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SECMP0018 ‘Standard Electricity Distributor Configuration Settings’

30th August 2016

Meeting 1 Minutes

Attendees:

| Working Group 1 Member | Organisation |
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| Mark Pitchford | Npower |
| Graham Smith (SECMP0003 Proposer) | Western Power Distribution |
| Sam Charlton | EON |
| Chris Spence | EDF Energy |
| Andy Knowles | Utilita Energy |
| Elias Hanna | Landis + Gyr (representing EUA) |
| Andrew Monk (SECMP0006 and SECMP0019 Proposer) | SSE |
| Tim Newton | EON |

| Representing | Other attendees |
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| DCC | Stuart Scott |
| | Pankaj Jain |
| SECAS | Adam Lattimore (Chair) |
| | Kevin Atkin (Technical Support) |
| | Urszula Thorpe (Technical Support) |
| | Sebastian Rattansen (Modifications Support) |
| | Samuel Browne (Modification Lead SECMP0015, SECMP0018, and SECMP0019) |
| | Sasha Townsend (Modification Secretary SECMP0006 and SECMP0003) |

Apologies:

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1. SECMP0018: 'Standard Electricity Distributor Configuration Settings'

1.1 Overview

SECAS and a representative for the Proposer gave an overview of SECMP0018.

1.2 CRP412 – potential issue with modification

A WG Member raised a concern with regard to the fact that there may be a conflict with a BEIS Change Request Proposal (CRP): CRP412: 'Events and alerts (consolidated) PART 2'. SECAS noted that they had raised this matter with Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS) who had responded that this concern had been dealt with.

However, a WG Member noted that the concern had not entirely been dealt with. It was highlighted that the Energy Networks Association (ENA) were concerned with the period between the implementation of CRP412 and SECMP0018, noting that during this period, Electricity Smart Meterin Equipment's (ESME) may not be configured to the Energy Network Operator's (ENO's) requirements. SECAS proposed to investigate this issue further with BEIS.

ACTION SECMP18_01: SECAS to confirm implications of CRP412 implementation ahead of SECMP0018.

SECAS noted that Event logging default settings were also required, in addition to the Wide Area Network (WAN) Alerting requirements in the modification.

ACTION SECMP18_02: SECAS to confirm event logging requirements with Proposer.

1.3 Additional requirement with implementation of SECMP0003

SECAS noted that this modification should take into account the changes proposed by SECMP0003: Deficiencies in the Service Request for setting Maximum Demand Configurable Time. SECAS noted that the extra values proposed within the scope of SECMP0003 should be added. These values are:

1. What should be the default settings for days of the week?
2. What should be the default settings for start and end day?

1.4 Devices already installed

The WG noted that SECMP0018 will not mandate any parties to update this information on already installed meters. WG agreed that from the implementation of SECMP0018 onwards, ESMEs will be required to hold these settings.

1.5 Concerns about frequency of updates

The WG expressed concerns that this list may change again soon and will cause Device Manufacturers to constantly reinstall the required firmware. It was noted that the list should be fixed for the medium term. In the future there may be changes, however, this would only be in the long term.

1.6 DCC impact

The DCC noted that as SECMP0018 requires changes to Great Britain Companion Specifications (GBCS), a DCC Impact Assessment will be required. However, the DCC noted that SECMP0018 is unlikely to have any DCC impact. DCC noted that if this modification is to be introduced into a DCC release on its own, DCC would need to test whether SECMP0018 specifically will have an impact on their systems.

The WG noted that the SEC Panel are responsible for setting the Release Management schedule. As such, SECAS and the DCC will suggest that SECMP0018 be included into a release with other Modification Proposals altering GBCS to avoid any further testing costs.

1.7 EC Notification

The WG queried whether this modification would need European Commission (EC) notification as the documents this modification proposes to alter already undergo this process. SECAS proposed to request confirmation from BEIS about the need for EC Notification.

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| ACTION SECMP18_04: SECAS to request update on EC Notification from BEIS. |
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1.8 Pros and cons

To conclude, the WG participated in a brief pros and cons discussion concerning SECMP0018, in order to facilitate the drafting of the WG Consultation document.

The WG noted that the most important benefits of SECMP0018 is to decrease the number of SRs needing to be sent. ENOs currently need to populate ESMEs with SRs for every new installation. Whilst they are not mandated to do so, these settings are needed in order to use the related ESME functionality.