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DP099 ‘Incorporation of multiple Issue Resolution Proposals into the SEC – Batch 4’

Problem statement – version 0.1

About this document

This document provides a summary of this Draft Proposal, including the issue or problem identified, the impacts this is having, and the context of this issue within the Smart Energy Code (SEC).

Proposer

This Draft Proposal has been raised by Chun Chen from DCC.

What is the issue or problem identified?

Issue Resolution Proposals

Background



Issue Resolution Proposals (IRPs) identify issues within the SEC Technical Specification documents and put forward a solution to the identified problem. In the early stages of the Smart Metering Implementation Program, BEIS took the lead in developing the Technical Specifications that sit under the SEC. As part of this, BEIS also took responsibility for receiving and responding to issues raised internally, by the Data Communications Company (DCC), and by other interested industry parties. Since its inception, several hundred issues have been raised in relation to technical specifications under the SEC through the Technical Specification Issue Resolution Sub-group (TSIRS). In some cases, these queries have been resolved by providing an explanation of the specifications, whilst others have resulted in proposed amendments to the specifications in the form of IRPs.

Processing of IRPs

BEIS has previously implemented the required IRPs via BEIS-led designations; however, this process has now been handed over to SECAS for changes to be implemented through the Modifications Process. To improve efficiency, it was agreed these changes should be progressed under a single proposal at regular intervals.

How does this issue relate to the SEC?

The IRPs identify issues in the SEC Technical Specification documents. The IRPs included in this proposal, listed below, require changes to the Great Britain Companion Specification (GBCS) with initial key impacts identified by SECAS in the table below.

Proposed IRPs							
IRP number	IRP title	Impacted Technical Specification	IRP document	Impacted Users	Devices Impacted	Complexity	Notes
IRP571	Historic Data when Device does not know the time	GBCS	 IRP571 Historic Data when Device does not	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gas Suppliers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GSME ESME 	Low	Limited / no impact on GS.
IRP586	Modify use cases so ESME GSME & GPF behave in the same way (exclusion options)	GBCS	 IRP586 Modify use cases so ESME GSME	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gas Suppliers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GPF 	Middle	impact on Users. impact on GPF.

What is the impact this is having?

What are the impacts of doing nothing?

These IRPs add clarity and corrections to the Technical Specifications documents. Device manufacturers are required to follow these documents for the specifications of their Devices. Therefore, any errors or miscommunication of these specifications will mean the Device will not work as intended. The industry group TSIRS have agreed that these are issues and have agreed upon the solutions. Not implementing these solutions would mean that these problems would not be resolved.

What are the views of the industry?

Views of the DCC

The initial views of the DCC at this stage, subject to formal Impact Assessment, is that these two IRPs plus the four IRPs identified by [SECMP078 'Incorporation of multiple Issue Resolution Proposals into the SEC - Part 2'](#) are the only DCC System impacting IRPs of those published and approved by TSIRS at end of October 2019 and not yet incorporated into the GB technical specifications.

Views of SEC Parties

The issues and the solutions have been discussed and agreed upon by the TSIRS. Although TSIRS is a BEIS led group, various SEC Parties are represented.

The views of Parties regarding implementation of these IRPs will be gathered during the Refinement Stage.

Views of Panel Sub-Committees

No comments from Sub-Committee have been received.

Views of the Change Sub-Committee

The views of the Change Sub-Committee will be gathered during the Development Stage.