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Communications Install codes in the SMI

December 2025 Working Group – Meeting Summary

Attendees

SEC Party Category	Working Group Members	Representing
	Julie Brown (JB)	British Gas
	Francesca Scott (FS)	EDF
	Sharon Armitage (SA)	EON
	Jack Marling (JMa)	Octopus Energy
	Joey Manners (JM)	Octopus Energy
	Ralph Baxter (RB)	Octopus Energy
	Emslie Law (EL)	OVO
	Mahfuzar Rahman (MR)	Scottish Power
	Kevin Clark (KC)	Utilita
Small Suppliers	Steve Blackler (SB)	E Gas & Electricity
	Daniel Davies (DD)	ESG Global
Other SEC Parties	Patricia Massey (PM)	BEAMA
	Swetta Coopamah (SC)	BEAMA
	Beth Tatton (BT)	Calisen
	Martin Bell (MB)	EUA
	Matt Roderick (MRo)	N3rgy
	Michael Snowden (MS)	Secure Meters
Network Parties	Catherine Duggan	ENWL
	Kirsty Maddock (KM)	National Grid
	James Shippey (JS)	Northern Power Grid

Other Participants	
DCC	
Brad Baker (BB)	David Rollason (DR)
Graeme Milligan (GM)	Chun Chen (CC)
David Walsh (DW)	
DESNZ	
SECAS	

Other Participants		
Simon Grimwood (SG) Working Group Chair	Marc Rhodes (MRh) Lead Analyst	Abi Obadan (AO) Meeting Secretary
Ali Beard (AB)	Lydia Bentley (LB)	Khaleda Hussain (KH)
Georgie Severin (GS)		
Ofgem		
Ian Chalfon (IC)		
SECCO		
Other Working Group Attendees		

Overview

The Smart Energy Code Administrator and Secretariat (SECAS) provided an overview of the issue identified, and a view of the Proposed Solution.

Background

- Where non-commissioned Devices are changing Supplier, it is often the case that the gaining Supplier cannot complete the commissioning activity as they do not have the install codes to do so. This requires the gaining Supplier to establish the identity of the installing Supplier, and then to request the install codes.
- Wide Area Network (WAN) issues were expected to be resolved over time however that has not been the case.
- The email solution implemented as part of [MP121 'Commissioning non-commissioned Devices after CoS'](#) is not suitable to deal with the volume of non-commissioned installs that are being encountered.

Potential Solution

- This Modification seeks to introduce a method of ensuring the availability of Install Codes and relevant Device certificates in a secure repository which can be accessed by the responsible Supplier. This will be achieved by adding additional fields to Service Reference Variant (SRV) 12.2 'Device Pre-notification' to include install codes, Device Certificates & Access Control Broker (ACB) Certificates used by the Device.
- The installing Supplier will provide the install codes and Certificates via SRV 12.2 'Device Pre-notification' during pre-notification. The install codes and Certificates will be stored in the Smart Metering Inventory (SMI) which will provide a Secure repository so that the responsible

Supplier can access the install codes and Certificates when required. It will ensure the availability of install codes for gaining Suppliers when a Change of Supplier (CoS) event takes place.

Working Group Discussion

Upload Capability

Working Group member (JB) acknowledged the positive change to introduce an option to upload install codes to the SMI and queried the limit of 1,000 as volumes are significant and the process would be labour intensive. (DW) replied that 1,000 was a nominal suggestion and that it may be possible to increase this number. (JB) acknowledged and stated that the activity will initially involve significant volumes as a one-off task. (JB) queried whether the upload functionality would just be for Suppliers or whether it would include Meter Asset Providers (MAP) as well. SECAS (MRh) mentioned that it could cause issues with validation if access was expanded beyond the responsible Supplier. The Data Communications Company (DCC) (DW) mentioned this was something that could be taken away and looked at.

Business Requirements

Working Group member (MS) queried which Certificates were to be included. (DW) replied that the Certificates are specified in the low-level requirements although there is opportunity for further review before requesting the Full Impact Assessment. (JB) clarified that the inclusion of the Certificates will shorten the Certificate Confirmation Scheme (CCS) process of identifying the correct Device Certificates and result in quicker install and commission times. (DD) queried which version of DCC User Interface Specification (DUIS) the change will go on to. (DW) replied that these details still need to be worked out, and there is a possibility that the bulk upload of install codes could be delivered without a DUIS change. Adding that before requesting the Full Impact Assessment it would be useful to have a special requirements workshop to work out the approach.

Next Steps

The following actions were recorded from the meeting:

- Schedule Special Requirements Workshop
- Request Full Impact Assessments at Change Board