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# SEC Panel Sub-Committee Report

## 1. Purpose

This paper provides the Panel with an update on recent activities from the Panel Sub-Committees. It highlights the key issues discussed and details specific points the Sub-Committees would like to bring to the Panel's attention.

## 2. Operations Group

### 2.1 DCC reporting

The Operations Group (OPSG) were unable to complete its review of the regular DCC reports this month, due to a late request from DCC, to consider changes to the Planned Maintenance schedule. The Ops Group will review both July and August reports at its meeting in August and update Panel accordingly.

### 2.2 OPSG Meeting Highlights

***Planned Maintenance***

The Ops Group agreed a proposed process for managing late changes to the DCC Planned Maintenance schedule. DCC presented a revised Plan for August-October, which differed materially from that approved previously by the Panel.

The Ops Group agreed the DCC proposed Temporary Maintenance Schedule for August. In addition, the Ops Group agreed that the DCC would:

- Cross reference the original schedule and the amended schedule. This should include work originally scheduled for July.
- Produce a proposed detailed Temporary Maintenance Schedule for August to October for Ops Group consideration and agreement, with the level of detail being consistent with that previously submitted to the Panel.
- Each month, report progress against the revised schedule.
- Produce a consolidated schedule of all Planned Maintenance (as per SEC Section H. 8.3 and the temporary Planned Maintenance Schedule).

***Release 2.0 Criteria***

The Ops Group discussed and considered proposed go live criteria from the DCC. The Ops Group provided their views which will be captured in a paper to Panel from SECAS along with views from the Testing Advisory Group (TAG). Concerns were raised concerning Disaster Recovery provision and plans for monitoring Production environment post the Release go live.

***Distribution Network Operator DCC related Incidents***

The Ops Group reviewed a proposed process from DCC outlining its approach to managing DNO incidents and assigning these (as appropriate) to Suppliers for resolution. The Ops Group requested a number of revisions and the DCC will provide a revised version of the process at the August meeting. Adjustments will include: the addition of a route to allow the Supplier to reassign the Incident to the Service Desk; and, progressively setting out more details of the handling of the most common failures. With these provisos the Ops Group agreed the process. It was noted that of current installations, c.10% appear not to have the correct certificate installed, and a total of c.30% cannot be communicated with satisfactorily.

***SSI Improvements***

The Ops Group noted the progress being made and the good engagement and communication with Users. The Ops Group noted that costs to date were consistent with initial estimates. It was noted that a modification was being raised to enable more efficient management of the detailed specification of the SSI.

## 3. Security Sub Committee and SMKI PMA

### 3.1 Assurance Status Decisions

The SSC set five assurance statuses in July 2018.

### 3.2 Director Letters

In July the SSC approved four Director Letters that showed there were no non-compliances to prevent the Users in question beginning to use DCC Live Systems. Details can be found in confidential Appendix A.

### 3.3 SSC Highlights

In July, the SSC discussed the Ofgem Switching programme. Ofgem informed the SSC of the End-to-End Security Approach, Approach to Governance and the CSS link to DSP and other SMIP implications. The SSC welcomed the opportunity to receive regular updates from Ofgem regarding the security aspects of the programme.

Users' non-compliance with G5.27 and G5.28 was also discussed by the SSC. These obligations refer to Users notifying the SSC when they first begin to employ a Shared Resource as part of their User System. SECAS will be providing further clarification to SEC Parties on this matter.

### 3.4 SMKI PMA Highlights

The SMKI PMA have been discussing the use of SMKI for SMETS1, and have been liaising with the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) to provide advice on the matter.

Additionally, the SMKI PMA reviewed and confirmed that the current identification methodology used within the SMKI RAPP process when identifying Nominating Officers, Senior Responsible Officers and Authorised Responsible Officers is still appropriate.

## 4. Technical Architecture and Business Architecture Sub-Committee (TABASC) and Testing Advisory Group (TAG)

### 4.1 TABASC Highlights

The TABASC agreed high level plans for updating the Business Architecture Document (BAD) and Technical Architecture Documents (TAD) to capture the changes that the SMETS1 (enrolment and adoption) Service Release will introduce. The TABASC agreed a proposed approach for facilitating industry discussions on Technical Specification matters once the transitional Issue Resolution Process (IRP) ceases to run in mid-2019.

### 4.2 TAG Highlights

The TAG discussions have mainly focused on the testing progress with Release 2.0 System Integration Testing (SIT) completion to enable a recommendation to the SEC Panel this month. In addition, the TAG has discussed the testing progress on the SMETS1 (enrolment and adoption) Service Release, including the progress with the DCC Initial Operating Capability (IOC) Device Selection activities. The TAG has also considered the planning and approach to the testing of the June 2019 Release.

## 5. Recommendations

The Panel is requested to **NOTE** the content of this paper.

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Attachments:
Appendix A – Security Assurance Status Updates (Red – Confidential).