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SEC Change Sub-Committee Meeting 18_2508

25 August 2020, 10:00 – 10:50

Teleconference

SECCSC_18_2508 - Draft Minutes

Attendees:

Representing	Other Participants
Change Sub-Committee Chair	David Kemp
Large Suppliers	Paul Saker
Small Suppliers	Chris Brown

Representing	Other Participants
DCC	Remi Oluwabamise
	Sasha Townsend
	Glenn Critchley
	Richard Collard (<i>part meeting</i>)
	Mari Toda
SECAS	Holly Burton (<i>Meeting Secretary</i>)
	Ali Beard
	Khaleda Hussain
	Harry Jones
	Joey Manners
Proposer of DP137	Bradley Baker
SSE	Ralph Baxter
	Bartosz Machelski

Apologies:

Representing	Name
Electricity Network Parties	Gemma Slaney
Large Suppliers	Simon Trivella

Representing	Name
Other SEC Parties	Elias Hanna
SECAS	Manny Ajayi

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, and that decisions were required at this meeting. As such, members were content to continue the meeting in order to discuss the Draft Proposals and provide their comments to help inform SECAS's investigations. SECAS agreed to circulate an email offline to CSC members that were not present, informing them of the discussions at the meeting on 25 August 2020, seeking agreement of the recommendations being made to the Panel.

The Meeting Secretary (HB) informed the CSC that no comments had been received on the minutes from the previous CSC meeting, held on Tuesday 28 July 2020. The CSC **APPROVED** the minutes as written.

2. Draft Proposal Report

Recommended for Conversion:

DP137 'Sharing of information on Defects and Issues'

The CSC considered the problem statement for [DP137 'Sharing of information on Defects and Issues'](#).

Since the last CSC meeting in July 2020, SECAS has received feedback from Suppliers regarding the commercial sensitivity surrounding the Draft Proposal. It seems there is limited support for a SEC change due to commercial considerations around what information is shared around defects and when. Suppliers were supportive of a co-ordinated approach for impacted Suppliers and manufacturers. The suggestion for cohorts of a Supplier installing Communication Hubs and meter manufacturer communication to lead a triage activity to resolve the current issue was supported. This approach has since been adopted by certain Large Suppliers, but the concern is that if all Suppliers are not willing to support this approach then the Industry should explore means of equitable costs to contribution recovery. Feedback has also been received from Suppliers. There was willingness from Device manufacturers to minimise interoperability issues which can be demonstrated through testing regime's for example, security and functionality. The Proposer (RB) suggested that the variety of feedback received contradicts the positive feedback from previous forums he had attended.

SECAS (JM) advised this modification had previously been presented to the SEC Panel who acknowledged the commercial sensitivity. However, they highlighted the direct incentive to share information between Parties for interoperability purposes, whilst making sure that end Consumers are not impacted when switching Suppliers. The idea was to put controls in place to make sure the level of information has been tested and confidence has been gained in making sure this information is correct.

A CSC member (CB) agreed this is a clear issue which could harm the industry if not resolved. However, the solution will require a stage to work out the issues around sharing sensitive information.

Another member (PS) asked how this modification could avoid the polarised views experienced under [SECMP0009 'Centralised Firmware Library'](#), and was concerned this could impact on developing a suitable solution. He agreed the modification should proceed to the Refinement Process.

The CSC:

- **AGREED** the Draft Proposal is ready to be converted to a Modification Proposal; and
- **RECOMMENDED** to the Panel that the Modification Proposal should proceed to the Refinement Process.

DP138 'DCC Service Testing in ETAD'

The CSC considered the problem statement for [DP138 'DCC Service Testing in ETAD'](#).

The DCC (ST) clarified that other testing services would need elements in the modification but, this has since been discussed internally within the DCC. Some testing is already chargeable, and some is free of charge. A charging element may need to be introduced for radio frequency (RF) noise testing within the SEC, or alternatively, existing charges elements would need to be reviewed.

A CSC member (PS) questioned whether the Testing Advisory Group (TAG) has provided views on this proposal and whether this will be presented to it in the future. SECAS (AB) noted that the TAG had not provided any input to date, however, it will be taken to it as part of the Refinement Process.

The CSC:

- **AGREED** the Draft Proposal is ready to be converted to a Modification Proposal; and
- **RECOMMENDED** to the Panel that the Modification Proposal should proceed to the Refinement Process.

DP139 'MVP and IVP dates for CHTS'

The CSC considered the problem statement for [DP139 'MVP and IVP dates for CHTS'](#).

There are three issues at present. The first issue relates to Communication Hub stock compliant to Communications Hub Technical Specification (CHTS) v1.0 and Great Britain Companion Specification (GBCS) v1.0 and v1.1 being held in volume and unlikely to be installed before the Installation Validity Period (IVP) end date of 31 January 2021.

The second issue relates to the requirement to upgrade or replace installed CHTS v1.1 / GBCS v2.0 Communications Hubs to CHTS v1.1/ GBCS v2.1 Communications Hubs by 28 February 2021, the GBCS v2.0 Applicability Period End Date.

The third issue focuses on the need to upgrade or replace installed CHTS v1.1 / GBCS v2.1 Communications Hubs (to CHTS v1.3 / GBCS v3.2 Communications Hubs) by 31 May 2021, the CHTS v1.1 Maintenance Validity Period (MVP) End Date.

A CSC member noted the proposal to split SEC Schedule 11 by region, and agreed the modification would need a short period of refinement to discuss this part.

The CSC:

- **AGREED** the Draft Proposal is ready to be converted to a Modification Proposal; and

- **RECOMMENDED** to the Panel that the Modification Proposal should proceed to the Refinement Process.

DP140 'CH Stock Transfer'

The CSC considered the problem statement for [DP140 'CH Stock Transfer'](#).

Due to issues arising from COVID-19, SEC Parties are looking to transfer excess CH stock. The DCC has proposed that the SEC Parties who want to transfer this stock should be able to send it to SEC Parties who are still taking CH orders, rather than sending it to the DCC as an unnecessary step.

A CSC member (CB) noted this is a much-needed change to prevent the loss of stock, and noted a resolution is needed as quickly as possible. Another member (PS) agreed with this.

The CSC:

- **AGREED** the Draft Proposal is ready to be converted to a Modification Proposal; and
- **RECOMMENDED** to the Panel that the Modification Proposal should proceed to the Refinement Process.

Continuing in Development:

DP096 'DNO Power Outage Alerts'

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

SECAS (BB) advised the DCC had produced the technical paper that breaks down the current performance and possibilities of improvements for each Communications Service Provider (CSP) regarding AD1 Alerts. Initial discussions between the DCC and DNOs took place last week, and DNOs will provide a formal response to the DCC by the end of September 2020. It was advised that an update would be brought back to the CSC once discussions between the DCC and DNOs have taken place, expected to be at the next meeting.

A CSC member (PS) questioned whether there was a clear point for which this Draft Proposal would be turned into a Modification Proposal. SECAS noted that the reason for this being held in the Development Stage was because the DCC had been unable to provide the current performance regarding Alerts. There were no measuring capabilities when this modification was raised, hence the DCC has undertaken to produce a technical paper which now includes this information.

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

DP126 'Smart meter consumer data access and control'

The CSC was provided with 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'

The CSC was provided with a progress update on [DP136 'Enduring ICHIS Compliance Related to RF'](#).

SECAS noted no further progress had been made on this Draft Proposal. Discussions will be held at the next CSC meeting, when the Proposer will be able to attend, about historical information that had previously been discussed.

A CSC member (PS) noted he had heard historical discussions, noting there were previous questions around whether something could be done in the case where SMS does not address the issue and if so, why not. He highlighted that the Intimate Communications Hub Interface Specification is not a part of the SEC. He asked what was outstanding from these previous discussions with the DCC that needed resolving, or what could be done under the SEC.

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:

[DP141 'SRV Visibility for Devices on SSI'](#) was raised by Clive Hallam of the DCC.

Supplier Parties are currently unable to view Service Request Variants (SRVs) or Service Responses from other Service Users that they receive on their Devices. This is due to an obligation in the SEC that states only an individual User can view the SRVs and Service Responses they send or receive. This therefore leads to SRVs and Service Responses being received by Users which lack visibility or information, which is causing issues where they may be high priority or have security implications.

CSC members were advised to contact 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.

3. Change Sub-Committee 2021 Meeting Dates

SECAS presented the proposed CSC meeting dates for 2021. SECAS will now circulate meeting invites up until April 2021, which is when the current Terms of Office end. Further calendar invites will be sent once the election process is complete.

The CSC **AGREED** the meeting date schedule for 2021.

4. Any Other Business (AOB)

The Chair noted this was the second meeting that had not been quorate. Members were reminded to inform SECAS if they are unable to attend, and that they can appoint an alternate to come in their place.

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

Next Meeting: 29 September 2020

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