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## SEC Change Sub-Committee Meeting 17\_2807

28 July 2020, 10:00 – 10:30

Teleconference

### SECCSC\_17\_2807 – Final Minutes

#### Attendees:

| Category                   | Change Sub-Committee Members |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Change Sub-Committee Chair | David Kemp                   |
| Large Suppliers            | Paul Saker                   |
| Small Suppliers            | Chris Brown                  |

| Representing      | Other Participants                        |
|-------------------|---|
| DCC               | Remi Oluwabamise                          |
|                   | Sasha Townsend                            |
| SECAS             | Holly Burton ( <i>Meeting Secretary</i> ) |
|                   | Khaleda Hussain                           |
|                   | Eessa Mansoor                             |
|                   | Manny Ajayi                               |
| Proposer of DP137 | Ralph Baxter                              |

#### Apologies:

| Representing                | Name         |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| DCC                         | Mari Toda    |
| SECAS                       | Alison Beard |
| Electricity Network Parties | Gemma Slaney |

#### 1. Welcome and Introductions & Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

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

The Chair noted the meeting was not quorate, but also noted there were no decisions being asked for at this meeting. Members were content to continue the meeting in order to discuss the Draft Proposals and provide their comments to help inform SECAS's investigations.

The Meeting Secretary (HB) informed the CSC that no comments had been received on the minutes from the previous CSC meeting, held on Tuesday 30 June 2020. The CSC **APPROVED** the minutes as written.

## 2. Actions Outstanding

| Action Reference   | Action   |
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| 16/01  | SECAS to liaise with BEIS to confirm the designation of GBCS v3.3 and to update the modification report for DP131 pending outputs from the discussion. |
| SECAS can confirm there will be no GBCS v3.3 in November 2020, and MP131 will only be included in GBCS v4.0. If a material change requiring a GBCS v3.3 arises later on then a consequential modification will be raised to incorporate the changes from all relevant modifications, including MP131.<br>Status: <b>Closed</b> |  |
| 16/02  | DCC to consider the views relating to the request for a GBCS v3.3 and liaise with SECAS and BEIS as needed to further define the need for a GBCS v3.3. |
| The DCC notes it is now likely too late to introduce a GBCS v3.3 in November 2020. Development and testing is already underway and so it is not a good idea to introduce scope change at this stage.<br>Status: <b>Closed</b>  |  |

## 3. Draft Proposal Report

### *Continuing in development:*

#### **DP096 'DNO Power Outage Alerts'**

The CSC was provided with a progress update on [DP096 'DNO Power Outage Alerts'](#).

The Chair noted that this Draft Proposal was on hold until the DCC's project and consultation had concluded. No further comments were raised.

The CSC **NOTED** further development is required to define and understand the issue.

#### **DP126 'Smart meter consumer data access and control'**

SECAS provided a progress update on [DP126 'Smart meter consumer data access and control'](#).

SECAS noted no further progress had been made on this Draft Proposal but it is expecting further development to be provided for the next meeting. No further comments were raised.

The CSC **NOTED** further development is required to define and understand the issue.

### **DP136 'Enduring ICHIS Compliance Related to RF'**

SECAS provided a progress update on [DP136 'Enduring ICHIS Compliance Related to RF'](#).

A CSC member (PS) noted the Intimate Communications Hub Interface Specification (ICHIS) is not part of the SEC, He questioned the Proposer's intent with this proposal and how any changes would be implemented within the SEC. Further questions also remain around the business case for adding anything into the SEC, the impact of any modification and how this would fit into the scope of the SEC.

SECAS (EA) agreed to hold an offline discussion with the Proposer to seek clarification following discussions being held between the DCC and Suppliers. EA confirmed the Proposer believes that the SEC is in the process of supporting innovative changes to allow the re-use of meters. The Proposer feels there are also multiple scenarios where a meter, once compliant, should be able to be re-deployed. It was advised that the Proposer is not looking to change anything within the ICHIS document itself but to simply seek a solution or approach.

The Chair confirmed the Draft Proposal highlights a problem but that it may be concluded this is not an issue which will require a formal modification to resolve. The CSC agreed it was right to flag the issue, as the industry would not want to be throwing Devices away unnecessarily here, but needed clarity on what the Proposer is seeking to achieve.

The CSC **NOTED** further development is required to define and understand the issue.

### **DP137 'Sharing information on Defects and Issues'**

SECAS provided a progress update on [DP137 'Sharing information on Defects and Issues'](#).

The Proposer (RB) noted that Suppliers would have at some point attended various sessions where one refers to unknown Device model combinations or meter types where audiences will and will not know what the meter types are. This produces asymmetric conversations around this activity which impedes problem resolutions on multiple fronts. The inability to share information makes tasks challenging for Suppliers who inherit these combination of Devices. Moving forward, the ability to obtain the knowledge of Devices becomes limited to individuals working on their own bilateral relationships. This means that there is a growing body of insensitivity at the heart of the Smart Meter system as opposed to the ability share and consolidate this information.

A CSC member (PS) agreed with the issues highlighted within the modification. However, he questioned whether there is something within the SEC that prevents these discussions and how this will this be facilitated within the SEC. He noted previous modifications, such as [SECMP0009 'Centralised Firmware Library'](#), which touched on the subject of sharing information, which had generated a lot of discussion and pushback.

The Proposer highlighted proposed wording that had been included within the modification. He felt this should be tested with Parties to see if they believe this would allow what was sought. He noted the DCC would be one of the principle Parties. He noted that the 'material vulnerabilities' provisions could be called upon to get around any commercial or legal blockers, but felt this would be an extreme solution option.

Another CSC member (CB) agreed with the intent of the modification but queries whether the legal blockers could be broken. He would support seeing non-law breaking collaboration on issues to avoid the industry creating issues for itself later on. The Proposer agreed this would be a step in the right

direction, and felt it would be beneficial to test approaches against existing scenarios. He also noted the consequences of doing nothing needed to be drawn out.

The CSC **NOTED** further development is required to define and understand the issue.

#### ***New Draft Proposal:***

One new DP has been raised since the papers were issued:

#### **DP138 'DCC Service Testing in ETAD'**

[DP138 'DCC Service Testing in ETAD'](#) was raised by Richard Collard of the DCC.

A recent review of interoperability on change commissioned by the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) included a recommendation to update the Smart Energy Code (SEC) testing approach documentation to include Device Manufacturer related Testing Services and to validate with industry to ensure that these services are fit for purpose.

The initial SEC Appendix J 'Enduring Testing Approach Document' (ETAD) was designed to deliver support to DCC Users to qualify through entry process testing and to operate freely within the User Integration Testing (UIT) environment.

The DCC has therefore been in discussion with industry, particularly Device Manufacturers, to help shape and test services that DCC offer.

The DCC (ST) confirmed this modification is to ensure the Charging Methodology is fit for purpose as, the DCC only has the addition of testing and supporting explicit charges. Although some of the testing services that the DCC is introducing already has charges such as ICHIS, the testing services such as radio frequency noise and potentially interoperability events do not have explicit charging facility in the SEC.

The other purpose to introduce testing into the ETAD is to give the testing participants confidence that the DCC has obligations to provide this testing. This modification will also provide the DCC with confidence that testing participants will follow the requirements in Section H.14.

CSC members were advised to contact [sec.change@gemserv.com](mailto:sec.change@gemserv.com) should they wish to raise any comments against this draft proposal before the next CSC meeting.

The CSC **NOTED** further development is required to define and understand the issue.

#### **4. Any Other Business (AOB)**

There was no further business and the Chair closed the meeting.

**Next Meeting:** 26 August 2020