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Security Sub-Committee (SSC) Meeting Headlines

13 March 2019, 10:00 – 16:10, Genserv Office, 8 Fenchurch Place, London, EC3M 4AJ

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1. Matters Arising

Updates were noted on the following Matters Arising;

- SSC Members noted the [SECMP0062 'Northbound Application Traffic Management - Alert Storm Protection'](#) consultation closes on 29 March 2019.
- The SSC noted that the BEIS consultation on enrolment of Secure Meters cohort closes on 2 April 2019.
- The DCC consultation on SMETS1 Supporting Requirements (S1SR) (Threshold Anomaly Detection) closed on 6 March 2019.
- The SSC were provided with an update on the outstanding Actica work. (**RED**)
- Following discussions with BEIS and the DCC, the SSC Chair provided the group with an update regarding the SMETS1 Pending Product Combination Testing (PPCT) arrangements. (**RED**)

2. Minutes and Actions Outstanding

The SSC noted that no comments were received for the Draft Minutes from the SSC meeting held on Wednesday, 27 February 2019, and the SSC **APPROVED** the Draft Minutes as written.

It was noted that one set of comments had been received for the Confidential Draft Minutes for the SSC meeting on 27 February 2019; another Member (GM) provided verbal comments on the minutes. It was agreed that the modified Confidential Draft Minutes would be approved at the SSC meeting on 27 March 2019.

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

3. Full User Security Assessment – Small Supplier CA' (**RED**)

The SSC considered Small Supplier 'CA's 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 'CA'.

4. Verification User Security Assessment – Small Supplier 'M' (RED)

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

The SSC **AGREED** the Compliance Status for Small Supplier 'M'.

5. Director's Letter – Small Supplier 'AH' (RED)

The SSC considered Small Supplier 'AH's Director's Letter. The Agenda Item was marked as **RED** and therefore recorded in the Confidential Minutes.

The SSC **APPROVED** the Director's Letter for Small Supplier 'AH'.

6. Director's Letter – Other User 'L' (RED)

The SSC considered Other User 'L's Director's Letter. The Agenda Item was marked as **RED** and therefore recorded in the Confidential Minutes.

The SSC **APPROVED** the Director's Letter for Other User 'L'.

7. Director's Letter – Small Supplier 'BI' (RED)

The SSC considered Small Supplier 'BI's Director's Letter. The Agenda Item was marked as **RED** and therefore recorded in the Confidential Minutes.

The SSC **APPROVED** the Director's Letter for Small Supplier 'BI'.

8. CGI Presentation for Other User Role (RED)

A representative from CGI provided the SSC with an update regarding the Smart Metering Access Service that CGI will offer acting as an Other User on behalf of other organisations.

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

The SSC **NOTED** the update.

9. Commercial Product Assurance Security Characteristics

The SSC were informed that following confirmation by the BEIS representative (DF) that the SSC are henceforth responsible for managing and maintaining the Commercial Product Assurance (CPA) Security Characteristics. The SSC considered a draft version of the CPA Security Characteristics Methodology for making change, in addition to a draft Security Characteristics Modification process document and discussed the potential for a CPA Working Group.

SSC Members provided feedback on the documents, and it was agreed an updated document will be circulated for comments to be provided within one week after which the document will be published to the SEC Website.

The Agenda Item has been recorded in the Draft Minutes.

The SSC **NOTED** the update.

10. SOC2 Procurement (RED)

As per SEC Section G9.2, the DCC provided the SSC with an update relating to procurement for the upcoming Service Organisation Control (SOC) 2 assessment. The update included an overview of the previous SOC2 challenges, plans for 2019 and onwards and Supplier selection. The Agenda Item was marked as **RED** and therefore recorded in the Confidential Minutes.

The SSC **NOTED** the update.

11. DCC Go-Live On-Boarding Process (AMBER)

The DCC provided a further update regarding the DCC Go-Live On-Boarding Process, which was previously discussed at the 27 February 2019 SSC meeting. The Agenda Item was marked as **AMBER** and therefore recorded in the Confidential Minutes.

The SSC **NOTED** the update.

12. SMETS1 Segmentation (RED)

The SSC considered two options that had been previously presented by the DCC relating to the SMETS1 approach for segmentation of XML certificates.

Following consideration of potential costs, timescales and impacts on DCC Users, SSC Supplier Members did not vote for an alternative option and reluctantly agreed to proceed with the option that is in the current design for IOC. It was noted that Supplier Members were strongly critical of this approach since it is complicated for Suppliers to operate and SSC were not specifically consulted on the design. SSC members were extremely reluctant to make this decision, and only did so to avoid any impact on IOC timescales. The Agenda Item was marked as **RED** and therefore recorded in the Confidential Minutes.

The SSC **NOTED** the update.

13. SMETS1 Threshold Anomaly Detection (RED)

The DCC provided the SSC with an update on SMETS1 Threshold Anomaly Detection. The Agenda Item was marked as **RED** and therefore recorded in the Confidential Minutes.

The SSC **NOTED** the update.

14. Live Service Update (AMBER)

The DCC provided the SSC with an update relating to the SMETS1 Initial Operating Capability (IOC) Live Services Criteria. The DCC noted that in the coming months, the SSC will be required to assess the DCC against Criterion 10, as it is security related. The Agenda Item was marked as **AMBER** and therefore recorded in the Confidential Minutes.

The SSC **NOTED** the update.

15. SECMP0038 Risk Assessment

Gemserv presented the SSC with the results for the risk assessment for [SECMP0038 'Sending Commands via PPMIDs'](#), which included an overview of the deliverables (as set out in the Invitation to Tender), the risk scoring system and the High and Moderate Risks identified. The Agenda Item was marked as **RED** and therefore recorded in the Confidential Minutes.

The SSC **NOTED** the update.

16. Mitigating Security Risks from Internet-Connected Devices (RED)

The SSC were presented with an updated proposed plan relating to mitigation of security risks from Internet-Connected Devices. The Agenda Item was marked as **RED** and therefore recorded in the Confidential Minutes.

The SSC **NOTED** the update.

17. SECMP0013 Meter Triage (GREEN)

The SSC discussed the business requirement for [SECMP0013 'Smart meter device diagnostics and triage'](#). The Agenda Item was marked as **GREEN** and therefore recorded in the Draft Minutes.

The SSC **NOTED** the update.

18. SMETS1 Device Assurance – Testing Guidance Review (RED)

The SSC were provided with a SMETS1 Device Assurance project update. Following an action on SSC Members to review the SMETS1 Device Assurance guidance, PA Consulting talked through their responses to SSC Member's comments. The Agenda Item was marked as **RED** and therefore recorded in the Confidential Minutes.

The SSC **NOTED** the update.

19. Standing Agenda Items (RED)

The SSC were provided with updates on the following standing agenda items:

- CPA monitoring of 'conditional' CPA Certificates; (**RED**).
 - Further discussion regarding the decision of SSC to remove devices from the CPL is recorded as **GREEN** in the Draft Minutes.
- Anomaly Detection Update;
- Shared Resource Notifications; and
- Security Incident and Vulnerabilities. (**RED**)

20. Any Other Business (AOB)

One confidential item of AOB was raised relating to SMETS1 IOC testing, and therefore recorded as **RED** in the Confidential Minutes.

Additionally, SECAS informed the SSC that it had been made aware that an existing Certified/Central Products List (CPL) entry was submitted with an incorrect hash. SECAS provided an overview of the issue, and the DCC proposed options to correct the erroneous CPL entry. SECAS agreed to issue a newsletter to SEC Parties urging them to test that the hash and firmware is working before submitting CPL entries.

No additional items of business were raised, and the Chair closed the meeting.

Next Meeting: 27 March 2019