Headlines of the Security Sub-Committee (SSC) 115_1301

At every meeting, the SSC review the outcome for Users' Security Assessments and set an Assurance status for Initial Full User Security Assessments (FUSAs) or a Compliance status for Verification User Security Assessments (VUSAs) and subsequent FUSAs. The SSC also reviews outstanding actions, monitors the risks to the Commercial Product Assurance (CPA) certification of Devices, considers available updates from the DCC on SMETS1 enrolment and Anomaly Detection and any reported changes in Shared Resource Providers by Users and reported Security Incidents and Vulnerabilities.

The SSC reviewed the following User Security Assessments, the outcomes of which are classified as **RED** and therefore recorded in the Confidential Meeting Minutes:

- Set the Compliance Status for one Full User Security Assessments (FUSAs);
- Set a Compliance Status for one Verification User Security Assessment (VUSA);
- Approved one FUSA Remediation Plan and Director's Letter;
- Approved one Security Self-Assessment (SSA) Remediation Plan;
- Noted one SSA Remediation Plan; and
- Approved one SSA Director's Letter.

The SSC also discussed the following items:

Matters Arising

- The SSC noted that the SSC Chair sent letters to three Suppliers regarding the outcomes of their User Security Assessment reviews. **(RED)**
- The SSC noted that Go Effortless have ceased trading and their customers have been taken on by Octopus Energy. The SSC also noted that Tonik Energy and Yorkshire Energy have ceased trading and their customers have been taken on by Scottish Power.
- The SSC noted an announcement by Ofgem regarding its definition of Large Suppliers. **(GREEN)**
- The SSC noted an update regarding User Security Assessments for Suppliers and Shared Resource Providers. **(RED)**
- The SSC noted an update regarding the BEIS Security Incident Exercise planned for March 2021. **(GREEN)**
- The SSC noted an update regarding the Joint Industry Cyber Security Incident Management Plan (JICSIMP) and Smart Metering Incident Response Team (SMIRT). **(RED)**

- The SSC agreed upon a suitable contact for SECAS and the DCC during a Major Security Incident if the SSC Chair and the Alternate are unavailable. (**AMBER**)
- The SSC noted an update regarding a Market-Wide Half-Hourly Settlement Consultation (MHHS), with responses due by 08:00 on Tuesday 26 January 2021. **(GREEN)**
- The SSC noted an update regarding an earlier MHHS Consultation. **(RED)**
- The SSC noted an update on the Supplier of Last Resort (SoLR) process and MP134 'Use of SMKI Certificates relating to a SoLR event'. **(GREEN)**
- The SSC noted a request for CPA Remedial Plans issued by SECAS on w/c Monday 4 January 2021. **(RED)**
- The SSC noted an update regarding SSC Risk Assessment documentation. **(RED)**

Agenda Items

7. **User CIO Updates:** The User CIO presented updates relating to Risk Assessment reviews by the User CIO during User Security Assessments, and the SSC provided feedback. **(RED)**

9. **CPA Industry Days:** The SSC Chair presented proposals from feedback received at the CPA Industry Days that took place throughout November 2020, and the SSC provided input on the outstanding actions. **(AMBER)**

10. **SMETS1 Update:** The SSC noted DCC updates regarding the different aspects of SMETS1 enrolment, including the Initial Operating Capability (IOC)/Middle Operating Capability (MOC) MDS remediations; the Active and Monthly Dormant Migration Process, Eligible Product Combinations List (EPCL) reports, CIO report updates, Home Area Network (HAN) Control Assurance, and MOC Secure remediations. **(RED)**

11. **SMETS1 HAN Assurance Report:** The DCC and NCC Group provided an update on the SMETS1 Home Area Network (HAN) Assurance Report and the SSC provided feedback for the DCC to consider and bring back to the next meeting. **(RED)**

12. **Anomaly Detection:** The DCC presented an update on Anomaly Detection and the SSC provided feedback on multiple proposals put forward by the DCC. **(RED)**

13. **NCSC Quantum Update:** NCSC provided an update on quantum computing and its potential impact on Smart Metering and cryptography. **(RED)**

14. **MP148 'IVP Extension for pre-SMETS2 v4.2 Devices':** SECAS presented an update on MP148 'IVP Extension for pre-SMETS2 v4.2 Devices' and the SSC agreed that there are no security implications for its implementation. **(GREEN)**

15. **MP125 'Correcting Device Information ESME Variant, Device Model and Device Manufacturer':** SECAS presented an update on the business requirements MP125

‘Correcting Device Information ESME Variant, Device Model and Device Manufacturer’ and the SSC provided feedback on the feasibility of the requirements for SECAS to consider. **(GREEN)**

16. **Post Commissioning Report:** This agenda item was deferred due to the identification of incorrect information in this month's report. **(RED)**

17. **CPA Monitoring:** The SSC was presented with an update on the early expiry of Commercial Product Assurance (CPA) Certificates and Supplier issues updating to compliant Firmware Versions. The SSC also noted the latest Prepayment Meters (PPM) Report. **(RED)**

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