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MP109 'ADT and Exit Quarantine file delivery mechanism'

May 2021 Working Group – meeting summary

Attendees

Attendee	Organisation
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Khaleda Hussain	SECAS
Joey Manners	SECAS
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Easton Brown	DCC
David Walsh	DCC
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Richard Amey	DCC
Gav Parott	DCC
Robin Seaby	DCC
Sarah-Jane Russell	British Gas
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Terry Jefferson	EUA
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Overview

The Smart Energy Code Administrator and Secretariat (SECAS) provided an overview of the issue identified and the Proposer outlined their new approach for the Modification Proposal during the Refinement process.

Issue:

- In the Smart Energy Code (SEC), Appendix AA 'Threshold Anomaly Detection Procedures' currently requires the Anomaly Detection Threshold (ADT) File and Exit Quarantine files to be provided to the Data Communications Company (DCC) by email.
- DCC is of the opinion that it would be a more secure process to provide this information via a business as usual process using Self-Service Interface (SSI), albeit retaining the ability to invoke email as a delivery method in a disaster recovery situation.

Working Group discussions

The DCC technical lead for this Modification Proposal raised that the Proposer within the DCC had changed, and that they wanted to propose an alternative means of solving the issue. In the Preliminary Assessment that had been returned – the cost used for migrating the secure file transfers from email to the SSI as the primary delivery method cost between £150,000 - £250,000. The technical lead suggested that this cost could be avoided by changing the obligations within SEC Appendix AA, and using DCC Sharepoint to carry out these ADT and Exit Quarantine file transfers.

The Working Group agreed that this alternative approach should be explored, citing reduced costs and increased simplicity compared to moving all responsibilities to the SSI as suggested in the Preliminary Assessment. One Working Group member commented that whilst being supportive, wanted to ensure that it wouldn't duplicate User efforts using both the SSI and DCC Sharepoint, especially if both are required for the processing of the ADT and Exit Quarantine files. The DCC noted this.

Next Steps

The following actions were recorded from the meeting:

- SECAS will discuss the new approach with the Proposer and return to a future Working Group once this has been agreed upon. If the Working Group is satisfied, a Refinement Consultation would be issued shortly after.
- The DCC will lay out the new approach for the Modification Proposal and confirm whether a new Preliminary Assessment or Impact Assessment will be required for the proposal to progress.