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SEC Change Sub-Committee Meeting 19_2909

29 September 2020, 10:00 – 10:40

Teleconference

SECCSC_19_2909 - Draft Minutes

Attendees:

Representing	Other Participants
Change Sub-Committee Chair	David Kemp
Large Suppliers	Paul Saker
	Simon Trivella
Small Suppliers	Chris Brown
Electricity Network Parties	Gemma Slaney

Representing	Other Participants
DCC	Remi Oluwabamise
	Sasha Townsend
	Glenn Critchley
SECAS	Holly Burton (<i>Meeting Secretary</i>)
	Ali Beard
	Abigail Hermon
	Manny Ajayi
	Harry Jones
	Bradley Baker
SMS-PLC (on behalf of the DP136 Proposer)	Ben Sanderson

Apologies:

Representing	Name
Other SEC Party	Elias Hanna

1. Welcome and Introductions & Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

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

The Meeting Secretary (HB) informed the CSC that no comments had been received on the minutes from the previous CSC meeting, held on Tuesday 25 August 2020. The CSC **APPROVED** the minutes as written.

2. Draft Proposal Report

Recommended for Conversion:

DP136 'Enduring ICHIS Compliance Related to RF'

The CSC considered the problem statement for [DP136 'Enduring ICHIS Compliance Related to RF'](#).

Previous comments from CSC members suggested that no solution could be reached through a SEC modification as the Intimate Communications Hub Interface Specification (ICHIS) is not a SEC document. It is not clear how a SEC modification could therefore achieve a solution to the issue.

The Proposer's representative (BS) clarified that an agreement had been received from the DCC to continue installing Meters but these will not be considered compliant with the rollout targets which is a cause for concern. In SEC Schedule 9, section 5.10 there is a provision which states the requirements at the 'time of installation'; however, the Proposer wished to change this clause to read 'time of manufacture'.

A CSC member (PS) was unclear around how any solution would be delivered through the SEC. The requirements for Devices to be compliant at the point of installation is a Licence obligation and therefore cannot be changed as the Proposer is suggesting. The Smart Metering Equipment Technical Specification (SMETS) also simply requires compliance with the ICHIS.

Another member (ST) queried whether DCC could consult on an ICHIS change and incorporate those into the document, as changes to the ICHIS fall under DCC governance. The DCC (STo) agreed with the views of members and proposed using the ICHIS Working Group to discuss the changes. She proposed talking with the Proposer offline to take this forward.

The CSC **AGREED** to advise the Proposer that this Draft Proposal should be withdrawn. Members highlighted that they agreed with the issue, but noted it is not an issue that can be resolved by a change to the SEC. The CSC recommended the issue should be worked upon with the DCC and the ICHIS Working Group before the DCC consulta on changes. SECAS agreed that although the solution will not involve a modification, it would help facilitate a meeting to progress this further with the DCC.

DP141 'SRV Visibility for Devices on SSI'

The CSC considered the problem statement for [DP141 'SRV Visibility for Devices on SSI'](#).

A CSC member (GS) advised that upon reading this modification document, the issue seemed to only relate Supplier Parties. She considered it would be beneficial to open up any solution to all relevant Parties, so that it is more general for whoever has rights to the Meter can see the Service Request that are being sent. Another member (PS) agreed and noted the question on verifying who needs to see what and what restrictions may be needed. The other members agreed with this.

No further comments were raised.

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.

DP142 'Clarification to the MMC'

The CSC considered the problem statement for [DP142 'Clarification to the MMC'](#).

No comments were raised.

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 as a Fast-Track Modification.

DP143 'Incorporating IRPs into GBCS v3 series'

The CSC considered the problem statement for [DP143 'Incorporating IRPs into GBCS v3 series'](#).

A CSC member (PS) who was also the Proposer, noted that it had been generally felt that it wasn't worth making the changes included in MP098 to the GBCS v3 series at that time. No material changes were included but all Devices would still need to be upgraded. The reason for raising this modification was to ensure when a material change is required to the GBCS v3 series, these changes could also be incorporated to make Devices more efficient. However, the industry would need to consider the consequences of Devices that could not be upgraded and what the Validity Periods should be. The member advised there is an ongoing question around what is worth upgrading and creating a new GBCS v3 version for, which could potentially make Devices non-compliant. The benefits and risks of this should look to be discussed as part of the Refinement Process.

No further comments were raised.

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 considered the problem statement for [DP096 'DNO Power Outage Alerts'](#).

SECAS (BB) had previously advised that the DCC had produced a technical paper that breaks down the current performance and possibilities of improvements for each Communications Service Provider

(CSP) regarding AD1 Alerts. A decision in mid-October 2020 will mean SECAS can bring the fully fledged Draft Proposal to the CSC before the end of 2020.

A CSC member (GS) stressed concerns regarding the power outages elements. , highlighting that this work is because the DCC is not compliant with the SEC, and is not arising from an Electricity Network Party requirement. The project currently underway and the technical paper issued is for the DCC to confirm what its systems' capabilities are and what can be done to align with the SEC. The DCC and Electricity Network Parties are working to achieve a mutual agreement.

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'

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

SECAS (MA) recapped on previous CSC discussion, noting there was consensus that the issue was not clear enough, greater clarity could be given to what the current arrangements are and felt there were mechanisms already in place in the case where Consumers had concerns around the Smart Meter data and approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). Since then, useful discussions have been had with the Proposer (Citizens Advice) where it was agreed the draft Modification Report would be updated to provide greater clarity on the role of the Data Controller, as there is no mechanism for Consumers to approach the DCC and request who is processing/sharing this data. Citizens Advice is currently undertaking privacy sample assessments to see if the work is being done correctly and how Consumer data is being processed. Following completion of this assessment, SECAS will be provided with greater clarity on the benefits for this modification.

No further comments were raised.

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

Potential new urgent DP

SECAS (AB) noted a proposal had been received from the DCC the evening before the meeting. The SEC currently states Smart Metering Wide Area Network (SM WAN) coverage will be in place by 1 January 2021 or the DCC confirm that it cannot implement by January 2021 (Section H8.16). The DCC has suggested this may be hard-coded into User systems and is concerned that the deadline is fast approaching and may cause problems for Users. The initial suggested extension date is 1 January 2029 which is when the CSP contracts end. This was raised verbally in case this was deemed Urgent and a decision was needed before the next scheduled CSC.

One CSC member (PS) queried the scenario where places could achieve coverage in 2022 and whether this is what the proposal is aiming to support. He noted the Licences and related obligations around Proactive Install & Leave would need to be checked, as a change in date may require changes to these too. Another member (ST) agreed, noting the wider implications of this change needed to be considered, as well as the risk of confusing Users.

3. Any Other Business (AOB)

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

Next Meeting: 27 October 2020

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