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SEC Panel Meeting 97

09:30 – 12:30, 15 October 2021

SECP_97_1510 – Meeting Headlines

Decision, Discussion and Information Items

1. Minutes and Actions Outstanding (For Information)

The Panel noted that the minutes from the September 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. The Panel Chair will write some additional wording to close off a confidential DCC action.

2. Existing Test Automation within SIT (For Information) (GREEN)

The DCC provided the Panel with an outline of the existing Test Automation delivered by CGI within the Systems Integration Testing (SIT) environment. The Panel **NOTED** the update.

3. Network Evolution Test Automation Framework (TAF): Sub-Committee Business Case assessment (For Decision) (AMBER)

The Testing Advisory Group (TAG) Chair provided a summary of the DCC Business Case for the TAF, along with an assessment of such carried out by the Technical and Business Architecture Sub-Committee (TABASC) and the TAG. The Panel **NOTED** the views of the Sub-Committees and **AGREED** that the information set out in the annex to the paper should be provided to BEIS alongside the TAF Full Business Case.

4. Distribution Network Operator (DNO) issues and their resolution (For Decision) (AMBER)

SECAS informed the Panel of ongoing discussions between the DCC and DNOs regarding issues the Network Operators are facing within Smart Metering, and set out an overview of the proposed approach to capture any existing DNO issues and potential mechanisms for their resolution. The intent is to ensure a clear and consistent methodology is used that is aligned with SEC governance. The Panel **AGREED** the proposed approach set out in this paper.

5. SMDA Co. Remaining Funds (For Decision) (AMBER)

The SMDA Scheme requested SEC Panel's preference on the use of remaining SMDA Company (Co) funds in the lead-up to SMDA Co being wound-up. The Panel **NOTED** the update, **CONSIDERED** the options provided, and **AGREED** on its preferred option.

6. SMDA Panel Sponsor (For Decision) (Verbal)

SECAS provided a verbal update and invited the Panel to discuss appointing an SMDA Panel sponsor. The Panel **AGREED** to contact the current EUA representative on the SMDA Sub Committee, formerly a Panel member, regarding this.

7. SMETS2 Interoperability Project - Workshop Outcomes (For Decision) (GREEN)

SECAS provided the Panel with the outcomes of the SMETS2 Device Interoperability Workshop. The Panel **NOTED** the outputs and **APPROVED** the proposed next steps in Section 6 of this paper.

8. SEC Strategic Plan Update (For Information) (Verbal)

SECAS provided a verbal update on the output of the last Strategic Working Group. The Panel **NOTED** the update.

9. Privacy Change Notification Requests (For Decision) (RED)

SECAS provided the SEC 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 'L's Change Notification.

10. Current Events of Default (For Decision) (RED)

SECAS updated the Panel on ten new Events of Default and four existing Events of Default. The Panel **AGREED** the approach to dealing with these cases.

11. SoLR Party Interactions and Supplier Checklist (For Discussion) (RED)

SECAS provided the Panel with a document outlining the various interactions of those involved in the Supplier of Last Resort (SoLR) process to help improve clarity over roles. SECAS also presented a Supplier Checklist for the gaining Supplier. The Panel **DISCUSSED** the papers, and **AGREED** to provide detailed feedback on them outside the meeting.

12. Invoicing Process Improvements (For Information) (GREEN)

The DCC and SECAS provided the Panel with an update on invoicing process and communication improvements, implemented by the DCC and SECAS, based on feedback from customers.. The Panel **NOTED** the update.

13. BEIS Update (For Information)

BEIS provided an update on its recent publications, forthcoming consultations, and key milestones. This included upcoming publications which may be of interest to the Panel throughout October and November 2021. 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, and provided additional commentary on the Data Services Provider (DSP) Technical Refresh. 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 and concerns raised by the Sub-Committees. The Operations Group (OPSG) Chair provided additional commentary on some concerns raised by the OPSG which are further detailed in the minutes. The Panel **NOTED** the update, 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 August 2021 provided by the DCC. The Panel **NOTED** the updates and observations raised by the Operations Group (OPSG).

17. Operations Report (For Information)

SECAS provided the Panel with the Operations Report for September 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)

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)

The TAG Chair provided an update on a SMETS1 Uplift Testing Issue, supplementing a late confidential paper.

A Panel member and the Smart Metering Key Infrastructure (SMKI) Policy Management Authority (PMA) Chair raised concerns about the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) and Use Case 004, noting significant delays to progress. The SMKI PMA Chair, Panel Chair, and BEIS agreed to meet ex-committee to further discuss the issue.

The Chair suggested that SECAS establishes a Programme Assurance role to support cross-committee change activity, and the Panel agreed for SECAS to write a relevant Problem Statement.

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

Next Meeting Date: 12 November 2021