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TABASC Role in Transitional Releases

1. Purpose

This paper provides an update and areas for further discussion on the action from the January TABASC meeting (TABASC26/06) that arose from the discussions on paper TABASC_26_1801_10 - TABASC Risk Register Completeness Approach.

2. Background

The January 2018 TABASC meeting discussed paper TABASC_26_1801_10, which covered proposed approaches to how the TABASC could ensure that its Risk Register is complete in relation to the current live arrangements, transitional releases and enduring releases.

The TABASC agreed approaches in relation to the current live arrangements and enduring releases, however it was agreed that further consideration was required in relation to the TABASC role in transitional releases. Action, *TABASC26/06 - SECAS and BEIS to consider timeframes and responsibilities of when transitional release become enduring governance responsibility, noting the different cohort dates to consider*, was taken by the TABASC Chair to aid these further considerations.

3. Matters for the TABASC to discuss

The TABASC duties, as set out in Section F1.4, include the monitoring and provision of support and advice on the impacts that different changes may have on the on the technical and/or business architectures. Changes could originate from SEC Modification Proposals or DCC change requests. In addition, in the near-term, changes can also arise from transitional governance releases such as those that are with Release 2.0 or the SMETS1 Enrolment and Adoption (E&A) Release[1].

3.1 Transitional Governance oversight of Release 2.0 and the SMETS1 E&A release

Transitional governance is responsible for the oversight and implementation of changes to the Smart Metering infrastructure for Release 2.0 and the SMETS1 E&A release. The technical aspects of both releases are overseen by the Technical and Business Design Group (TBDG) with support from relevant sub-groups, including the Technical Specifications Issues Resolution Sub-group (TSIRS), the 868 Sub-Group for matters relating to Dual Band Communications Hubs for Release 2.0 and the SMETS1 E&A TBDG Sub-group. The Implementation Management Forum (IMF) monitors the plans

[1] Also referred to as Release 3.0 or the SMETS1 Services release.

and associated risks and issues registers for the overall Smart Metering Implementation Programme (SMIP) including the transitional releases. Oversight of the programme is done through the Smart Metering Delivery Group (SMDG). Ultimately though overall control of these releases sits with BEIS and the Secretary of State (SoS), including any decisions as to whether transitional releases should go live.

There are a few exceptions where enduring governance bodies do have an active role in transitional releases, however these roles have been driven by specific requests from BEIS for support to be given. For example, the Security Sub-Committee has been reviewing and discussed the security requirements for the SMETS1 E&A release. This is due to the Transitional Security Expert Group (TSEG) no longer being in operation. In addition, the Panel, with support from the Testing Advisory Group, have been requested to make recommendations on the approval of test phase entry and exit criteria and whether certain test phase entry and exit criteria for Release 2.0 and SMETS1 E&A have been met. While activities have/are being taken by enduring governance bodies on these two releases final decisions do still sit with BEIS and the SoS.

3.2 Items for the TABASC to discuss

The TABASC are requested to discuss and consider whether it should limit its activities in relation to Release 2.0 and SMETS1 Enrolment and Adoption (E&A) to focusing on making the necessary updates to the Technical Architecture Document (TAD) and the Business Architecture Document (BAD), accepting the changes as agreed by BEIS and the SoS.

In addition, the TABASC are requested to consider whether it should not take an active role in the assessment of the solutions to both releases as these are being managed and overseen through the transitional governance arrangements. This would mean in practice that the releases (BAD and TAD aside) would not fall under the focus of the TABASC until each release takes effect and goes live.

4. Next Steps

Subject to the discussions on the areas outlined in section 3.2, if required the TABASC can seek guidance from the Panel on whether it requires the TABASC to do anything in addition to just updating the BAD and TAD, with respect to Release 2.0 and SMETS1 E&A changes and content.

5. Recommendations

The TABASC is requested to:

- **NOTE** the contents of this paper;
- **DISCUSS** the areas outlined in section 3.2, on the TABASC activities in relation to Release 2.0 and SMETS1 E&A; and
- **CONSIDER** seeking guidance and confirmation from the SEC Panel in relation to the TABASC role in the assessment of Release 2 & SMETS1 E&A content in advance of them each taking effect and going live.

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