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## MP160 ‘Certificate Signing Request forecasting’

### May 2022 Working Group – meeting summary

#### Attendees

Attendee	Organisation
Ali Beard	SECAS
Kev Duddy	SECAS
Elizabeth Woods	SECAS
David Walsh	DCC
Graeme Liggett	DCC
Emma Johnson	British Gas
Alex Hurcombe	EDF Energy
Julie Geary	E.ON
Martin Bell	EUA
Daniel Davies	ESG Global
Alastair Cobb	Landis+Gyr
Ralph Baxter	Octopus Energy
Matthew Alexander	SSEN
Shuba Khatun	SSE Networks
Audrey Smith-Keary	SSE - OVO
Robert Johnstone	Utilita
Kelly Kinsman	WPD

#### Overview

The Smart Energy Code Administrator and Secretariat (SECAS) provided an overview of the issue identified and the Proposed Solution.

#### Issue

- Certificate Signing Request (CSR) Forecasting is resource-intensive despite its low value to the DCC
- Time and resources wasted in forecasting for something which the DCC has enough headroom to accommodate

#### Proposed Solution

- Remove the obligation for Authorised Subscribers to have to provide quarterly eight-month CSR forecasts to the DCC

- CSR forecasting is only needed when there is exceptional demand of higher than 150% average (over 50% more of usual monthly CSRs sent) . In these instances the DCC User should notify the DCC Service Desk via contact details given in the DCC Guidance Document.
- DCC will produce single CSR forecast covering six months and single variance each quarter for SEC Panel

## Working Group Discussion

SECAS presented an overview of the issue and identified the case for change.

A Working Group member (RB) noted that the legal text was confusing and needed clarification to state 150% of exceeding the CSRs for past 3 months instead of 50%. SECAS concurred (AB & EW) and this will be updated for review when the Refinement Consultation is issued.

A Working Group member (AH) also queried if this was affecting Anomaly Detection Thresholds (ADTs). The Proposer (GL) confirmed that this is for CSRs and not related to ADTs, which was covered in a separate modification ([MP116 'Service Request Forecasting'](#)). The Working Group acknowledged and noted this.

It was noted by a Working Group member (RB) that this was to remove the obligation, although that does not necessarily mean less work for Authorised Subscribers, but as it removes an obligation it is therefore agreeable.

A Working Group member (DD) requested clarification to ensure the DCC will perform all the forecasting reporting and the subscriber only needs to provide notification of exceptional usage. The Proposer (GL) confirmed that this was correct.

Working Group members agreed the solution but would like the legal text to be clearer. SECAS (EW) confirmed this would be amended and sent out with the Refinement Consultation.

## Next Steps

The following actions were recorded from the meeting:

- SECAS to confirm the legal text changes to avoid confusion of 'Exceptional demand' percentages.
- SECAS will update the Modification Report and issue MP160 for a Refinement Consultation.