 2025 with clarity on the contractual position and justification for the funding route.

The TABASC **DID NOT ENDORSE** the proposal.

5. 4G Coverage – Plextek Summary of Report & In Life Assurance Methodology (RED)

The DCC presented a summary of proposals to increase 4G coverage, and the In-Life assurance methodology.

6. FSM Email Security Options (GREEN)

The DCC presented options for sending emails to users from the FSM (Future Service Management) platform. The TABASC suggested to not use complex configurations or links in emails, but to let the User decide if they wanted to be notified to receive plain text emails advising the user to login to retrieve their update. The DCC agreed to take the feedback away and present a more detailed proposal at OPSG for approval.

The TABASC **DID NOT AGREE** to the proposal.

7. Enduring Service System Integrator (ESSI) Customer Engagement (CLEAR)

The DCC provided an update on its Customer engagement activities related to the ESSI programme. The DCC outlined its approach to gathering feedback and aligning ESSI development with User needs. The TABASC emphasised the importance of continued transparency and early visibility of changes that may impact service operations. The DCC committed to maintaining regular engagement and sharing further details as the programme progressed.

8. Ensuring Change of Supplier (ECoS) Re-procurement (GREEN)

The DCC advised that the current contract was approaching its end, and the DCC was preparing to launch a new procurement process to ensure continuity and improvement of the service. The TABASC emphasised the importance of maintaining service stability during the transition, and of being kept aware of the cost of requirements. The DCC committed to keeping Stakeholders informed as the procurement progressed.

9. DCC Update (GREEN)

The DCC provided a general update covering recent operational developments, programme progress, and Stakeholder engagement activities.

10. MP289 BCDR Engagement (CLEAR)

SECAS provided an update on the DCC's engagement with Industry regarding [SEC Modification MP289 'BCDR Engagement'](#), which focused on Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery (BCDR) planning. The TABASC supported the initiative and requested further detail on testing schedules and how responsibilities would be shared between the DCC and Service Users. SECAS committed to ongoing engagement and refinement of the BCDR framework.

11. Manufacturing Pack 2 Update (GREEN)

The DCC provided an update on Manufacturing Pack 2, confirming that they are supporting Suppliers with controlled MP2 installs and are preparing the evidence for the Live Service Criteria (LSC). TABASC discussed whether Suppliers should work together to ensure shared intelligence to reduce workload and requested that a session be organised for Suppliers to discuss further. SECAS **AGREED** to organise a session for TABASC Members.

12. 4G CH Behaviour (GREEN)

SECAS and the DCC presented findings on the behaviour of 4G Communications Hubs (CHs), focusing on behavioural differences between 4G and legacy 2G/3G CH when removed from the ICHIS power source. The TABASC raised concerns on the change in LED behaviour introduced by Maintenance Release 1, SECAS and DCC took an action to investigate what the options are to progress.

13. Smart Secure Electricity Systems (SSES) Programme (GREEN)

This agenda item was not presented due to time constraints.

14. Any Other Business (GREEN)

TABASC Elections

SECAS informed TABASC members of the outcome of the TABASC elections.

SEC Webinars

SECAS reminded Members of key dates for upcoming SEC webinars and encouraged participation by using the links below on the dates to register for one of the available sessions.

[07 November 2025; 14:00 – 15:00](#)

[17 November 2025; 10:00 – 11:00](#)

Next Meeting Date: 9 December 2025