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Technical Architecture and Business Architecture Sub-Committee (TABASC)

13 December 2018 10:00 – 15:00

8 Fenchurch Place, London EC3M 4AJ

TABASC_37_1312 – Meeting Headlines

Decision Items

TABASC_36_1511 – Draft Minutes and Actions Outstanding (For Decision)

The draft minutes from the November 2018 TABASC meeting were approved and accepted as final. All actions were marked as completed or on target for completion with several verbal updates provided.

TABASC_37_1312_02 – TABASC Response to DCC Communications Hub Firmware Management consultation response (For Decision)

SECAS presented to the TABASC a proposed TABASC response to the DCC Communications Hub Firmware Management consultation.

The TABASC **AGREED** the response to the consultation, subject to minor amendments. The updated response has been provided to TABASC Members for comment ahead of submission on 17 December 2018.

TABASC_37_1312_09 – Updated TSIRS and Change Sub-Committee Interaction Flowchart (For Decision)

SECAS provided the TABASC with the updated interaction flowchart noting the collaboration between the Technical Specification Issue Resolution Subgroup (TSIRS) and the Change Sub-Committee (CSC).

The TABASC **AGREED** the TSIRS and Change Sub-Committee Interaction Flowchart, noting that revisions, clarification of detail or amendments to the CSC Terms of Reference may be needed in future.

TABASC_37_1312_10 – Revisit SMETS 1 Service Release BAD Review Approach (For Decision)

An updated plan for identifying and capturing the necessary SMETS1 Service Release changes to the Business Architecture Document (BAD) and supporting Business Architecture Model (BAM) was provided. This included a revised timeline, commencing work in January 2019, with the intention to finalise the changes in line with SMETS1 Initial Operating Capability (IOC) go live.

The TABASC **AGREED** the revised review approach and the estimated resource requirements, noting the need to reduce cost where possible and investigate the benefits and delivery mechanism of the BAM prior to it being updated.

TABASC_37_1312_11 – Revisit SMETS 1 Service Release TAD Review Approach (For Decision)

An updated plan for identifying and capturing the necessary SMETS1 Services Release changes to the Technical Architecture Document (TAD) was provided. This included a revised timeline, commencing work in January 2019, with the intention to finalise the changes in line with SMETS1 Initial Operating Capability (IOC) go live.

The TABASC **AGREED** the development approach and the estimated resource requirements, noting the need to reduce cost where possible.

TABASC_37_1312_14 – TABASC Activity Planner (For Decision)

SECAS provided the TABASC with the Activity Planner, which has been updated with the additional agreed planned projects and activities.

The TABASC **AGREED** the amendments made to the Activity Planner.

Information Papers

DCC Production Proving (Presentation)

The DCC provided a presentation on the DCC Production Proving capability, noting the amendments made to the proposed solution since it was consulted on. The TABASC debated whether approval of the Production Proving solution would fall under transitional (BEIS) or enduring (SEC Panel) governance, concluding with BEIS if a requirement for SMETS1 Services Release go live.

The TABASC also discussed whether SMETS1 IOC delivery was dependent upon the DCC Production Proving capability being available for initial migrations.

The TABASC **NOTED** the presentation.

DCC Testing Services Update (Presentation)

The DCC provided an overview on DCC Testing Services, highlighting that the DCC is establishing a centralised User Testing Facility with a new Test Lab Operator (TLO). The DCC noted that it will retain its contract manager role and will not be the TLO. The TLO contract will be made available on the DCC website.

The TABASC **NOTED** the presentation.

TABASC_37_1312_12 – Summarising Smart Appliance Consultation responses (For Information)

The TABASC discussed the key factors relevant for TABASC and concluded that no specific actions are required to take forward at this time.

The TABASC **NOTED** the contents of this paper.

TABASC_37_1312_13 – TABASC Risk Register (For Information)

SECAS provided an update on the TABASC risks and associated risk management plans. SECAS highlighted that there were no proposed updates to consider this month. It was noted that a thorough review of the risk register will be undertaken by the TABASC in the new year.

The TABASC **NOTED** the contents of this paper.

Discussion Items

Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Test Schedule consultation (For Discussion)

The TABASC discussed key items to be addressed as part of the response to the DCC Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Test Schedule consultation.

The TABASC **AGREED** to submit a TABASC response to the consultation, in addition to the SEC Operations Group response.

Oversight and Input on Industry Developments (For Discussion)

The TABASC were provided the opportunity to note recent industry developments that are of relevance to the TABASC. The TABASC discussed the following topics:

- TSIRS activities around identifying solutions in relation to prepayment operation and emergency credit.
- Broadband connectivity having a universal obligation to achieve 100% coverage by 2020 and whether this presented any opportunities for smart metering, noting that the DCC is considering this as part of an infill solution.
- Alternative Home Area Network (Alt HAN) and the details of the two options being considered, as well as potential impacts on smart metering infrastructure. The TABASC will ask Alt HAN project to engage with the TABASC to ensure that the Technical and Business Architecture integrity is maintained.
- Test specifications for Significant Metallic Obstruction, which was discussed at the DCC Communications Hub Smart Metering Wide Area Network Forum.

Newsletter Topics (For Discussion)

No specific TABASC related topics were noted to add to the next edition of the SEC Newsletter.

Monthly Updates

DCC Update – Verbal (For Information)

The DCC provided an update on the following items:

- recent Enduring Change of Supplier (ECoS) session
- up and coming Data Service Provider procurement
- recent Central Switching Service procurement sessions
- Alt HAN and managing inventory
- open DCC consultations

The TABASC **NOTED** the DCC Update.

Sub-Committee Update – Verbal (For Information)

The TABASC Chair provided the TABASC with an update on the Smart Metering Key Infrastructure Policy Management Authority (SMKI PMA) and Security Sub-Committee's (SSC's) recent activities, highlighting areas of specific relevance to the TABASC. An update on the discussions at the recent Operations Group was also provided.

The TABASC **NOTED** the Sub-Committee Update.

BEIS Update (For Information)

The TABASC were provided with BEIS presentation slides on the publication of the recent and future consultations.

The TABASC **NOTED** the BEIS Update.

Next Meeting – 17 January 2019