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About this document

This document is a draft Modification Report. It currently sets out the background, issue, and progression timetable for this modification, along with any relevant discussions, views and conclusions. This document will be updated as this modification progresses.

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1. Summary

This proposal was raised by Paul Saker from EDF Energy.

The scope of MP098 [[Incorporation of multiple Issue Resolution Proposals into the SEC - Batch 3](#)] was to incorporate 20 non-Data Communication Company (DCC) System impacting Issue Resolution Proposals (IRPs) into the Smart Energy Code (SEC). This modification has been approved and is pending implementation for the November 2020 SEC Release.

During the development of MP098, there was considered no material benefit to implement the 20 IRPs into the Great Britain Companion Specification (GBCS) version 3 series and the Smart Metering Equipment Technical Specifications (SMETS) 2 version 4 series to generate GBCS v3.3 and SMETS2 v4.3. It was agreed that the changes would only be incorporated into the newly generated GBCS v4.0 and SMETS v5.0 documents being introduced in this release.

SEC Parties would like the option to incorporate these 20 IRPs into the GBCS v3 series as and when a material change necessitates an uplift to the next GBCS v3.x and SMETS v4.x.

2. Issue

What are the current arrangements?

MP098 has been approved and is pending implementation. It will introduce 20 non- DCC System impacting IRPs into the SEC. To ensure certainty for the industry it was agreed that the 20 IRPs would not be implemented into the GBCS version 3 series (to give an uplift to v3.3) and SMETS2 version 4 series (to give an uplift to v4.3) as it was deemed not materially beneficial at the time.

What is the issue?

Industry input and discussion have noted there should be an option to implement these IRPs into the GBCS version 3 series and SMETS2 version 4 series in November 2021 when other material changes are likely to take place requiring an uplift in the Technical Specifications. This was not part of the implementation approach consulted upon in MP098.

What is the impact this is having?

If the GBCS version 3 series and SMETS2 version 4 series are continuing to be used but these IRPs are not incorporated, the industry efficiencies provided by these IRPs will not be possible.

Appendix 1: Progression timetable

This Modification was raised on 18 September 2020 and will be presented to the Change Sub-Committee on 29 September 2020.

Timetable	
Event/Action	Date
Draft Proposal raised	18 Sep 2020
Presented to CSC for initial comment	29 Sep 2020

Appendix 2: Glossary

This table lists all the acronyms used in this document and the full term they are an abbreviation for.

Glossary	
Acronym	Full term
BEIS	Department for Business, Energy and Industry Strategy
DCC	Data Communications Company
GBCS	Great Britain Companion Specification
IRP	Issue Resolution Proposal
SEC	Smart Energy Code
SMETS	Smart Metering Equipment Technical Specifications