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MP109 ‘ADT and Exit Quarantine file delivery mechanism’

August 2021 Working Group – meeting summary

Attendees

Attendee	Organisation
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Kev Duddy	SECAS
Joey Manners	SECAS
Anik Abdullah	SECAS
Remi Oluwabamise	DCC
David Walsh	DCC
Chris de Asha	DCC
Adam Rawling	DCC
Tosin Adeoye	DCC
Sarah-Jane Russell	British Gas
Julie Geary	E.ON
Daniel Davis	ESG Global
Alastair Cobb	Landis + Gyr
Chris Latchford	MoneyPlus Energy
Ralph Baxter	Octopus Energy
Michael Walls	Ofgem
Emslie Law	OVO Energy
Mafs Rahman	Scottish Power
Elias Hanna	Smart ADSL
Matthew Alexander	SSEN
Kelly Kinsman	WPD

Overview

The Smart Energy Code Administrator and Secretariat (SECAS) provided an overview of the issue identified, the Proposed Solution of the SharePoint proposal, the Data Communications Company (DCC) Preliminary Assessment outcome and proposed next steps.

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 DCC by email.
- This is insecure and poses a potential security risk as email is not considered a secure delivery method due to lacking end to end encryption, being susceptible to eavesdropping in transit, ease of email spoofing and lack of sender verification.

Proposed Solution

- The DCC is of the opinion that it would be a more secure process to change the wording in SEC Appendix AA from 'Email' to 'DCC's preferred secure delivery method of choice'.
- The DCC's current secure delivery method would be via the DCC SharePoint which all Service Users will have access to as part of the onboarding process.

Working Group Discussion

SECAS presented the issue and with the Proposed Solution. A member of the Working Group queried if the option of email will still be available if there is an issue with the preferred delivery option (SharePoint). The Proposer highlighted this option was discussed at a previous Working Group meeting and advised that email is not a secure method. The DCC stated that SharePoint has not demonstrated any issues to date and as such, should work accordingly. Another Working Group member queried whether ADT files will still require signing if SharePoint is used. The Proposer confirmed signing of files will still be required. The Working Group noted this accordingly.

A Working Group member stated that the MP109 DCC slides were not distributed ahead of the meeting. SECAS advised this was due to sensitive content and that this would be reviewed and redistributed with associated text to the Working Group post-meeting.

A Working Group member sought clarification on the costs to amend the Self-Service Interface (SSI). The DCC confirmed that there is no anticipated SSI cost and that this is also out of scope of the SEC Modification as it is a wording change of the Service Catalogue Request. SECAS also confirmed that the DCC Preliminary Assessment states that it is not necessary to carry out a DCC Impact Assessment.

SECAS advised that if MP109 is approved it will be targeted for the February 2022 SEC Release. The Working Group noted the implementation approach and provided no further comments.

Next Steps

The following actions were recorded from the meeting:

- SECAS to circulate the MP109 DCC Working Group slides and associated text with members to share with their respective ADT teams for review.
- MP109 to proceed to Refinement Consultation.