

Meeting SECP_30x_0803, 8th March 2016

Teleconference, Gemserv, 8 Fenchurch Place, London, EC3M 4AJ

Final Minutes

Attendees:

Category	SEC Panel Members
SEC Panel Chair	Peter Davies
Large Suppliers	Simon Trivella (part)
Small Suppliers	Mike Gibson
Electricity Networks	David Lane
Gas Networks	Sara Neal
Other SEC Parties	Mike Woodhall
	Hugh Mullens
DCC	Paul Hawkins

Representing	Other Participants
DECC (Secretary of State)	Tim Guy
Ofgem (the Authority)	Nigel Nash
SMKI PMA Chair	Gordon Hextall
DCC	Phil Twiddy
SECAS	Alys Garrett
	Jill Ashby
	Sarah Gratte
	David Barber

Welcomes and Introductions

The Panel Chair welcomed the attendees and confirmed that the meeting was quorate.

1. SRTA Updates Arising from February Consultation

The Panel were provided with version 3.9 of the SMKI and Repository Testing (SRT) Approach for approval. It was noted that the Panel had some concerns over the process followed leading up to the decisions required on 8th March 2016, specifically the lack of any notice prior to the receipt of the documents, however these would be considered at a later date.

The DCC provided an update on the amendments made to the SRT Approach Document v3.5, following its approval at the Panel meeting on 12th February 2016, to align the document to the proposed requirements set out in the recent DECC consultation on new Smart Energy Code content¹. Specifically, the amendments relate to Section 8.2 which sets out provisions for additional periods of SIT, Interface Testing and SRT and as such the SRT approach document has been amended to remove from the objectives any testing which will fall under additional testing. Therefore, SRT Part 2a and SRT Part 3 have been removed from the objectives as they will be tested under SIT and additional testing respectively.

The Panel Chair highlighted that there is a requirement (SEC Section T5.7) for the DCC to consult with Parties on the SRT Approach Document and therefore this should be adhered to. The DCC agreed to undertake a consultation on the amendments to the document from Version 3.5 to Version 3.9.

It was noted by the SMKI PMA Chair that a letter had been provided to the Panel Chair following a joint SMKI PMA / TAG session held on 8th March 2016, outlining their recommendation for approval of the SRT Approach Document v3.9.

The Panel **APPROVED** the SRT Approach Document v3.9, subject to no material comments being raised through consultation with Parties.

ACTION SECP30x/01: DCC to undertake a consultation in accordance with SEC Section T5.7 on the SRT Approach Document v3.9.

ACTION SECP30x/02: SECAS to notify, on the SEC Panel's behalf, the DCC and Parties regarding the approval of SRT Approach Document v3.9 in accordance with SEC Section T5.10.

2. SMKI and Repository Testing Completion Report

In accordance with SEC Section T5.19 (a), the Panel were provided with a completion report setting out the evidence to show how the exit criteria set out in the SRT Approach Document v3.9 had been met.

It was noted that this had previously been discussed by the SMKI PMA and TAG at their joint session held on 8th March 2016 and a letter of recommendation had been provided to the Panel Chair setting out the recommendation to approve that the exit criteria had been met with some outstanding areas of consideration.

The DCC provided the Panel with an overview of each of the exit criteria that were required to be met and how the DCC had achieved them, referring to the test completion reports provided by the Service Providers to the DCC.

The Panel requested that further detail be included within the SRT completion report executive summary to include how the objectives of this period of SRT relate to the requirements set out in Section L.

Regarding each of the exit criteria, the Panel:

- **APPROVED** that the exit criteria for SRT 1a had been met;

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/a-consultation-on-new-smart-energy-code-content-and-related-licence-amendments>

- **APPROVED** that the exit criteria for SRT 1b had been met. However it was requested that clarification be provided in the completion report as to why the Cycle 2 tests were not necessary;
- **APPROVED** that the exit criteria for SRT 2b had been met; and
- **APPROVED** that the exit criteria that two Large Suppliers had undergone SREPT had been met.

The Panel noted the SMKI PMA and TAG concern that the exit criteria for SRT 2b had been met using only one meter variant and this may lead to a lack of industry confidence in further meter variants being able to process the commands correctly. It was however, noted that device assurance was a commercial matter to be considered between suppliers and meter manufacturers. The Panel were further assured that the exit criteria had been met across both CSP regions using both a meter and an emulator.

The SMKI PMA and TAG also noted that there were some outstanding issues captured in the work-off plans presented as part of the SP test completion reports and it may be appropriate to request site of the resolutions to these issues.

Post Meeting Note: *The SMKI PMA Chair and the Panel Chair have requested that the DCC provide updates to the Panel and the SMKI PMA on the progress towards resolving the issues set out within the work-off plans.*

The Panel also noted that the exit criteria had been met in relation to the SRT Approach Document v3.9 and therefore, the determination that the exit criteria have been met, is subject to no material matters being raised through the consultation on the SRT Approach Document v3.9 with Parties.

The Panel **DETERMINED** that the exit criteria set out within the SRT Approach Document v3.9 had been met, subject to no material comments being raised through consultation.

ACTION SECP30x/03: DCC to provide an amended SRT completion report to take into account the comments raised by the Panel.

ACTION SECP30x/04: SECAS to notify, on the SEC Panel's behalf, the Secretary of State, the Authority and Parties, of their determination on the SRT exit criteria as required by T5.21(b).

3. Any Other Business

There was no further business and the Chair closed the meeting.