MP098 'Incorporation of multiple Issue Resolution Proposals into the SEC – Batch 3'

April 2020 Working Group Meeting Summary

Overview

SECAS provided an overview of the modification and discussed the version control of the Technical Specifications.

Overview of modification:

- Issue Resolution Proposals (IRPs) identify and provide resolutions to issues in the Technical Specification

- Solutions are agreed by Technical Specification Issue Resolution Sub-Group (TSIRS)

- The 20 IRPs included in MP098 have no impact on DCC Systems

Implementation:

- GBCS 3.2 and SMETS 4.2 currently active

- BEIS changes in relation to APC/SAPC in November 2020 will result in GBCS 4.0 and SMETS2 5.0

- Is there any material benefit to implement a GBCS 3.3 and SMETS2 4.3?

Discussions held

The Working Group agreed with the list of 20 IRPs included in this modification and understood the need for implementation in the November 2020 SEC Release.

The main point of discussion was in relation to the potential need of GBCS 3.3 and SMETS2 4.3. the Working Group raised concern that having two versions of GBCS and SMETS running in conjunction with each other would cause confusion for the industry. A Working Group member stated that the APC/SAPC functionality is optional and therefore felt that there is no need for GBCS 3.3 and SMETS2 4.3. A member of the SEC Technical Operations team stated that there would be other specifications that would be included in GBCS 3.3 and SMETS2 4.3 as these versions would be used to include outstanding changes.

SECAS presented the views of Energy and Utilities Alliance (EUA) and British Electrotechnical and Allied Manufacturers' Association (BEAMA). EUA shared the view that having two versions of the specifications would cause added confusion to industry. BEAMA on the other hand, stated that members of BEAMA are expecting to produce ESME without the APC functionality so they feel there is a need for a GBCS 3.3.

Next Steps

The following actions were recorded from the meeting:

- SECAS will issue the Refinement Consultation to gain wider industry feedback regarding version control.

- SECAS will update Panel once the Refinement Consultation has closed.

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