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## Operations Group Meeting 26a

**8 November 2019, 11:30 – 13:30**

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

### OPSG\_26a\_0811 - Draft Minutes

#### Attendees:

Category	Operations Group Members
Operations Group Chair	Dave Warner
DCC	Alex Henighan (Teleconference)
Network Parties	Gemma Slaney (Teleconference)
	Matthew Alexander (Teleconference)
Large Suppliers	Tony Shanahan (Teleconference)
	Nassar Zeb (Teleconference)
	Rochelle Harrison (Teleconference)
	Zoe Marklew (Teleconference)
	Yvonne Mackenzie (Teleconference Alternate)

Representing	Other Participants
DCC	Wendy Liddell (Teleconference)
	Courtney O'Connor (Teleconference)
	Penny Brown (Teleconference)
	Ibrahim Ahmed (Part)
SECAS	Tim Hall
	Huw Exley
	Veronica Asantewaa
TABASC	Julian Hughes (Teleconference)
BEIS	Natasha Free (Teleconference)
	Fahad Akhter (Teleconference)

## Apologies:

Representing	Name
Small Suppliers	Simon Dowse
	Heidi Wilbor
	Kate Barnes
Large Suppliers	Paul Clarke
	Joey Manners
	Endika Enes
Other SEC Parties	Tom Woolley
	Elias Hanna
	Kate Barnes

## 1. Introduction

The DCC provided an overview of the changes to the November 2019 Live Service Criteria (LSC) document, noting that it had been simplified since the Operations Group (OPSG) had previously reviewed it, with the bulk of detail removed from the main document and added as appendices.

The Chair noted that OPSG were comfortable with the scope of the Release, adding that the Testing Advisory Group (TAG) had validated that [SECMP0062 'Northbound Application Traffic Management - Alert Storm Protection'](#) was switched off for this Release. A Large Supplier (LS) questioned how they would know if it was switched on and felt that it should not be within the Data Service Provider's (DSP) gift to do so. The DCC confirmed that the DSP did not have this capability; the DCC's change management team were the only people able to do so with ultimate responsibility going to the head of this team. The DCC confirmed that there was a governance and approval process in place that would have to be followed in order to allow it to be switched on.

The DCC noted that there had been some confusion regarding which parts of the DCC System were being changed and the updated document clearly stated changes would only affect the DSP.

## 2. Summary of Readiness

The OPSG reviewed the summary of the readiness status of the changes being made for this release.

## 3. Residual Risks

The DCC presented the one residual risk arising from the readiness status of the components. It was noted that there is a risk that SECMP0062 (CR1066) could be deployed 'ON' in a future Release without being approved by the SEC Panel. A Distribution Network Operator (DNO) member noted that it is essential that CR1066 is not unintentionally turned on in the next Release without approval. The DCC informed the OPSG that a positive check would be run post-implementation to ensure the switches remain as set to off. The DCC reaffirmed that they hold sole authority to activate the code.

#### 4. Live Service Criteria

The DCC presented the LSCs for OPSG consideration. The Chair invited OPSG members to give recommendations of a Red, Amber or Green status for each criterion. The OPSG members agreed a Green status for each of the LSCs (listed below), indicating that the OPSG accepted the DCC's statement of readiness for each:

*[LSC 1 Data ready for migration Not relevant and not reviewed]*

LSC 2 Service Operations capability ready;

LSC3 SMETS1 Service and Migration can operate at the requisite volumes to support migration and operation of the relevant DMCs and operating capability in parallel with all SMETS2 activity;

*[LSC 4 Regression Testing has completed successfully Not relevant and not reviewed]*

*[LSC 5 Testing has completed successfully Not relevant and not reviewed]*

LSC 6 Pre-existing services remain stable for SMETS2 and SMETS1 prior operating capabilities;

LSC 7 Any lessons learnt from prior operating capabilities are incorporated in to live process;

LSC 8 No detrimental impact to consumers' experience expected; and

LSC 9 Assurance of required Business Continuity/Disaster Recovery.

*[LSC 10 Completion of relevant security testing and approval of security architecture]*

It was noted that SECAS would update Panel Paper SECP\_74\_1511\_06 to reflect the OPSG views and circulate to OPSG members for comment by midday on 11 November, before being issued to the Panel.

*[Post meeting note: The deadline for OPSG comments has been extended to 5pm on 12 November]*

#### 5. Any Other Business

##### Additions to the SMETS 1 Eligible Products Combination List (EPCL)

The Chair noted that since the OPSG\_26\_0511 OPSG meeting, discussion had continued regarding the certificate issue raised by a DNO member.

The Chair noted that a possible mitigation for the issue had been identified and would be considered by the Security Sub-Committee (SSC) on 13 November 2019. The DCC noted that they were lacking the relevant experts to discuss the topic in detail at this meeting. However, they noted that they believed the risk to be small, as their migration tool will reject meters with incorrect certificates. The DCC explained that the issue could only arise if the certificates were changed once meters had been migrated. The DCC added that in terms of migration itself, the issue was so far confined to testing.

The DNO member agreed with the DCC's view. The Chair obtained confirmation that the OPSG agreed with the DCC's view. The OPSG noted the risk, and agreed the assessment of the LSCs should be unchanged, that is 'Green' except for LSC 9 referring to BCDR which remains at 'Amber'. the LSC should remain green and not delay migration.