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Security Sub-Committee (SSC) Meeting Headlines

14 November 2018, 10:00 – 16:00, Gemserv Office, 8 Fenchurch Place,
London, EC3M 4AJ

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1. Matters Arising

Updates were noted on the following Matters Arising;

- SEC version 6.2 was designated on 8 November 2018. The following Modifications were implemented:
 - [SECMP0006 'Specifying the number of digits for device display'](#)
 - [SECMP0048 'Extension of SMETS gas Valve exemption to include Large Gas Meters installed at Domestic Premises'](#)
 - [SECMP0065 'SMETS1 Security Obligations'](#)
- The Working Group for Modification [SECMP0062 'Northbound Application Traffic Management - Alert Storm Protection'](#) are scheduled to meet 15 November 2018. The SSC has a continuing interest in this Modification Proposal and will communicate the security concerns.
- An update was provided on the SMETS1 Device Assurance Survey. The deadline for responses was extended and is now closed. The responses are being analysed. (**GREEN**)
- The SSC reviewed the statistics provided for devices 'conditionally' certified under Commercial Product Assurance (CPA) (**RED**)
- SSC Risk Assessment update – the SSC was updated on the proposals for the Service Provider to conclude the outstanding work. The SSC also reviewed the forward plan for scheduled Security Assessments (**GREEN**)
- An update was provided to the SSC from the November Smart Meter Information Exchange (SMIE) meeting on 7th November 2018(**AMBER**)

2. Minutes and Actions Outstanding

The SCC noted that two comments were received for the Draft Minutes from the SSC meeting held on Wednesday, 24 October 2018. The SSC **APPROVED** the Draft Minutes and the Confidential Draft Minutes as written subject to addressing one comment in the Draft Minutes and a clarification of an action in the Confidential Draft Minutes.

All outstanding actions were marked as complete or on target for completion, with several updates provided under separate meeting agenda items.

3. Verification User Assessment – Network Operator ‘D’ (RED)

The SSC considered Network Operator ‘D’ Verification User Assessment. The Agenda Item was marked as **RED** and therefore recorded in the Confidential Minutes.

The SSC **AGREED** the Compliance Status for Network Operator ‘D’.

4. Verification User Security Assessment – Shared Resource Provider ‘A’ (RED)

The Compliance Status for Shared Resource Provider ‘A’ was considered by the SSC. The Agenda Item was marked as **RED** and therefore recorded in the Confidential Minutes.

The SSC **AGREED** the Compliance Status for Shared Resource Provider ‘A’.

5. Verification User Security Assessment – Network Operator ‘B’ (RED)

The Compliance Status for Network Operator ‘B’ was considered by the SSC. The Agenda Item was marked as **RED** and therefore recorded in the Confidential Minutes.

The SSC **AGREED** the Compliance Status for Network Operator ‘B’.

6. Verification User Security Assessment – Shared Resource Provider ‘B’ (RED)

The Compliance Status for Shared Resource Provider ‘B’ was considered by the SSC. The Agenda Item was marked as **RED** and therefore recorded in the Confidential Minutes.

The SSC **AGREED** the Compliance Status for Shared Resource Provider ‘B’.

7. Full User Security Assessment – Other User ‘F’ (RED)

The Assurance Status for Other User ‘F’ was considered by the SSC. The Agenda Item was marked as **RED** and therefore recorded in the Confidential Minutes.

The SSC **AGREED** the Assurance Status for Other User ‘F’.

8. Security Self-Assessment – Large Supplier ‘D’ (RED)

The Self-Assessment for Large Supplier ‘D’ was considered by the SSC. The Agenda Item was marked as **RED** and therefore recorded in the Confidential Minutes.

The SSC **NOTED** the Self-Assessment for Large Supplier 'D'.

9. Full User Security Assessment – Small Supplier 'BS' (**RED**)

The SSC considered Small Supplier 'BS' Full User Security Assessment. The Agenda Item was marked as **RED** and therefore recorded in the Confidential Minutes.

The SSC **AGREED** the Assurance Status for Small Supplier 'BS'.

10. Agreed Interpretations and SCF Update/Approval (**GREEN**)

The SSC considered the proposed revisions to the Agreed Interpretations (version 1.6) and the Security Controls Framework (SCF) (version 1.14).

Agreed Interpretations

The proposed revisions to the Agreed Interpretations are to:

- align section 3.8 with [SECMP0057 'Users to notify SSC of a second or subsequent User System'](#);
- Remove duplication in section 8 of annual User Security Assessments clarified in [SECMP0040 'Changes to how DCC Users schedule and carry out User Security Assessments after completion of the User Entry Process'](#) implemented on 22 November 2017;
- minor typographical and grammar corrections.

The SSC **AGREED** the proposed changes to the Agreed Interpretations.

Security Controls Framework

The proposed revisions to the SCF are to:

- align with Modification [SECMP0044: 'User Security Assessment of a Shared Resource'](#) implemented on 22 August 2018;
- incorporate the VUSA and Self-Assessment timetables;
- update the order of appendices to be sequential;
- include Self-Assessment Appendix G for the User CIO to resolve issues prior to the SSC review, to comment on the validation workbook only where there is a continuing concern;
- remove reference to SECAS validation in Appendix G: User Security Self-Assessment Return;
- clarify the timing of the second assessment timing in section 4.5; and
- amend references from 'User System' to 'User Systems' in line with legal advice.
- amend Appendix B to make reference to a Shared Resource Provider and to clarify that Users reliant on a third party to meet some of their SEC obligations, should have available a contract between the User and the third-party clearing stating this.

The SSC **AGREED** a further amendment to align with the SSC SEC obligation G10.8c and the Shared Resource Provider obligation G10.4.

The SSC **APPROVED** the SCF subject to the inclusion of the **AGREED** amendment.

11. SMETS1 Update and BEIS Consultation on SMETS1 (GREEN)

An update was provided on the BEIS SMETS1 consultation published on 5 November 2018 which considers changes to the SMETS1 WAN Communication Services and changes to CPA and CPL management processes.

The SSC **NOTED** the information provided.

12. Directors Letter - Small Supplier 'AL' (RED)

The SSC considered the Directors Letter provided by Small Supplier 'AL'. The Agenda Item was marked as **RED** and therefore recorded in the Confidential Minutes.

The SSC **APPROVED** the Directors Letter for Small Supplier 'AL'.

13. Directors Letter – Small Supplier 'L' (RED)

The SSC considered the Directors Letter provided by Small Supplier 'L'. The Agenda Item was marked as **RED** and therefore recorded in the Confidential Minutes.

The SSC **APPROVED** the Directors Letter for Small Supplier 'L'.

14. Directors Letter – Small Supplier 'AI' (RED)

The SSC considered the Directors Letter provided by Small Supplier 'AI'. The Agenda Item was marked as **RED** and therefore recorded in the Confidential Minutes.

The SSC **APPROVED** the Directors Letter for Small Supplier 'AI'.

15. Directors Letter - Small Supplier 'BK' (RED)

The SSC considered the Directors Letter provided by Small Supplier 'BK'. The Agenda Item was marked as **RED** and therefore recorded in the Confidential Minutes.

The SSC **APPROVED** the Directors Letter for Small Supplier 'BK'.

16. SECMP0059 Update

The SSC were presented with revised legal text for [SECMP0059 'Amendments to SEC Security Assessments for Non-Domestic Suppliers and Other Users'](#).

The legal drafting for G8.40, G8.41 and G8.42 and G8.47 was revised to be clearer and more concise.

The SSC reviewed the legal drafting and:

- **AGREED** that there should be a clear weighting recognised in G8.41 c) between domestic and non-domestic meters in terms of the risk profile to trigger a FUSA; and
- **AGREED** that revised legal drafting should be requested to reflect this.

17. ADT Workshop Update (GREEN)

Following the Anomaly Detection Workshop (ADT) which was held on 16 October 2018, the SSC were presented with initial updates from the DCC to the outstanding actions captured at the workshop and the previous workshop held on 30 May 2018.

The SSC **NOTED** the initial updates provided to the actions and **AGREED** that the agenda item should be deferred to the 28 November SSC meeting where more in-depth updates can be discussed.

18. Likelihoods Definitions (AMBER)

The SSC reviewed the proposed revisions to the probability percentages assigned to the Likelihood Definitions used in the SSC Risk Assessment.

The Agenda Item was marked as **AMBER** and therefore recorded in the Confidential Minutes.

The SSC **NOTED** that the requested examples had not yet been provided by the Service Provider and **AGREED** that the agenda item should be deferred to the 28 November SSC meeting where examples will be provided to support the discussion.

19. Event of Default Scenarios (GREEN)

The SSC considered the scenarios where an Event of Default (EoD) may be recommended by the SSC to the SEC Panel.

The SSC:

- **AGREED** the circumstances to be classified as 'exceptional' where an EoD may be recommended by the SSC to the SEC Panel;
- **AGREED** to monitor CPA compliance and User Remediation Plans at each SSC meeting as opposed to monthly; and

- **AGREED** to write to the affected users of Devices affected by the 'conditional' CPA Certificates.

20. Standing Agenda Items (**RED**)

The SSC were provided with updates on the following standing agenda items marked as **RED** and therefore recorded in the Confidential Minutes:

- Anomaly Detection Update;
- Shared Resource Notifications; and
- Security Incident and Vulnerabilities.

The SSC **NOTED** the updates.

21. Any Other Business (AOB) (**RED**)

Two items were raised under AOB and marked as **RED** and therefore recorded in the Confidential Minutes.

Next Meeting: 28 November 2018