

#### STS600-4-2 Key Management System

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### **OVERVIEW**

- STS600-4-2 Companion Specification: KEY MANAGEMENT
- New Key Management Centre
- Changes & benefits
  - Risk reduction strategy to stop ghost vending
- Impact
- Questions



# STS (IEC 62055-41)

- Vending System creates a token (instruction)
- Token updates credit register in a meter



# **SECURITY MODULE (SM)**

- Only SM can handle Vending Keys [IEC 62055-41]
   Vending System must use SM to create tokens
- Security Module:
  - Keys can be used (subject to rules) but not copied
  - Small attack surface; Tamper response
  - Certified to FIPS (US Govt) or PCI-HSM (banking)
- Account for Security Module = Account for Keys
  - Keys protect your revenue stream

### **STS KEY MANAGEMENT**

- Vending System must use SM to create tokens
- Meter must contain a key supplied by a Key Management Centre (KMC) [IEC 62055-41]
- Meter Manufacturers must use SM to install initial key (DITK) in meter [IEC 62055-41]
- Key management:

Get Vending Keys from central repository (KMC) to Security Module

### STS600-4-2

#### • Standardises interface between KMC and SM:

- Security Module Initialisation (once off in manufacture)
- Vending Key Load (periodically in operation)
- State of the art security techniques
  - Standards-based (ISO, NIST, ECRYPT II)
  - Matches or exceeds Smart Grid
  - Independent security review
- *Much* more secure

#### **DETAIL OF SECURITY TECHNIQUES**

- Security target: 128 bits
- Key hierarchy: stronger security at higher levels

Кеу	Size (Strength)	Algorithm
Meter Key	128 bit (128)	EA11: MISTY1
Vending Key	160-bit (160)	DKGA04: KDF-HMAC-SHA256
Key Load File KEK	192-bit (192)	AES (CCM mode)
Key Agreement Key	384-bit (192)	ECDHE C(1e,2s), NIST P-384

### **BENEFIT: FUTURE-PROOFING**

Future-proof security

Proactive update for next generation of STS products

#### **SECURITY MODULE INITIALISATION**

- Purpose: create a secure link between the SM and the KMC
- Legacy: send SM to KMC to get MEK & KEK
- STS600: SM initialised by manufacturer
- SM generates two related keys: secret, public.
  - Secret key known to SM exclusively
  - Public key sent to KMC
- No customer interaction with KMC

#### **BENEFIT: SUPPLY CHAIN SECURITY**

- Future-proof security
- Simpler logistics; Supply chain security
  - SM initialised by manufacturer; no shipping to KMC
  - Secret key: SM cannot be modified or substituted
  - Design informed by Payment Card Industry

### VENDING KEY LOAD

- Purpose: convey keys & data from KMC to SM
- Legacy: request specific keys on co-signed form



### ENHANCED KEY LOAD FILE

- Much more secure
  - 192-bit AES encryption with integrity protection
- Extensible meta-data per key
- Meta-data is bound to key
  - Protected & inseparable
  - Enables true benefits of STS600 & KMC

#### **BENEFIT: ENABLES TID ROLLOVER**

- Future-proof security
- Simpler logistics; Supply chain security
- Enables TID Rollover
  - Previous AUW: STS COP 402-1 (2011) defines Base
     Date ratchet; waiting on secure key management to roll out.
  - Timeline & impacts: STS1800-3 on STSA website
  - Upgrade Vending System to support new KLF & SM
  - Issue Rollover Key Change Tokens by 2024

### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

- Biggest financial risk: theft of Security Module

   SGC (vending key) owner loses account of keys
   "Ghost vending"
- Aim: control the magnitude of a risk event
- Approach: Policy-based control
  - Key owner expresses Key Use Policy at KMC
  - Security Module enforces key usage rules on behalf of the key owner
  - Obey the vending key owner, not the SM operator

# **KEY USE POLICY**

- 1. SMs allowed to use this key
- 2. Policy Expiry Date
  - Passive key revocation
  - Duration of risk
- 3. Unit Limit & Currency Limit
  - Maximum financial risk
- 4. Refresh Period
  - Force periodic check in case policy changes
  - Check (refresh) using Vending Key Load interface

Account for which SMs have your keys

Limits per SM allow you to understand the risk of having your keys in that SM

### EXAMPLE: KEY USE POLICY

- Policy for one identified Security Module:

   Policy expires 31 Dec 2016, refresh period 60 days
   Unit Limit 1,000,000 kWh
- On 1 Jan 2017: vending stops
- After SM issues 1M kWh: vending stops
- SM unaccounted for?
  - Revoke policy at KMC, vending stops within 60 days
- SM accounted for, continue vending?
  - Get a fresh Key Load File from the KMC

### **BENEFIT: RISK MANAGEMENT**

- Future-proof security
- Simpler logistics; Supply chain security
- Enables TID Rollover
- Risk management
  - Key use policy enforced by Security Module puts key owner in control
  - Quantify maximum financial risk attributable to SM
  - Loss control mechanism shut downs ghost vending

### NEW KMC

- Replace ageing infrastructure
  - Improve Disaster Recovery
  - Upgrade Security Modules
- Transitional support for legacy SMs & KLFs

   Key migration from Eskom KMC
- Security & continuity of service

### **BENEFIT: MULTIPLE KMCS**

- Future-proof security
- Simpler logistics; Supply chain security
- Enables TID Rollover
- Risk management
- Multiple KMCs
  - SM can get keys from one or more KMCs
  - Deploy your own KMC instead of using third party services

### IMPACT

- Won't affect deployed STS meters
- New KMC & SM ready to go
- Impact primarily on Vending Systems
  - Support new Key Load File & SM
  - Issue Rollover Key Change tokens by 2024
- KMC interaction:
  - Key owners express Key Use Policy to KMC
  - Vending Systems must get fresh KLF periodically
  - KLF contains all keys authorised to SM

### **BENEFITS (SUMMARY)**

- Future-proof security
- Simpler logistics; Supply chain security
- Enhanced Key Load File
- Enables TID Rollover
- Risk management
  - Loss control stops ghost vending
- Multiple KMCs

### **CONCLUDING REMARK**

- STS complements Smart Grid:
  - Secure, vendor-neutral standard to transfer credit to prepayment meters
  - Unit-based or Currency-based credit
  - Compact token delivered via DLSM/COSEM, with offline backup channel
  - Keys & revenue protected by Security Module

### QUESTIONS

- STS Association
  - <u>www.sts.org.za</u>
  - STS600-4-2
  - STS1800-3

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