SEC Panel Meeting 91
09:30 – 13:30, 16 April 2021
SECP_91_1604 – Meeting Headlines

Decision, Discussion and Information Items

1.   Minutes and Actions Outstanding (For Information)

The Panel noted that the minutes from the March 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.   Network Evolution: Activity to Date (For Information) (AMBER)

The DCC summarised the background, purpose and initial phases of the Network Evolution programme, setting out activity to date including engagement with SEC Panel and Sub-Committees, noting how the overarching programme has evolved and capturing DCC's ongoing vision. The DCC decided to formally redact this paper and provided an updated version post-meeting. The Panel **NOTED** the update.

3.   DSP Extension (For Discussion) (RED)

The DCC presented the approach for the extension of the existing DSP contract, and how it links to the strategy for procuring future DSP services. The Panel **NOTED** the approach and the next steps.

4.   Network Evolution DSP Engagement Strategy (For Information) (RED)

The DCC outlined its previous engagement on the Network Evolution DSP procurement and presented its proposed approach for engaging customers via Panel and Panel Sub-Committees, including the purpose and timing of engagement and the content that will be shared. The Panel **NOTED** the update.

5.   Communications Hubs and Network Programme Update (For Information) (AMBER)

The DCC provided an update on the Communications Hubs and Networks (CH&N) workstream as part of the wider Network Evolution Programme. This included the approach and steps to be undertaken to achieve contract signature in November 2021. The Panel **NOTED** the update and **NOTED** that an LC13b Consultation has been issued by DCC and that DCC encourages all customers to reply.

6.   Market-Wide Half-Hourly Settlements: Update on Data Privacy (For Decision)

At SEC Panel Meeting 89, SECAS presented the SEC Panel with three possible approaches to Data Privacy for Parties operating using the Meter Data Retrieval (MDR) User Role once Market-wide Half Hourly Settlement (MHHS) has been introduced. The Panel asked SECAS to investigate two of these options in greater detail and SECAS provided an update on the progress made so far.

The Panel **NOTED** the update and **AGREED** that actions 89/01 and 89/02 should be closed; and that subsequent work on data privacy under MHHS should be subsumed into the forthcoming Modification Proposal.

7.   Shared Resource Provider 'C' RSPA Outcome (For Decision) (RED)

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SECAS recommended that the SEC Panel sets the compliance status of Shared Resource Provider 'C' following the outcome of its Random Sample Privacy Assessment (RSPA). The Panel **AGREED** to SECAS' recommendations.

8. Other User 'A' RSPA – Assessment Approach (For Decision) (RED)

SECAS recommended the postponement of Other User 'A's next User Privacy Assessment. The Panel **AGREED** to SECAS' recommendations.

9. Privacy Controls Framework – Proposed Amendments (For Decision) (AMBER)

SECAS and the User Independent Privacy Auditor (User IPA) reviewed the Privacy Controls Framework (PCF) and presented their proposed changes for Panel approval. SECAS also asked the Panel to consider a proposed PCF amendment request from Other User '*Q'*. The Panel:

- **APPROVED** the proposed amendments to V2.0 of the PCF for publication;
- **APPROVED** the publication of the Change Request Notification form; and
- **CONSIDERED** Other User 'Q's proposed amendment to the PCF, and **AGREED** not to amend the PCF.

10. Delegation of Responsibility from the Panel to the SSC (For Decision) (GREEN)

SECAS presented a request for the formal delegation of SEC Panel responsibilities to the Security Sub-Committee (SSC) in respect of being consulted on and agreeing the scope of each security assessment under the DCC Licence Condition Schedule 5. The Panel **APPROVED** the delegation to the SSC of the obligations in the DCC Licence Schedule 5, Annex 2, Part B, 2A.2 (c) and 2A.2 (d), and **APPROVED** the removal of existing delegated responsibilities to the SSC for SEC Sections G9.3(b)(iii) and G9.3(c) since these are no longer relevant.

11. SEC Strategic Planning Update (For Decision) (GREEN)

SECAS presented an update on the outcome of the SEC Strategic Working Group's (SWG) second meeting and sought approval of the draft Mission Statement, Objectives, and definition of Material Events. The Panel **APPROVED** the draft Mission Statement, Objectives, and Material Event criteria.

12. End of Regulatory Year Report 2020-21 (For Decision)

SECAS provided a draft of the End of Regulatory Year Report for the 2020-21 period in a confidential appendix to allow Panel review prior to wider circulation to Parties. The Panel **AGREED** the review the End of Regulatory Year Report for the period 2020-21 offline, after which it will be finalised subject to any revisions.

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

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

Change Items

14. Change Status Report – April 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.

15. 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

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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.

16. 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:
MP099 'Incorporation of multiple Issue Resolution Proposals into the SEC - Batch 4'	• **AGREED** that MP099 should be progressed to the Report Phase; • **APPROVED** the Modification Report; • **APPROVED** the implementation approach; and • **AGREED** that MP099 should be progressed as a Self-Governance Modification.
MP144 'Charging of Random Sample Privacy Assessments'	• **AGREED** that MP144 should be progressed to the Report Phase; • **APPROVED** the Modification Report; • **APPROVED** the implementation approach; and • **AGREED** that MP144 should be progressed as a Self-Governance Modification.
DP153 'Follow up changes for Communications Hub Finance Charges'	• **AGREED** that DP153 should be converted to a Modification Proposal; • **AGREED** that MP153 should be progressed and approved as a Fast Track Modification; • **APPROVED** the Modification Report; and • **APPROVED** the implementation approach.

17. MP077 Implementation Date (For Decision)

Following the Panel's review of the MP077 'DCC Service Flagging' implementation date at its March meeting, SECAS has carried out a further assessment of the impact on SEC Parties and based on the latest evidence secured, believe the implementation should not be moved. The Panel **REVIEWED** the concerns around the MP077 implementation date, and **AGREED** not to request that the Authority directs a revised implementation date for MP077.

18. SEC Releases Update (For Information)

SECAS presented an update on progress with upcoming Smart Energy Code (SEC) Releases, including updates on the June and November 2021 SEC Releases. The Panel **NOTED** the update on the June 2021 SEC Release, **NOTED** the update on the November 2021 SEC Release, and **NOTED** that MP138 has been moved to the November 2021 Release as a decision will not be received in time to make the June 2021 Release.

19. SECMP0007 Rollout and the 2022 Releases Landscape (For Decision)

SECAS presented the DCC's proposed approach to rolling out the Communications Services Provider (CSP) system and Communications Hub firmware changes required for SECMP0007 'Firmware updates to IHDs and PPMIDs'. This included SECAS' and the DCC's view on the DCC System impacting modifications that should be targeted for the June 2022 and November 2022 SEC

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Releases, and how these will be affected by the rollout of SECMP0007 and the other major programmes of work in 2022. The Panel:

- **AGREED** that option 4 should be progressed for rolling out the SECMP0007 CSP changes and Communications Hub firmware updates;
- **AGREED** the proposed scopes of the June 2022 and November 2022 SEC Releases on the DCC Systems; and
- **AGREED** to request the Authority revises the implementation dates for SECMP0015 and SECMP0056 in line with the proposed scopes.

20. SEC Section D Review Final Report (For Decision)

SECAS has completed its review of SEC Section D 'Modifications Process' and presented its final report and recommendations to the Panel. The Panel **NOTED** the SEC Section D Review final report, **ENDORSED** SECAS's conclusions and recommendations from this review, and **AGREED** the next steps for taking changes forward.

Standing Agenda Items

21. Ofgem Update (For Information)

Ofgem provided an update on Code modification decision timings and Code governance. The Panel **NOTED** the update **and AGREED** to progress the enhancements suggested by Ofgem in their presentation.

22. BEIS Update (For Information)

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

23. 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.

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

SECAS provided an update on recent activities of 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.

25. DCC Reporting (For Information)

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

26. Operations Report (For Information)

SECAS provided the Panel with the Operations Report for March 2021 outlining the activities undertaken by the SECAS team in support of the SEC. The Panel **NOTED** the report.

27. 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.

28. Any Other Business (AOB)

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A Panel member raised some concerns regarding Modification 93 leading to erroneous messages and the difficulty of unpicking this. SECAS agreed to pick this up offline.

SECAS was notified that the Final Minutes from SEC Panel meeting 89 were not on the SECAS website, which has since been rectified.

SECAS informed the Panel that as part of the procurement for the OPR auditor, a Panel member will need to volunteer for a monitoring role. SECAS will pick this up offline.

A Panel member who sits on the UNC Panel provided some points of interest raised at its last meeting, and SECAS agreed to follow this up offline.

An Other SEC Party representative raised some concerns voiced at the last Other SEC Party call, which will be recorded in more detail in the minutes.

The Panel Chair reminded the Panel that the SMKI PMA has several Large Supplier vacancies, and encourages any interested SEC Parties to contact SECAS about the roles.

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

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