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## MP138 ‘DCC Service Testing in ETAD’

### October 2020 Working Group Meeting summary

#### Attendees

| Attendee         | Organisation               |
|------------------|----------------------------|
| Alison Beard     | SECAS                      |
| Harry Jones      | SECAS                      |
| Manny Ajayi      | SECAS                      |
| Joe Hehir        | SECAS                      |
| Gary Williams    | DCC                        |
| Sasha Townsend   | DCC                        |
| Richard Amey     | DCC                        |
| David Walsh      | DCC                        |
| Simon Trivella   | British Gas                |
| Allan Row        | British Gas                |
| Lynne Hargrave   | Calvin Capital             |
| David Lyons      | E.ON                       |
| Julie Geary      | E.ON                       |
| Ferenc Vanhoutte | Geotogether                |
| Alastair Cobb    | Landis + Gyr               |
| Elias Hanna      | Landis + Gyr               |
| Mahfuzar Rahman  | Scottish Power             |
| Eric Taylor      | SLS                        |
| Emslie Law       | OVO (SSE)                  |
| Daniel Davies    | Utiligroup                 |
| Rachel Norberg   | Utilita                    |
| Gemma Slaney     | Western Power Distribution |

#### Overview

The Smart Energy Code Administrator and Secretariat (SECAS) provided an overview of the issue identified by MP138 and the Proposed Solution.

#### Issue:

- The initial SEC Appendix J ‘Enduring Testing Approach Document’ (ETAD) was designed to deliver support to Data Communications Company (DCC) Users to qualify through entry process testing and to operate freely within the User Integration Testing (UIT) environment.

- The ETAD does not currently include four existing and new Testing Services which DCC offer

### **Proposed Solution:**

- DCC want to add these Testing Services to the ETAD.
- Additionally, charging arrangements are required for the Radio Frequency (RF) Noise Testing.

### **Solution Discussion**

The Working Group expressed concern on the wording of the modification, and advised clarification is required to explain the modification is not focused on interoperability, and reflect that the modification aims to include testing services in the ETAD. One member queried if the modification would make the testing services discussed mandatory or voluntary. The DCC advised the testing services would be voluntary. The DCC added that MP138 would introduce a new explicit charge for RF Noise testing.

A key concern for Working Group members was if there was duplication between this modification and [MP111 'SMDA Budget Amendments'](#). The DCC clarified that the modification is not a duplication of MP111. Testing services will be carried out in DCC Test Labs by Device Manufacturers and is specific to the issue of RF Noise. The Smart Metering Device Assurance (SMDA) Scheme is independent and looks more at the interoperability of Devices rather than individual functionality tests such as RF Noise. SECAS and the DCC agreed that further clarification should be given within the modification to clarify there is no duplication with MP111.

### **Next Steps**

The following actions were recorded from the meeting:

- SECAS will work with the DCC to add clarity to the Modification Report explaining the difference between MP138 and MP111.
- SECAS will produce the legal text and issue a Refinement Consultation.