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SEC Panel Meeting 94

10:30 – 12:45, 16 July 2021

SECP_94_1607 – Meeting Headlines

Decision, Discussion and Information Items

1. Minutes and Actions Outstanding (For Information)

The Panel noted that the minutes from the June 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. DCC Testing Improvements (For Decision) (Verbal)

The TAG Chair requested that the Panel formally requests an action for the DCC to communicate the outcome of recent DCC Testing Improvements. The Panel **AGREED** to raise an action on the DCC to report to the Panel on the test automation it has delivered across SMETS1 and SMETS2, and **AGREED** that this update should be supplemented by an update from the TAG Chair on work done to ensure common approaches to PIT are being applied across multiple Service Providers.

3. DCC IT Service Management System (For Information) (AMBER)

The DCC provided the Panel with an update on the DCC's plans to upgrade the DCC Service Management System (DSMS) which the DCC uses to support SMETS services. The Panel **NOTED** the update.

4. Network Evolution Update (For Information) (Verbal)

SECAS provided a verbal update on the Network Evolution programme. The Panel **NOTED** the update.

5. Project Brief: Developing an Integrated SMETS/CoP11 Metering Solution (For Decision) (AMBER)

SECAS sought Panel approval of the scope of this project, and to make a recommendation to the SECCo Board to release the project budget. The Panel **APPROVED** the scope of this project and **AGREED** to recommend the project to the SECCo Board for release of funds.

6. Privacy Change Notification Requests – Update (For Decision) (RED)

SECAS provided the Panel with an overview of the recent Change Notification Requests SECAS has received from Other Users and their status. The Panel **NOTED** the update and **APPROVED** Other User 'Q's Change Notification.

7. Privacy Controls Framework v2.11 Draft (For Decision) (AMBER)

SECAS and the User Independent Privacy Auditor (User IPA) have reviewed the Privacy Controls Framework (PCF) and proposed changes for Panel approval. The Panel **APPROVED** the proposed amendments to V2.11 of the PCF for publication.

8. SSC Recommendations – Events of Default (For Decision) (RED)

SECAS informed the Panel of three instances of actual non-compliances with security obligations in SEC Sections G3 to G6, to enable the Panel to determine whether the non-compliances constitute an Event of Default as required by SEC Section G8.57. The Panel **NOTED** the reports of actual non-compliance with SEC security obligations and **DETERMINED** what action to take for each incident.

9. Current Events of Default (RED)

SECAS informed the Panel of three new Events of Default and three existing Events of Default. The Panel agreed the approach to dealing with each case.

10. Invoicing Process Improvements (For Discussion) (RED)

SECAS informed the SEC Panel of the root cause analysis and subsequent process improvements identified by the DCC and SECAS to the Party invoicing and Events of Default process. This was as a result of issues recently experienced by SEC Parties. The Panel **CONFIRMED** that the mitigating actions set out in the Issues Log are adequate to address the issues, **AGREED** it was not necessary to discuss the definition of a manifest error under Section 4 of this paper, and **AGREED** to receive a further update in October.

11. Alt-HAN Quarterly Update (For Information) (AMBER)

Alt-HAN presented the Panel with an overview of key milestones achieved in 2021, BEIS consultation on DCUSA enabling changes, Market Sizing, and Snapshot updates. The Panel **NOTED** the update.

12. SEC Panel Elections (For Information)

SECAS presented the process and timetable set out in SEC Section C4.2 regarding the scheduled election for the SEC Panel Elected Members, following vacancies arising from the retirement of Elected members after their 24-month term. The Panel **NOTED** the update.

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13. BEIS Update (For Information)

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

14. 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.

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

SECAS provided an update on recent activities of the SEC Panel Sub-Committees, including highlights raised by the Sub-Committees. The Panel **NOTED** the contents of this paper, and **ENDORSED** the concerns raised by the Sub-Committees.

16. DCC Reporting (For Information)

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

17. Operations Report (For Information)

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

18. Transitional Governance Update (For Information) (GREEN)

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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.

19. Any Other Business (AOB)

SECAS provided an update on Smarter Markets, noting that there is currently an open Ofgem consultation on REC v3.0: Consequential changes to codes in the Switching Significant Code Review (SCR), and invited Panel members to contact SECAS if they wish to respond. SECAS also informed Panel they will circulate the response to the Operational Performance Regime (OPR) Metric consultation imminently for comment. SECAS will also feedback to Ofgem some suggested improvements to the process.

Next Meeting Date: 13 August 2021