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SEC Change Sub-Committee Meeting 22_0501

5 January 2021, 10:00 – 10:25

Teleconference

SECCSC_22_0501 – Draft Minutes

Attendees:

Representing	CSC Member
Change Sub-Committee Chair	David Kemp (DK)
Large Suppliers	Emslie Law (ES) (<i>alternate for Paul Saker</i>)
	Simon Trivella (ST)
Small Suppliers	Chris Brown (CB)

Representing	Other Participants
DCC	Remi Oluwabamise (RO)
	Sasha Townsend (ST)
	Del Kang (DKa)
	Gary Bailey (GB) (part)
	Clive Hallam (part)
BEIS	Michelle Kennard (MK) (part)
SECAS	Holly Burton (HB) (<i>Meeting Secretary</i>)
	Ali Beard (AB)
	Joe Hehir (JH)
	Bradley Baker (BB)
	Khaleda Hussain (KH)

Apologies

Representing	CSC Member
Other SEC Party	Elias Hanna (EH)
Electricity Network Parties	Gemma Slaney (GS)
Large Supplier	Paul Saker (PS)

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 one set of comments had been received from a CSC member (GS). The CSC **APPROVED** the minutes as modified.

2. Draft Proposal Report

DP146 'SM WAN Coverage Date'

The CSC considered the problem statement for [DP146 'SM WAN Coverage Date'](#).

SECAS (KH) advised the Proposed Solution is to remove the date '1 January 2021' from SEC Section H8.16. This will futureproof the SEC to allow CSPs enhancing their network coverage to notify Suppliers when a WAN will become available. This will allow Suppliers to continue to provide information to customers in areas where WAN coverage is yet to be installed. The solution will benefit Suppliers who want to extend their smart metering rollout. There are no DCC costs associated with this change.

A CSC member (EL) noted the date is linked to the date in the license and asked whether additional work is taking place. SECAS (AB) advised that there is no additional work to extend the period allowing 'install and leave'. The date change will simply allow DCC to continue to provide expected SM WAN coverage dates in future including those that are yet to be rolled out. This facility should help Suppliers by allowing them to check if there is WAN available before initiating an install or provide information to customers on when an install may be possible. However, due to the date in the licence, SECAS clarified that proactive 'install and leave' would not be possible going forward, even with this modification.

The CSC:

- **AGREED** the issue and the impact it is having is clearly defined and understood;
- **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 Report Phase.

Continuing in development:

DP096 'DNO Power Outage Alerts'

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

The DCC has been undertaking a project to measure the performance of Power Outage Alert (POA) and Power Restoration Alert (PRA) delivery in the CSP North and CSP Central & South Regions. The project has also enabled the DCC to identify possible performance enhancements. As such, two options have been provided to boost current performance for both POAs and PRAs.

Option A represents the minimum change to provide a material performance enhancement and has a rough order of magnitude (ROM) cost of £15.2m up to implementation. Option B represents the maximum performance enhancement and has associated ROM costs of £2mM. Each option would also require £700k annual operating costs.

A CSC member (CB) asked, based on the performance enhancements currently being developed, would there be any other enhancements for Alerts or would this only affect POAs. The DCC (DKa) noted there are a number of options in place and this depends on the level of enhancement that is acceptable. One of the options is to increase the infrastructure in the Data Service Provider (DSP) systems which would have a beneficial impact and would work to clear traffic.

From a Supplier perspective, there was some concern regarding the costs towards this solution. A CSC member (EL) agreed there was a need for change, but did not see why the industry should be charged for the DCC to make itself compliant with the SEC. However, it was acknowledged that this would in turn have a wider positive impact across all Suppliers by enhancing current performance that has been measured under the DCC-led project.

The DCC (DKa) confirmed there is no current plan to alter the destination of these Alerts to other Parties, noting the SEC places an obligation on the DCC to provide this information to Industry.

A CSC member (CB) queried the figures associated with the North Region's current performance, highlighting these figures are vastly different to those in other regions. The DCC (GB) noted that CSP North's system utilises a mechanism whereby time slots are requested in order to send out an Alert. If a timeslot is unable to be given, then the Communications Hub 'backs-off' for a period of time before trying again. In the current design these back-off times are extended in order to increase the probability of gaining a timeslot in the next window, and thus bolstering accuracy.

The Chair (DK) confirmed this modification will be taken to the Technical Architecture and Business Architecture Sub-Committee (TABASC) in early February to seek its technical view of the proposed solution options. The Chair also requested agreement as to who will be liable for these costs before the modification proceeds to the next stage of the framework. The costs will be discussed with the SEC Panel as the proposal has been raised to address the DCC's non-compliance with the SEC.

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

3. Any Other Business (AOB)

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

Next Meeting: 26 January 2021