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## SEC Panel Meeting 92

### 09:30 – 13:00, 14 May 2021

### SECP\_92\_1405 – Meeting Headlines

#### Decision, Discussion and Information Items

##### 1. Minutes and Actions Outstanding (For Information)

The Panel noted that the minutes from the April 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. CHs and Networks – Response to BEIS and LC13 Plan (For Discussion) (Verbal Update)

SECAS issued the Panel with a draft letter to BEIS and response to LC13 plan consultation. The Panel **DISCUSSED** the draft response.

##### 3. Update on Switching Programme and Retail Code Consolidation (For Information)

SECAS presented a paper setting out a positive change in approach to managing cross code changes being introduced under Ofgem's Retail Code Consolidation Significant Code Review. The Panel **NOTED** that the amended solution resolves previous concerns and **NOTED** that SCR Modifications are being raised and now only contain minor impacts.

##### 4. Commercial Reset Project with Arqiva (For Decision) (**RED**)

The DCC presented the recommended outcome of the commercial reset following the negotiations between the DCC and Arqiva to reset the commercial relationship. The Panel:

- **NOTED** the DCC's summary of the DCC proposed outcome following its commercial reset negotiation to deliver an improved and sustainable commercial approach going forwards;
- **WELCOMED** the improvements the DCC is endeavouring to deliver; and
- **COULD NOT ENDORSE** the recommendation from DCC to implement the outcome of the commercial reset into its contract with Arqiva, as this does not fall within the Panel's remit.

##### 5. DSP Contract Extension (For Information) (**RED**)

The DCC provided an update on the DSP Contract Extension, noting the progress made since the paper presented at the April Panel meeting. The Panel **NOTED** the update and **AGREED** to provide a recommendation to BEIS on the DSP Contract Extension ex-committee, provided there is no change to the scope of service delivery before the contract is finalised. The DCC will provide an update to the Panel in writing confirming the latest position, prior to writing to BEIS requesting the exemption.

##### 6. Privacy Change Notification Requests Update (For Information) (**RED**)

SECAS provided the SEC Panel with an overview of the recent Change Notification Requests SECAS have received from 'Other Users' and their status. A monthly update will be provided to the Panel going forward. The Panel **NOTED** the update and **AGREED** to SECAS' recommendations.

#### 7. Quarterly Risk update (For Decision) (GREEN)

SECAS provided an updated view on the existing Risks, their mitigations, probability, impact and severity scores. The Panel **APPROVED** the amendments to the existing SEC Panel Risks and Issues set out in Annexes A and B respectively and **AGREED** that Issue 2 has been resolved and should therefore be removed from the SEC Panel Issues Register.

#### 8. Panel Information Policy Review Approach (For Decision)

SECAS shared a draft set of 'problem statements' which need to be addressed in the review of the Panel Information Policy, to ensure it remains streamlined and fit for purpose. The Panel **CONSIDERED** the Problem Statements and **AGREED** they should be used to shape the review of the Panel Information Policy.

#### 9. Strategic Working Group Road Map (For Discussion) (GREEN)

SECAS provided the SEC Panel with a draft Roadmap of Strategic Events which may have an impact on the SEC. The Panel was invited to comment on the draft Roadmap in terms of its format, and any immediate insights it provides. The Panel **COMMENTED** on the format of the draft Roadmap and **REQUESTED** that it be circulated in draft to SEC Parties at the earliest opportunity.

#### 10. Engagement Day Preparations (For Decision) (Verbal Update)

SECAS provided a verbal update on the 2021 Engagement Day preparations. The Panel **ENDORSED** the 2021 Engagement Day preparations.

#### 11. 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

#### 12. Change Status Report – May 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.

#### 13. 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.

#### 14. 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:
<a href="#">DP154 'CH Returns SLA Amendment'</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>AGREED</b> that DP154 should be converted to a Modification Proposal;</li> <li>• <b>AGREED</b> that MP154 should be progressed to the Refinement Process; and</li> <li>• <b>AGREED</b> the first package of work and the timetable for this modification.</li> </ul>
MP161 'Significant Code Review – Retail Code Consolidation'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>REFERRED</b> the MP161 Authority-Led Modification Report to the Change Board for vote.</li> </ul>

### 15. Authority decision on DCC's derogation request for SEC Section H (For Information)

SECAS summarised the Authority's decision on the Data Communications Company's (DCC's) derogation request against elements of SEC Section H 'DCC Services' introduced and amended by MP122A 'Operational Metrics'. This included a summary of each of the provisions the DCC requested a derogation on, the Authority's decision against each request and the plans the DCC has made to be compliant against each provision in question. The Panel **NOTED** the update.

### 16. SEC Releases Update (For Information)

SECAS presented an update on progress with upcoming Smart Energy Code (SEC) Releases. This includes an update on the 2021 and 2022 scheduled SEC Releases, as well as a request to re-baseline the November 2021 SEC Release Implementation Document (RID). The Panel:

- **NOTED** the update on the June 2021 SEC Release;
- **BASELINED** the November 2021 SEC Release Implementation Document for the full scope of the release;
- **NOTED** the update on the June 2022 SEC Release; and
- **NOTED** the update on the November 2022 SEC Release.

### 17. SEC Section D Review: Next Steps (For Decision)

Following a request from the Panel, SECAS provided more information on the proposal to delegate modification oversight to the Change Sub-Committee (CSC) and on raising a consequential Draft Proposal. The Panel:

- **AGREED** the duties to be delegated to the Change Sub-Committee;
- **AGREED** the activities and timetable for implementing this delegation; and
- **ENDORSED** that the proposed Draft Proposal to progress the SEC Section D Review outcomes be raised and progressed.

## Standing Agenda Items

### 18. BEIS Update (For Information)

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

### 19. 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.

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## 20. 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.

## 21. DCC Reporting (For Information)

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

## 22. Operations Report (For Information)

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

## 23. 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.

## 24. Any Other Business (AOB)

The Security Sub Committee (SSC) Chair raised an issue about assurance of Central Products List (CPL) entries. This will be detailed further in the Confidential Minutes.

The Other SEC Party representatives escalated some concerns raised at the Other SEC Party engagement call in relation to the Commercial Product Assurance (CPA) process under the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC).

The Panel was invited to submit feedback on a letter from the DCC regarding an OPR Exceptional Event by Tuesday 17 May, after which SECAS will respond to the DCC on the Panel's behalf.

**Next Meeting Date: 18 June 2021**