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SEC Change Sub-Committee Meeting 32_2610

26 October 2021, 10:00 – 10:55

Teleconference

SECCSC_32_2610 – Draft Minutes

Attendees:

Representing	CSC Member
Change Sub-Committee Chair	David Kemp (DK)
Large Suppliers	Sarah-Jane Russell (S-JR)
Small Suppliers	Daniel Davies (DD)
	Chris Brown (CB)
Electricity Network Parties	Gemma Slaney (GS)
Other SEC Parties	Alastair Cobb (AC)
	Lynne Hargrave (LH)

Representing	Other Participants
DCC	David Walsh (DW)
	Helen Metcalfe (HM) <i>(part)</i>
	Chris Barlow (CBa) <i>(part)</i>
	Andy Darroch (AD) <i>(part)</i>
SECAS	Holly Burton (HB) <i>(Meeting Secretary)</i>
	Ali Beard (AB)
	Mike Fenn (MF)

Apologies:

Representing	CSC Member
Consumers	Ed Rees (ER)
Large Suppliers	Emslie Law (EL)

1. Welcome and Introductions & Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The Chair welcomed members to the Change Sub-Committee (CSC) meeting, and welcomed LH, who has filled the vacant Other SEC Party seat, to the CSC.

The Meeting Secretary (HB) informed the CSC that two sets of comments had been received on the minutes from the previous CSC meeting held on 28 September 2021. The CSC **APPROVED** the minutes as modified.

2. Actions Outstanding

Action Reference	Action
30/01	<p>SECAS (KH)/(AC) to reach out to Trade Associations (EUA & BEAMA) in order to better involve manufacturers as part of the SEC modifications process.</p> <p>It was advised that SECAS presented to the JMM/EUA meeting and a further meeting is being held on 28 October 2021 to look at some modification in more depth. SECAS will be asking if manufactures wish to make this a regular meeting. An update will be brought back to the November 2021 CSC meeting, after which the action can be closed.</p> <p>A member (AC) advised he will get in contact with BEAMA representatives as they had declined the previous meeting.</p> <p>Status: Open</p>
30/03	<p>SECAS to set aside time at either the next Working Group meeting or next CSC meeting to discuss whether DCC guidance documents should be dealt with under modifications.</p> <p>It was advised that SECAS is preparing a paper for the November 2021 CSC meeting. An update was due to be provided at the October 2021 meeting, however this has been delayed due to the progression of Urgent Modification MP185.</p> <p>Status: Open</p>
31/01	<p>The DCC to seek feedback on the Communications Hub Firmware Management Overview Document, to ensure it meets industry expectations and report back to the CSC at a future meeting.</p> <p>It was advised by the DCC that this action should be adopted by the Design Release Forum. SECMP0024 'Enduring Approach to Communication Hub Firmware Management' is pending implementation as part of the June 2022 Release, the document should therefore be updated as part of the Release process. A further update will be provided at the November 2021 CSC meeting.</p> <p>Status: Open</p>

3. SEC Modification Progression

MP185 'Additional controls to support the SoLR process' (Urgent Modification).

The CSC was provided with a summary of Modification Proposal [MP185 'Additional controls to support the SoLR process' \(Urgent Modification\)](#).

There were four responses received to the industry consultation, all from Large Suppliers. Three believed that the modification should be implemented, and one did not, although it was supportive of the intent of the modification. In terms of commercial aspect, questions were raised about how Shared Resource Providers (SRPs) might charge a Supplier of Last Resort (SoLR) for sending Service Requests. SECAS confirmed that there is no commercial agreement option between the Shared Resource Provider and the SoLR. This could potentially be put in place; however, the SRP still has the requirement under [MP134A 'Use of SMKI Certificates relating to a SoLR event'](#) to put pre-payment meter customers on safe mode on instruction by Ofgem. Beyond that it would be a commercial agreement between the SRP and the SoLR.

The industry consultation respondent considered the legal text should explicitly state that the SoLR has final decision on the date on which the transfer of the Market Participant Identifiers (MPIDs) takes place. However, the SEC Lawyer and the Proposer have agreed it should be left flexible and in agreement between the SoLR, DCC and SMKI PMA. Therefore, no change was made to the legal text.

A further respondent queried the charging arrangements, to which SECAS confirmed if the transfer of the MPIDs is delayed then this will affect the DCC charging. Charges for MPIDs are usually billed on the 15th of each month; if the MPIDs are transferred before this date then the SoLR will pick up these charges. However, several CSC members (CB, LH, S-JR) believed that this was a commercial consideration and the main aim of the modification was to ensure pre-payment consumers were put into safe mode in the event of their Supplier failing.

The CSC thanked SECAS (AB) for progressing this modification quickly through the framework.

The CSC:

- **AGREED** that MP185 should be progressed to the Change Board for vote
- **APPROVED** the Modification Report
- **APPROVED** the implementation approach
- **AGREED** that MP185 should be progressed as an Authority-Determined Modification

DP171 'Undertaking a FUSA without a Supply License'

The CSC was provided with a summary of Draft Proposal [DP171 'Undertaking a FUSA without a Supply License'](#).

The CSC had no comments.

The CSC:

- **AGREED** the issue and the impact it is having is clearly defined and understood
- **AGREED** that DP171 should be converted to a Modification Proposal
- **AGREED** that MP171 should proceed to the Refinement Process
- **AGREED** the first package of work and the timetable for MP171

DP179 'DCC Boxed'

The CSC was provided with a summary of Draft Proposal [DP179 'DCC Boxed'](#).

SECAS (MF) advised that this modification should be progressed to the Refinement Process to allow it to be issued for Refinement Consultation to ensure additional information is captured and additional questions are answered ahead of implementation. This modification is about carrying out the due diligence around placing the charging arrangements in the SEC, and is not about the commercial merits of DCC Boxed. The DCC has already surveyed customers where a high level of interest has been received. As this is going through as an Explicit Charge, there is no obligation on customers to pay for DCC Boxed if they do not wish to.

A member (AC) noted at the last TABASC meeting, feedback was unclear around needing Communications Hubs to work with this. Therefore, in order to maximise interest from Users then communication should be at the forefront. SECAS (MF) agreed to ensure this point is answered in the Modification Report when it is returned to the CSC for approval.

The CSC:

- **AGREED** the issue and impact it is having is clearly defined and understood
- **AGREED** that DP179 should be converted to a Modification Proposal
- **AGREED** that MP179 should proceed to the Refinement Process
- **AGREED** the first package of work and the timetable for MP179

DP184 'Increase Smart Capability of SMETS2 Twin Element ESME to support Solar and Storage use cases'

The CSC was provided with a summary of new Draft Proposal [DP184 'Increase Smart Capability of SMETS2 Twin Element ESME to support Solar and Storage use cases'](#).

The DCC (DW) noted this modification is similar to [MP152 'Consumption on Smart Polyphase Electricity Meters'](#), and asked whether these two modifications would be merged or progressed alongside each other. SECAS (AB) advised there are issues with both modifications which need to be developed in the Refinement Process. There is also believed to be some overlap in the solutions and SECAS will be looking to progress these together to make the best use of assessments. Questions against MP152 need to be answered but there is no need to delay both modifications as this will reduce efficiencies. A member (DD) noted both modification will impact the DCC User Interface Specification (DUIS) and so it would be sensible to implement them at the same time, should both be approved.

The CSC:

- **AGREED** the issue and the impact it is having is clearly defined and understood
- **AGREED** that DP184 should be converted to a Modification Proposal
- **AGREED** the MP184 should proceed to the Refinement Process
- **AGREED** the first package of work and the timetable for MP184

DP186 'Section D Review (2020): further enhancements'

The CSC was provided with a summary of new Draft Proposal [DP186 'Section D Review \(2020\): further enhancements'](#).

SECAS (DK) noted that the issues highlighted in this modification had been discussed and consulted on under the Section D Review, where it had been agreed to raise a modification to take them forward. Due to the extensive discussions held under the review, SECAS believed the issues were fully clear and this modification should proceed directly to the Refinement Process to begin assessing solutions.

The CSC had no comments.

The CSC:

- **AGREED** the issue and the impact it is having is clearly defined and understood
- **AGREED** that DP186 should be converted to a Modification Proposal
- **AGREED** that MP186 should proceed to the Refinement Process
- **AGREED** the first package of work and the timetable for MP186

4. SEC Modification Timetables

SECAS (AB) provided an update on the timetables for Modification Proposals currently in the Refinement Process and the next main programme of work for each open modification.

A member (AC) noted there had been previous question and uncertainty around [MP143 'Incorporating IRPs into GBCS v3 series'](#), and asked whether this would be implemented in 2021 or 2022. The DCC (DW) advised the Preliminary Assessment is currently being written up and that the likely implementation date for this modification is the November 2022 SEC Release.

The CSC:

- **APPROVED** the packages of work and the progression timetables outlined in this paper

5. SEC Releases Update

The Chair (DK) presented an update on progress with the 2022 SEC Releases.

SECAS is currently seeking input on the proposed scope of the November 2022 SEC Release from the Operations Group (OPSG) and the Technical Architecture and Business Architecture Sub-Committee (TABASC). Feedback received will be presented to the CSC next month, where the CSC will be requested to baseline the scope of the release on the DCC Systems.

A CSC member (S-JR) asked SECAS to consider the Faster Switching changes due to go live in Summer 2022 when looking at the non-DCC System modifications to include in the June 2022 SEC Release scope. SECAS (DK) agreed it will assess any proposed modifications being added to this release to mitigate any impact on Faster Switching.

The CSC:

- **NOTED** the updates on the 2021 and 2022 SEC Releases.

6. Approval to implement the November 2021 SEC Release

The CSC Chair (DK) provided an update on progress against the acceptance criteria in the Release Implementation Document (RID). It was noted that the OPSG has reviewed the operational acceptance criteria, and the Testing Advisory Group (TAG) has reviewed the testing acceptance criteria. Both groups have recommended the CSC approves this SEC Release to go live.

However, the DCC raised an issue to SECAS on Monday 25 October 2021 around the testing of the Final Operating Capability (FOC) 2.2 changes which are also due to go live alongside the November 2021 SEC Release. These are two separate sets of DCC system changes but have been tested in parallel. Whilst there are no issues with the SEC Release changes, there have been some device migration issues with the FOC 2.2 changes. The DCC is seeking to resolve these by close of play Tuesday 26 October 2021. If there is still an issue, then the TAG will need to review and decide whether to proceed with the November 2021 SEC Release changes without the FOC 2.2 changes.

The CSC was asked to approve the November 2021 SEC Release be implemented on the condition that the testing issue for FOC 2.2 is resolved, or if it is not that the TAG is content to implement the November 2021 SEC Release changes without the FOC 2.2 changes.

The CSC:

- **NOTED** the views and recommendations of the OPSG and the TAG; and
- **AGREED** that the November 2021 SEC Release can be set live on 4 November 2021 subject to the conditions around the resolution of the FOC 2.2 testing issue.

[Post-Meeting Note - confirmation from the DCC was received that the defects with the FOC 2.2 changes were resolved on Tuesday 26 October 2021 and that both sets of changes have moved to the final stages. The November 2021 SEC Release will therefore go live on Thursday 4 November 2021 as originally planned.]

7. Any Other Business (AOB)

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

Next Meeting: 30 November 2021