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## SEC Change Sub-Committee Meeting 21\_2411

24 November 2020, 10:00 – 11:00

Teleconference

### SECCSC\_21\_2411 – Final Minutes

#### Attendees:

Representing	Other Participants
Change Sub-Committee Chair	David Kemp (DK)
Large Suppliers	Paul Saker (PS)
	Simon Trivella (ST) (part)
Small Suppliers	Chris Brown (CB) (part)
Electricity Network Parties	Gemma Slaney (GS)
Other SEC Party	Elias Hanna (EH)

Representing	Other Participants
DCC	Remi Oluwabamise (RO)
	Chun Chen (CC) (part)
SECAS	Ali Beard (AB)
	Holly Burton (HB) ( <i>Meeting Secretary</i> )
	Manny Ajayi (MA)
	Harry Jones (HJ)
	Bradley Baker (BB)
	Khaleda Hussain (KH) (part)

#### 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 prior to this meeting. The CSC **APPROVED** the minutes as written.

## 2. Actions Outstanding

Action Reference	Action
20/01	SECAS to review historic records for Privacy Assessments to determine the costs of random assessments. This will set a benchmark before views on DP144 as part of the Refinement Process.
SECAS highlighted that historic records have been reviewed for Privacy Assessments and determined the costs of random assessments. The DP144 Modification Report has subsequently been updated with this information. Status: <b>Closed</b>	

## 3. Draft Proposal Report

### DP144 'Charging of Random Sample Privacy Assessments'

The CSC considered the problem statement for [DP144 'Charging of Random Sample Privacy Assessments'](#).

In terms of a benchmark being returned for a number of Random Sample Privacy Assessments, the projected costs for Privacy Assessments in the upcoming financial year ranges between £25,000-£53,000.

A CSC member (PS) sought clarity on when a Random Sample Privacy Assessment would be requested. SECAS (HJ) clarified a Random Sample Privacy Assessment is triggered when another User exceeds a Privacy Assessment threshold which is a standard rather than exceptional process. Talks with internal Security representatives suggests that this happens when a threshold of 1,000 types of the same individual Service Requests are processed. This is part of the reason for why this issue has been raised as it is believed to be more cost appropriate to charge Users directly, unless on the exceptional basis where the SEC Panel requests to conduct an assessment.

One CSC member (PS) queried the proposed timeline for the onward progression. SECAS clarified that this modification will be presented to the SSC in January 2021 before being taken to the Working Group in February 2021. Following this approach will allow SEC Parties enough time to comment against the proposal and provide feedback against the new ways of payment of a Random Sample Privacy Assessment.

No further comments were raised.

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 Refinement Process.

#### **DP145 'Align SEC Documentation with DCC Solution for SR8.3 Decommission Device'**

The CSC considered the problem statement for [DP145 'Align SEC Documentation with DCC Solution for SR8.3 Decommission Device'](#).

SECAS (HJ) confirmed this modification is not proposing a system change but simply clarifying the text within SEC Section A so that this does not contradict SEC Section H. This is based on a conflict of interest where a responsible Supplier needs to denote where a Communications Hub is no longer part of a Smart Metering System (SMS) and can be returned back.

The DCC has provided some draft legal text which SECAS had proposed be issued to the Working Group to seek views and clarification.

A CSC member (GS) considered it unnecessary to send the legal text to the Working Group as the aim is to address and match the wording within SEC Section A to that of SEC Section H. The DCC (CC) clarified the legal text is only proposing to align the text, and that there is not an issue with the process.

A CSC member (EH) questioned the process of decommissioning a Device where a Responsible Supplier would remove the Device and asked DCC what next steps take place.

From a DCC point of view, Service Request (SR) 8.3 will change the Device status from Commissioned to Decommissioned. Following this the Service Request will then be stopped to represent the ID change. A CSC member (ST) noted although the Device will be Decommissioned, this will not form part of an SMS but as it was intended for one the Responsible Supplier definition still remains. Several CSC members felt the current SEC wording was sufficient and were not clear this is an issue that needs resolving. However, they considered that if they saw the proposed changes, this would enable them to provide a better view on the merits of proceeding.

CSC members agreed that the proposed legal text be brought to the next CSC meeting. Following this, the CSC could give a recommendation that this modification proceeds directly to the Report Phase in January 2021. SECAS agreed it would also present the draft legal text to the Panel Sub-Committees who had expressed interest to seek views on whether it adequately addresses the problem, to facilitate the timely progression of the modification.

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

#### **DP096 'DNO Power Outage Alerts'**

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

SECAS (BB) advised another meeting has been held with the Proposer (DCC) which confirmed the testing capabilities have now gone live. The first report has been produced using Western Power Distribution (WPD) data which proved accurate after going the initial assessment. A CSC member (GS) highlighted the DCC undertook the test and ran the report, which was sent to WPD; however, this information is still being analysed. After undertaking a brief review, GS confirmed the above statement from DCC is in fact inaccurate.

SECAS (BB) confirmed the DCC is currently in the process of reviewing reports that were produced from Telefonica's assessment. Arqiva's testing has currently been suspended due to ESME issues, although it could not confirm the issues to date. The DCC is submitting its recommendation to the Energy Networks Association (ENA) and Distribution Network Operators (DNOs) on 4 December 2020. DNOs will then be requested to provide their preferences by 18 December 2020. A CSC

member (GS) (GS) re-clarified that Telefonica's POA/PRA testing has been completed and the conclusion report were published to all DNOs on Monday 23 November 2020. Arqiva's initial end-to-end POA/PRA testing is looking to begin the week commencing 23 November 2020 so that test scripts can then be run to back up and provide evidence.

These projects should conclude by the end of 2020 and as a result, the DCC would like to discuss this Draft Proposal further at a CSC meeting in January 2021.

The CSC **AGREED** 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) confirmed there was no update against this modification and that discussions with Citizens Advice, as the Proposer, are still being held. Development is on hold pending the outcomes of current Random Sample Privacy Assessment work to see if the work is being done correctly and how consumer data is being processed. SECAS is also engaging with the Proposer to understand further impacts of this change.

A CSC member (PS) questioned rough timescales for when this Draft Proposal will likely be taken forward, due to the length of time this has been outstanding. SECAS (MA) confirmed timescales will be dependent on the privacy sample assessment, with the original timescale given for this assessment being the beginning of January 2021. The Chair (DK) requested an updated copy of the draft Modification Report be tabled at the next CSC meeting to inform members of all developments to date.

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

#### **DP146 'SM WAN Coverage Date'**

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

SECAS (KH) highlighted the Draft Proposal was presented to the TABASC for feedback who suggested working with BEIS and the TABASC to determine how this modification could be managed to align with the current standards regarding DCC Network coverage. The BEIS representative on the TABASC had advised SECAS of the proactive Install and Leave policy, which allows Suppliers to meet their operational license conditions by installing and leaving smart metering equipment where it is predicted coverage will be provided by 1 January 2021. A CSC member (PS) noted BEIS had issued a response on 23 November 2020 to say it will not be changing any licence conditions, so was not sure what extending this date would achieve. For example, how would Suppliers be expected to treat customers after 1 January 2021, and what would the appropriate processes and obligations be.

SECAS is proposing to remove the proposed date of January 2021 within SEC Section H 8.16 and change the legal text to read "whether a communications hub function installed in a premises at any given location: A) is expected to connect to the SM WAN, B) is expected to be able to connect to the SM WAN from a particular date, in which case the date will be specified or C) cannot be confirmed as being able to connect to the SM WAN". SECAS (AB) suggested removing the date specified within the proposal, as it currently suggests the DCC should provide information regarding SM WAN Coverage currently or, if it expects to have SM WAN Coverage after 1 January 2021, then it is required to specify what this date will be.

A CSC member (PS) noted the DCC was expected to meet its targets for 2020. If this is the case, they asked if this change would mean that the DCC will be continuing to further improve in the future. More understanding is needed on how coverage will continue to improve as there should be no proactive install and leave being carried out in the future.

The DCC (CC) queried if newbuild properties would be an example benefitting from this change. A CSC member (PS) did not believe so, noting it takes a long time for newbuild properties to be added to the coverage tracker.

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

## New Draft Proposal

One new Draft Proposal has been raised since the papers were issued:

[DP148 'IVP Extension for pre-SMETS2 v4.2 Devices'](#) was raised by Andrew Sargent from E.ON Energy.

The SEC sets out the Smart Metering technical specifications. To ensure interoperability, the dates that these technical specifications can be used are set out within SEC Schedule 11 'Technical Specification Applicability Tables' (TSAT).

For a large part of 2020, the UK government issued social distancing guidance to help reduce the transmission of COVID-19 meaning only essential meter installations were able to take place. If the existing Installation Validity Period (IVP) end-date of 27 April 2021 remains as-is for SMETS versions prior to version 4.2, and the reduced speed of installations continues to take place, then thousands of Devices would be scrapped.

A CSC member (PS) noted the previous modification, [MP123 'IVP realignment of SMETS2 v2.0 and v3.1'](#) did note a further extension may be required. They asked how this could be progressed swiftly to provide Suppliers with certainty on the situation. The benefits of this change would need to be clearly articulated in the Modification Report.

The CSC **NOTED** the new Draft Proposal.

## 4. Any Other Business (AOB)

SECAS (AB) highlighted SECAS's Modcasts, which are issued periodically. Modcasts provide a short but useful update on everything that is happening with SEC modifications and releases.

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

**Next Meeting:** 5 January 2021