**DP148 ‘IVP Extension for pre-SMETS2 v4.2 Devices’**

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**Request for Information**

Responding to this Request for Information

This is a Request for Information (RFI) for [DP148 ‘IVP Extension for pre-SMETS2 v4.2 Devices’](https://smartenergycodecompany.co.uk/modifications/ivp-extension-for-pre-smets2-v4-2-devices/)

We invite you to respond to this RFI and welcome your responses to the questions set out in this form. To help us better understand your views on this Modification Proposal, please provide rationale to support your responses.

To help us process your response efficiently, please email your completed response form to [sec.change@gemserv.com](mailto:sec.change@gemserv.com) with the subject line ‘DP148 Request for Information response’.

If you have any questions or you wish to respond verbally, please contact Harry Jones on 020 7081 3345 or email [sec.change@gemserv.com](mailto:sec.change@gemserv.com).

Deadline for responses

This consultation will close at **17:00** on **Tuesday 19 January 2021**.

We may not be able to consider late responses.

Summary of the proposal

## What is the issue?

In March 2020 the UK government issued social distancing guidance around the transmission of COVID-19. This resulted in only essential meter installations taking place, which dramatically reduced the number of smart meters installed after March 2020. The industry was not able to install as many Devices as they previously planned.

This coupled with Brexit planning and the delayed availability of SMETS2 v4.2 complaint Devices, has led to a build-up of stock that is pre-SMETS2 v4.2 in the supply chain, which cannot feasibly be installed under the current guidance by the current IVP end dates in the Technical Specification Applicability Table (TSAT) of 27 April 2021.

Doing nothing means Supplier Parties with large stock volumes of pre-SMETS2 v4.2 Devices will be unable to install these after the current Installation Validity Period (IVP) date within TSAT. If this is the case, this may result in a large financial impact in the form of stock write offs for both Suppliers and Device Manufacturers. Given the financial implications this could have on some Supplier Parties and Device Manufacturers due to negative economic activity around social distancing, this may threaten the sustainability of some Supplier Parties and Device Manufacturers.

## Why are we issuing this RFI?

DP148 is currently undergoing its Development Stage before being returned at a future Change Sub Committee (CSC) meeting to discuss whether the Draft Proposal should be converted to a Modification Proposal. The Proposer and SECAS agreed that a Request for Information would be helpful to answer the last remaining questions before we present the Modification Report to the CSC and if approved to Panel. This includes rationale as to why the dates should be further extended following the previous extension of dates implemented by [MP123 ‘IVP realignment of SMETS2 v2.0 and v3.1’](https://smartenergycodecompany.co.uk/modifications/ivp-realignment-of-smets2-v2-0-and-v3-1/).

Those questions are documented in this RFI and we welcome your feedback.

## DP148 legal text

The planned legal text for the Draft Proposal will be to amend the IVP end dates in the TSAT from 27 April 2021 to 27 October 2021 for versions of SMETS2 prior to v4.2.

## Will I be impacted?

DP148 is expected to impact the following SEC Parties:

* Large Suppliers
* Small Suppliers
* Other SEC Parties

Respondent details

| Respondent details | |
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| **Name** | Click and insert your name |
| **Organisation** | Click and insert the name of the organisation you are responding for |
| **Phone number** | Click and insert a phone number we can call you on with any queries |

| Parties represented | |
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| **Party Category** | Click and select your Party Category |
| **Parties represented** | Click and insert the name(s) of any SEC Parties you are responding for |

| Confidential information | |
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| Does your response contain any confidential information? | |
| **Response** | Click and select your response |
| If ‘yes’, please clearly mark all confidential information (e.g. in red font).  Any confidential responses will be shared with the Change Board and the Authority under a **Red** classification in accordance with the SEC Panel Information Policy. | |

Questions

| Question 1 | |
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| Approximately how many meter assets did you have in stock/in the supply chain as of March 2020?  *Please provide your rationale.* | |
| **Response** | Click and insert your response and any supporting rationale |

| Question 2 | |
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| Approximately how many meter assets did you have in stock/in the supply chain as of December 2020?  *Please provide your rationale.* | |
| **Response** | Click and insert your response and any supporting rationale |

| Question 3 | |
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| Approximately how many pre v4.2 SMETS2 meter assets would be scrapped if the existing IVP date of 27 April 2021 is not changed?  *Please provide your rationale.* | |
| **Response** | Click and insert your response and any supporting rationale |

| Question 4 | |
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| Do you agree with the proposed length of time to extend the IVP end date by? | |
| **Response** | Click and select your response |
| **Rationale** | Click and insert the rationale for your response |

| Question 5 | |
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| Will your organisation incur any costs and/or realise any cost savings in implementing DP148?  *If ‘yes’, please provide an estimate of your costs, including both implementation effort and any on-going costs; please exclude your share of the central costs. Please also provide any cost-savings you may achieve as a result of this Draft Proposal and any costs you may incur as a result of the identified issue continuing if this Draft Proposal is not implemented.* | |
| **Response** | Click and select your response |
| **Rationale** | Click and insert the rationale for your response |

| Question 6 | |
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| Please provide any further comments you may have. | |
| **Comments** | Click and insert any further comments |

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