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SECMP0007 'Firmware updates to IHDs and PPMIDs'

2nd Working Group

3rd July 2017, 1.00pm – 1.30pm,
Gemserv, 8 Fenchurch Place, London, EC3M 4AJ

Meeting Headlines

Attendees:

Organisation	Working Group Member
Npower (Proposer)	Stephen Lowell
British Gas	Allan Row
Co-operative Energy	Beverley Comley
EDF Energy	Paul Wheeler
EDMI Meters	Tom Wooley
E.ON	Robert Williams
In Home Displays	Marc Bowden
Landis & Gyr	Elias Hanna
Scottish Power	Mahfuzar Rahman
Scottish Power	Stephen Pickering
SSE	Emslie Law

Representing	Other participants
SECAS	Helen Fosberry (Chair)
	Sasha Townsend (SECAS Modification Lead)
	Urszula Thorpe (Technical Support)
	Caroline Gundu (Observer)
DCC	Nicola Roteglia
	Parmjeet Dayal
BEIS	Christopher Thompson

Introduction

The DCC Preliminary Assessment (PA) was issued on 17th May 2017. This Working Group (WG) meeting was to discuss the outcomes of the PA and the next steps.

DCC Preliminary Assessment for SECMP0007

The DCC provided a breakdown of costs for the full DCC Impact Assessment (IA), which totals approximately £340k. They also provided a breakdown of the approximate costs to implement the modification, which totals between £7.3m and £8.2m. The DCC also noted that the total cost and implementation lead time may increase following further analysis by its Service Providers (SP).

Next Steps

Whilst noting that there are assumptions and non-functional requirements outlined in the PA that require clarification and development, SECAS asked the Proposer and the WG whether they wish to consult with industry prior to refining the modification further. This is because of the questions raised in relation to the business case of SECMP0007 and the high cost to complete a DCC IA. It was noted that there is limited information on how many In Home Displays (IHDs) and Pre-Payment Metering Interface Devices (PPMIDs) will be in use when this modification is implemented. Particularly noting that some Devices may be replaced with applications on Consumer devices or connected via Wi-Fi.

WG Members highlighted that Parties may not want to disclose this commercially sensitive information. The Proposer and WG therefore agreed that a Working Group Consultation would be the best method to assess the impacts and business justification. This consultation is to aid the Proposer's decision to progress SECMP0007 further.

ACTION_0307_01: SECAS to draft Working Group Consultation for Proposer and WG review.