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SEC Change Sub-Committee Meeting 09_2611

26 November 2019, 10:30 – 11:00

Gemserv, 8 Fenchurch Place, London, EC3M 4AJ

Final Minutes

Attendees:

Category	Change Sub-Committee Members
Change Sub-Committee Chair	David Kemp (DK)
Large Suppliers	Paul Saker (PS) (<i>teleconference</i>)
	Simon Trivella (ST) (<i>teleconference</i>)

Representing	Other Participants
DCC	Mari Toda (MT)
Network Parties	Paul Fitzgerald (PF) (<i>teleconference</i>)
SECAS	Hollie McGovern (HM) (<i>Meeting Secretary</i>)
	Joe Hehir (JH)
	Bradley Baker (BB)
	Fiona Chestnutt (FC)
	Ali Beard (AB)

Apologies:

Representing	Name
Small Suppliers	Chris Brown (CB)
Other SEC Parties	Jonathan Lishawa (JL)
	Elias Hanna (EH)
Consumers	Ed Rees (ER)

1. Welcomes and introductions

The Chair (DK) welcomed Members to the Change Sub-Committee (CSC) meeting.

2. New Draft Proposals

SECAS presented the following New Draft Proposals to the CSC for discussion:

DP094 'Supporting prepayment customers in no SM WAN scenarios'

The CSC considered the problem statement for [DP094 'Supporting prepayment customers in no SM WAN scenarios'](#). This proposal seeks to provide a solution to be able to effectively manage Smart Metering Equipment Technical Specification (SMETS) 2 prepayment customers in no Wide Area Network (WAN), intermittent WAN or DCC outage scenarios equivalent to the commercially developed solution available from the Secure SMETS1 product.

A Member (PS) agreed there is an issue here, and that smart prepayment does not always work in various scenarios, but it needs to be clarified what the scale of the issue is, noting the Proposer is likely to be more impacted than other Parties. They recognised the need for a cost-effective solution to the issue and suggested early engagement with the Technical Architecture and Business Architecture Sub-Committee (TABASC), to investigate a technical solution. They did not want this proposal to get stuck in the same ruts as the previous ones. SECAS (JH) noted that all Sub-Committees would be engaged early in the Refinement Process. The Member also noted that there may be less engagement from industry as the proposal is currently only specific to prepayment customers, and suggested extending the proposal to include non-prepayment customers.

Another Member (ST) questioned the policy intent, noting that the original technical specifications never assumed there would be full WAN coverage. They believed it should be clarified what Suppliers should be doing now in these scenarios. The Member also noted that the previous modifications raised on this topic assumed a technical solution is needed and queried if there could be non-technical solutions to the issue.

The 'install and leave' scenario was noted as having significance to the issue set out in the problem statement. This is where a site is listed as having WAN coverage, but the installation fails as the engineer cannot gain WAN coverage. A Member (PS) advised that in this scenario, the DCC does not have resolve the coverage, even if they advised that the site should have full WAN coverage.

It was noted that a conversation with BEIS would be beneficial to seek answers on the policy intent. The DCC also needs to be engaged regarding its plans around coverage.

DP095 'Alignment of Credit Cover'

The CSC considered the problem statement for [DP095 'Alignment of Credit Cover'](#) which seeks to explore the current Credit Cover requirements to identify if there are any ways it can be amended to reduce the risk of cost socialisation across the industry.

A Member (PS) agreed that action needs to be taken to minimise the risk of socialisation costs across industry. They noted [SECMP0016 'Consideration of Maximum Credit Value in Credit Cover Calculation'](#) had been raised to reduce a barrier to entry, but that this may have led to greater socialisation of costs.

DP096 'DNO Power Outage Alerts'

The CSC considered the problem statement for [DP096 'DNO Power Outage Alerts'](#) which seeks to align the SEC with the DCC's current capabilities and the Distribution Network Operators (DNOs) requirements.

A Network Operator representative (PF) highlighted that DNOs and the DCC had been working together for several years to find a balanced solution to the issue. They questioned the intent of the proposal, and whether the DCC raised it in order to define the current system capabilities within the SEC, or to investigate and determine alternate solutions to present to DNOs and SEC Parties. If the DCC intends to explore alternate solutions, PF questioned whether it would be appropriate for SEC Parties to fund the DCC's route to compliance. PF noted that these questions need to be understood before the proposal is converted to a modification. SECAS confirmed these questions would be answered during the Development Stage.

Anticipated Draft Proposals

SECAS (AL) informed the CSC that two Proposers had contacted SECAS with the intention of raising the following Draft Proposals:

a) Large Gas Meter Displays

It was noted that the Technical Specifications Issues Resolution Subgroup (TSIRS) is seeking a Proposer to raise a modification to remove the SMETS obligation on Large Gas Meters to have certain consumption values displayed.

The CSC had no immediate concerns with this proposal, but a Member (PS) suggested it not be expanded to include other potential issues in case it ends up exempting too much. Another Member

(ST) sought clarification whether this change would be applied to future large meters, as he was not aware of any currently installed.

b) Power Outage Alerts

It was noted that meter manufactures are seeking to raise a Draft Proposal which obligates all future Over The Air (OTA) firmware updates to be designed so as to not initiate a Power Outage Alert (POA), which is currently the case. PF noted he was working to raise this proposal.

A Member (PS) questioned where the changes for this proposal would sit within the SEC, and how these changes would be enacted, noting this will need a new version of the SMETS. It should also be considered if this should be applied to Devices prospectively or retrospectively.

3. DP097 'Improving SMETS2 Meter Installs for New Connections' Draft Proposal decision

The CSC considered the problem statement for [DP097 'Improving SMETS2 Meter Installs for New Connections'](#).

A Member (PS) noted he had discussed this with the DCC and agreed it is a sensible change. He queried whether the latitude and longitude information are needed.

Members questioned the proposal for progressing this as a Fast-Track Modification Proposal. One Member (ST) believed it would be beneficial to perform the Modification Report Consultation to ensure full transparency and that Parties were fully aware of the change. Another Member (PS) agreed, noting this wasn't really a typographical error. SECAS confirmed that this proposal would be proposed for the February 2020 SEC Release, and that performing a Modification Report Consultation would not impact that approach.

The CSC:

- **AGREED** that the issue identified under DP097 is clearly defined and understood;
- **RECOMMENDED** to the Panel that this Draft Proposal is ready to be converted to a Modification Proposal; and
- **RECOMMENDED** to the Panel that the Modification Proposal should progress directly to the Report Phase.

4. CodeWorks – the digital SEC

SECAS provide an update on CodeWorks, noting that a new release is due to be implemented which will allow users to view the proposed track changes to the SEC when a modification is proposed.

The CSC **NOTED** the update.

5. Any Other Business (AOB)

The CSC Chair (DK) reminded the CSC that, effective from the next meeting on 2 January 2020, all future CSC meetings will commence at 10.00am, rather than 10.30am.

No further business was raised, and the Chair closed the meeting.

Next Meeting: 2 January 2020