SEC Panel Meeting 88
09:30 – 13:40, 15 January 2021
SECP_88_1501 – Meeting Headlines

Decision, Discussion and Information Items

1. Minutes and Actions Outstanding (For Information)

The Panel noted that the minutes from the December Panel meeting had been approved ex-committee. The Panel **NOTED** the update and **AGREED** that all actions marked as Propose to Close could be closed.

2. FOC Go-live Update (For Information)

SECAS provided an update on the status and re-plan dates of SMETS1 Final Operating Capability (FOC) following the Testing Advisory Group's (TAG) recommendation to delay go-live. The Panel **NOTED** the update.

3. Data Privacy Incident Update (For Information) (AMBER)

The DCC updated the Panel on progress with remediation of the Data Privacy issue reported in 2020, as requested in action SECP86/CONF01. The Panel **NOTED** the update and the progress made to ensure no further incidents occur of this nature.

4. Extraordinary Planned Maintenance Window (For Decision) (AMBER)

The DCC presented the Panel with a request for a planned outage to support the CSP North Technical Refresh implementation. The Panel **NOTED** the CSP North Technical Refresh activity and **APPROVED** a 12-hour outage window to enable the implementation occurring 27/28 February 2021, with a contingency of 6/7 March.

5. Radio Frequency Noise (For Information & Discussion) (GREEN)

The DCC informed the Panel of the background, progress, findings and next steps in relation to Derogated Meters on Electricity Smart Metering Equipment (ESME) – Radio Frequency (RF) Noise. The Panel **NOTED** the update and **PROVIDED FEEDBACK.**

6. Alt-HAN Quarterly Update (For Information) (AMBER)

The Alt-HAN Co. (AHC) provided the Panel with an update on AHC activities over the last quarter. The Panel **NOTED** the update.

7. SMDA Transition Activities and Cost Post SEC MP111 Approval (For Decision) (AMBER)

The SMDA Scheme Operator provided the Panel with an overview of the planned transition activities and associated costs which will be incurred by the Smart Energy Code (SEC) this financial year, should SEC Modification Proposal (MP) 111 be approved by the Authority at the end of January.

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The Panel **NOTED** the update, **APPROVED** the transition activities, **AGREED** to defer approval of the SMITEn upgrade until the February meeting, and **NOTED** that the Board will be requested to approve the spend associated with the activities set out in this paper.

8. Market Wide Half Hourly Settlements Update (For Information)

SECAS provided the Panel with an update on Market Wide Half Hourly Settlements, which the Panel **NOTED.**

9. Response to P379 CBA (For Decision)

SECAS presented the Panel with a proposed response to a [consultation](#) issued regarding BSC Modification P379 Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA). SECAS also recommended a separate response to Ofgem and the BSC Panel on the wider issues of P379, advocating that an Ofgem led Significant Code Review is required to adequately address the issues identified.

The Panel **APPROVED** the response to the P379 CBA consultation in Appendix A, and **APPROVED** that a letter is issued to the BSC Panel setting out the SEC Panel's concerns over P379 and potential impact of MDD modification, noting cross code collaboration is important going forward.

10. Consultations on Switching Programme and Retail Code Consolidation (For Decision)

SECAS informed the Panel of the latest consultations regarding Ofgem's Faster Switching programme and provided a recommended response for each. The Panel:

- **NOTED** the two Ofgem consultations;
- **AGREED** a response to the consultation on Smart Meter licence amendments;
- **AGREED** a draft response to the consequential SEC changes is presented to the Panel in February.

11. Update on use of Microsoft Teams (For Decision) (AMBER)

SECAS presented the Panel with the proposed approach for using Microsoft Teams as a platform to deliver Panel meeting documentation. SECAS also recommended a review of the Panel Information Policy to see if it can be streamlined. The Panel:

- **AGREED** to trial Teams for the February Panel meeting;
- **AGREED** to continue to use Egress for restricted papers; and
- **APPROVED** a review of the information policy.

12. DCC Credit Cover (For Information) (RED)

The DCC provided an update on Credit Cover, which is detailed in the Confidential Minutes.

13. Current Events of Default (For Decision) (RED)

The Panel were updated on five new Events of Default, and one existing Event of Default. The Panel **AGREED** the approach to dealing with these cases.

Change Items

14. Change Status Report – January 2021 (For Information)

SECAS provided the Panel with an update on the progress of Modification Proposals going through the change process, a summary of potential future release content and the DCC Impact Assessment and Preliminary Assessment timetable. The Panel **NOTED** the report.

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15. DCC SEC Modification Performance Update (For Information) (RED)

The DCC provided the Panel with the improvement actions which DCC and SECAS have implemented over RY2020/21, including assessment times, implementation costs comparison, and proposed improvements to address on-going issues The DCC also presented an update on the work being carried out by the Orthello Partnership. The Panel **NOTED** the current performance metrics.

16. SEC Modification Timetables (For Decision)

SECAS provided the Panel with an update on the timetables for Modification Proposals currently in the Refinement Process. The timelines cover the next main programme of work for selected open modifications, and the due date this is expected to be completed by. The Panel **AGREED** to the programmes of work and timelines laid out in the paper.

17. SEC Modification Progression (For Decision)

SECAS presented the Panel with the Draft Proposals and Modification Proposals which are currently ready to proceed to the next stage.

Proposal	The Panel:
SECMP0015 'GPF timestamp for reading instantaneous Gas values'	• **APPROVED** the updated Modification Report; • **APPROVED** the revised implementation approach; and • **AGREED** that SECMP0015 should be sent directly to the Change Board to repeat the vote before being resubmitted to the Authority.
MP077 'DCC Service Flagging'	• **AGREED** that MP077 should be progressed to the Report Phase; • **APPROVED** the Modification Report; • **APPROVED** the implementation approach; and • **AGREED** that MP077 should be progressed as a Self-Governance Modification.
DP146 'SM WAN Coverage Date'	• **AGREED** that DP146 should be converted to a Modification Proposal; • **AGREED** that MP146 should be progressed to the Report Phase; • **APPROVED** the Modification Report; • **APPROVED** the implementation approach; and • **AGREED** that MP146 should be progressed as a Self-Governance Modification.

18. SEC Releases Update (For Decision)

SECAS presented an update on progress with upcoming SEC Releases. This includes requests to agree an update to the scope for the June 2021 SEC Release and November 2021 SEC Release, an update on the SECMP0007 'Firmware Updates to IHDs and PPMIDs' implementation approach and a request to change the implementation for part of the SECMP0007 legal text.

The Panel:

• **NOTED** the update on the February 2021 SEC Release;

- **AGREED** the update to the scope of the June 2021 SEC Release;

- **AGREED** the update to the scope of the November 2021 SEC Release;

- **NOTED** the update on the SECMP0007 implementation approach; and

- **AGREED** to request the Authority changes the implementation date of the SECMP0007 CTSD legal text to 24 June 2021.

Standing Agenda Items

19. BEIS Update (For Information)

BEIS provided an update on its recent publications, forthcoming consultations and key milestones. The Panel **NOTED** the update.

20. DCC Update (For Information)

The DCC provided the Panel with an update on the activities undertaken by the DCC since the last Panel meeting. The Panel **NOTED** the update.

21. SEC Panel Sub-Committee Report (For Decision)

SECAS provided an update on recent activities from all the SEC Panel Sub-Committees, including four highlights raised by the Sub-Committees. The Panel **NOTED** the contents of this paper, and **ENDORSED** the concerns raised by the Sub-Committees.

22. DCC Reporting (For Information)

SECAS provided the Panel with details of the Post Commissioning Information report for October 2020 provided by the DCC. The Panel **NOTED** the updates and observations raised by the OPSG.

23. Operations Report – December 2020 (For Information)

SECAS provided the Panel with the Operations Report for November 2020. The report provided an outline of the activities undertaken by the SECAS team in support of the SEC. The Panel **NOTED** the report.

24. Transitional Governance Update (For Information) (GREEN)

SECAS presented an update from the transitional governance forums and other smart metering related meetings and workshops attended by SECAS and the Panel Chair in the last month. The Panel **NOTED** the update.

25. Any Other Business (AOB)

A Panel member reminded the DCC of previous Panel feedback on the Network Evolution CBA, specifically assumptions around the timetable for SMEST1 early retirement. The DCC noted the reminder.

The Ofgem representative invited the Panel to ask any questions ex-committee about the Ofgem Operational Performance Regine (OPR) consultation. The Chair also reminded the Panel of the Smart Meter Rollout Supplier Reporting Requirements from 1 July 2021 onwards.

The Operations Group (OPSG) Chair informed the Panel of the OPSG's discussions surrounding User forecasting (Service Request and Certificate Signing Request), which the DCC noted are no longer considered to be useful. The Panel agreed to the OPSG's recommendation that Suppliers may suspend submitting forecast reports until a Modification has been raised to mitigate the problem.

There was no further business and the Chair closed the meeting. **Next Meeting Date: 12 February 2021**

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