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Technical Architecture and Business Architecture Sub-Committee (TABASC) Meeting 120 on 9 December 2025

10:00 – 16:10

Meeting Headlines

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

SECAS presented the outstanding actions and draft version 2 Minutes from the TABASC 119 meeting held on 6 November 2025. The TABASC **APPROVED** the Minutes and **AGREED** some actions for closure.

2. MP304 – Scheduling Services for SMETS1 Devices (SRV 4.3) (**CLEAR**)

SECAS provided an update on Modification Proposal 304 (MP304) and explained that this would enable SRV 4.3 'read instantaneous prepay values' for SMETS1 Devices to be scheduled, rather than 'on-demand' only. It was estimated that the change could deliver significant cost savings. The DCC believes that Suppliers using 80% or more of the SMSs will upgrade to schedule SRV 4.3, and development costs to Pre-Integration Testing (PIT) complete were provided.

The TABASC discussed the cost impact and raised concern regarding the diminishing returns, as SMETS1 Devices will be gradually removed over the next five years. Members requested more transparency on the DCC's contract terms and benchmarks used, but agreed that the cost-benefit case is strong. The TABASC **NOTED** the update.

3. MP293 – Deferment of DCC Planned Maintenance during Adverse Weather (**CLEAR**)

SECAS provided an update on MP293 and explained that this had been raised to address operational challenges faced by DNOs when planned maintenance coincides with adverse weather events. Members noted that the implementation into Data Service Provider 1 (DSP1) would be expensive, and that DSP2 will have significantly less downtime so is unlikely to be required. Although there could be operational benefit, there was a lack of benefit analysis provided.

The TABASC supported the improvement of resilience during adverse weather, but requested further benefit analysis to be carried out before it can make a decision on the proposed solution, taking into account cost, timing and operational benefit. The TABASC **NOTED** the update.

4. ECoS: Business Needs and Problem Statement Endorsement (**GREEN**)

The DCC presented the revised Problem Statement and User Business Needs for the Enduring Change of Supplier (ECoS) re-procurement, and noted that the revised statement now highlights ECoS's role in broader activities, such as supplier switching and Supplier of Last Resort events. Members provided feedback that this better reflects the service's nature.

The DCC updated on Private Key Portability, and the refined Business Needs split between essential and desirable needs. The TABASC requested better traceability of requirements, and Members noted concern around how limited key portability due to HSM constraints may impact Suppliers ability to operate the change of supplier process. The TABASC **ENDORSED** the Problem Statement and the

User Business Needs however noted significant concern over potential stranding of Devices due to HSM constraints.

5. VWAN Demo (GREEN)

The DCC provided a Virtual WAN (VWAN) demonstration to Members attending in-person, and the TABASC **NOTED** the information.

6. DSP Programme: Retrospective (GREEN)

The DCC presented a recap of the DSP re-procurement programme to date, reviewing the core scope of the project and the Modular DUIS delivery to date. The TABASC **NOTED** the update.

7. DSP: Blueprint (GREEN)

The DCC and IBM presented the DSP blueprint, and learnings since the start of the project. IBM outlined the application of the Programme Increment 1 (PI1) scope, and gave an overview of the testing and execution environments. The TABASC **NOTED** the update.

8. DSP Lot 4 – Systems Integrator (GREEN)

The DCC and CGI presented an introduction to the Systems Integrator (SI) and outlined the key areas of scope. CGI demonstrated AI Tools as a managed testing solution, including AI-powered test generation, intelligent gap detection and a defect analyser. The TABASC **NOTED** the information.

9. DSP – The Year Ahead and DCC & TABASC Wrap Up (GREEN)

This item was deferred due to time constraints, and will be scheduled for the next meeting of the TABASC.

10. Any Other Business (GREEN)

SECAS updated on Talan migration, and the impact on Members.

The incoming Chair thanked the outgoing Chair for his significant contribution to the TABASC, and noted that he will continue to serve as a subject matter expert on the on the Sub-Committee.

Next Meeting Date: 15 January 2026.