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SEC Panel Meeting 56x

SECP_56_2205¹, 25th May 2018

10:00 – 11:00, Gemserv, 8 Fenchurch Place, London, EC3M 4AJ

Final Minutes

Attendees:

Category	SEC Panel Members
SEC Panel Chair	Peter Davies (teleconference)
Large Suppliers	Simon Trivella (teleconference)
	Ashley Pocock (teleconference)
Small Suppliers	Mike Gibson (teleconference)
	Karen Lee (teleconference)
Electricity Networks	David Lane (teleconference)
Other SEC Parties	Hugh Mullens (teleconference)
	Elias Hanna (Alternate) (teleconference)
DCC	Tom Rothery (Observer) (teleconference)

Representing	Other Participants
BEIS (Secretary of State)	Robert Thornes
Meeting Secretary	Hollie McGovern
SECAS	Adam Lattimore
	Kayla Reinhart
	Rainer Lischetzki

Apologies:

Category	SEC Panel Members
Other SEC Parties	Gary Cottrell

¹ Please note this meeting is referenced as 56x_2205 as the paper for this meeting was issued on 22nd May 2018.

Gas Networks	Leigh Page
DCC	Helen Fleming
BEIS	Duncan Stone

1. CPL Processing Issue Update

SECAS provided the Panel with a high-level overview of the Certified Products List (CPL) Processing Issue Update paper that was issued on 22nd May 2018. It was highlighted that the DCC have confirmed that the solution design to the issue is expected to be completed on 12th June 2018, and the fix is expected to be deployed before 22nd June 2018. The DCC are continuing to push the Data Service Provider (DSP) to have the fix in place sooner. The Panel considered the two options set out in the paper.

The DCC noted that it's consideration of the issue was driven by the overarching aim to minimise disruption to meter installation and operation and to meet the first general SEC Objective, and that it's view was that Option B was most suitable. There was discussion regarding the level of materiality for Option A, and it was noted that it would be useful to understand how many Suppliers will be impacted by the issue.

A Panel Member noted that they had become aware of a Large Supplier who has already been impacted by the issue and noted that while Small Suppliers are not yet installing devices, they will be soon and therefore will also be impacted if the issue is not resolved quickly.

The Panel discussed the pros and cons of each option, and it was the wider view of the Panel that that Option B involves a level of uncertainty, noting that there may be a risk to Manufacturers and Suppliers further down the line.

A Panel Member queried what assurances the Panel had that the DCC would be able to deploy a fix by the 22nd June 2018, and DCC noted that it was confident that they would meet that deadline, if not sooner. The DCC noted that whilst the issue is being treated as a Severity 2 Incident, this was based on the Incident classification criteria set out in the SEC, and that the DCC are treating the issue as a priority.

A Panel Member requested that the DCC Service Desk be made aware of the issue, noting that they believed the Service Desk did not currently understand how to correctly respond to queries regarding the issue. The DCC noted it would communicate the issue and associated plan to its Service Desk to avoid any future miscommunication.

There was discussion around devices that were still currently being added to the submission list and installed, and it was noted that as the CPL submission system is extremely rigid, it may not accept any mismatched numbering or versioning on devices.

The Panel discussed the issue where the DCC DSP systems are not configured to recognise different Technical Specification versions, and the Panel Chair queried whether this was across all Technical Specifications. SECAS noted the uncertainty around whether the fix will be applied across all Technical Specifications, further highlighting the risks associated with Option B.

The Panel unanimously agreed to proceed with Option A, and all Members agreed to urge the DCC to treat the issue as a high priority defect and to implement a fix as soon as practically possible. The Panel noted that it would be flexible in regard to outage requests from the DCC, noting that its priority was to have the fix implemented as soon as possible to minimise any further impacts.

The Panel discussed SECAS' second recommendation to extend the validity period for GBCS v1.0 for a further three months to enable Suppliers and Manufacturers to update their current submissions to GBCS v1.1. SECAS noted that the three months would start from 25th May 2018, and end around the September 2018 Panel meeting, where if there were any remaining GBCS v1.0 submissions, the Panel could consider removing these devices. SECAS noted that the upgrade to GBCS v1.1 could be completed as part of a firmware update.

There was a level of uncertainty amongst the Panel on the implications of extending the validity period, and the Panel agreed to defer agreeing the recommendation, requesting SECAS and the DCC to present a paper ahead of the June 2018 Panel meeting, providing absolute clarity on the requirements associated with Technical Specification Applicability, specifically moving from one GBCS version to another, and a clear solution to the issue. This will help inform a Panel decision at its June 2018 Panel meeting.

The Panel:

- **AGREED** to proceed with Option A with regards to the CPL submission blocking issue; and
- **DEFFERED** giving SEC Parties and Manufacturers three months' notice to take the necessary steps to update and correctly reference GBCS v1.1 for all existing active CPL entries, until 15th June 2018.