SECMP0056 ‘IHD / PPMID Zigbee Attributes Available on the HAN’

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Working Group Meeting – 1 May 2019

Meeting summary

Discussions of the Working Group

SECAS gave an overview of the modification’s aims and solution; these can be found on the modification’s webpage and in the meeting materials.

Consideration of the Preliminary Assessment

Some concerns were raised about the DCC cost of the change, estimated at £1.3m up to the end of Pre-Integration Testing (PIT). The DCC explained that this was due to the amount of testing that would be needed. The Working Group continued to be concerned but accepted the DCC’s response.

Consideration of other factors

The group raised concerns that a current open defect might interact with this modification. The defect had been raised in response to the situation where the Supplier has sent the Change of Tenancy (CoT) Service Request but the Gas Proxy Function (GPF) does not restrict the sharing of historic information with the In-Home Display (IHD). The group concluded that the resolution of the defect would not address the problem stated in the modification so the solution would still be needed. This is because a clear indication from the GPF or the Electricity Smart Metering Equipment (ESME) to the IHD of when the CoT occurs is required.

Benefits and drawbacks of the Modification

The group considered the benefit of the modification would be high as a breach of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) would be seen as the responsibility of the Supplier and would incur a fine of up to €20m or 4% of a company’s annual turnover.

The group suggested that, as well as DCC central system costs, there would also be costs to implement the modification in Supplier systems. SECAS confirmed that views on these costs will be requested from Suppliers in the Refinement Consultation.

Next Steps

The group were happy for the modification to continue on to the Refinement Consultation and, subject to Change Board approval, a subsequent Impact Assessment.