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## MP143 ‘Incorporating IRPs into GBCS v3 series ’

### January 2021 Working Group – meeting summary

#### Attendees

Attendee	Organisation
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Gary Bailey	DCC
Remi Oluwabamise	DCC
Graeme Liggett	DCC
Wahab Siddiqui	DCC
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Alex Hurcombe	EDF Energy
Robert Williams	E.ON
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John Noad	Npower
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## Summary

### Issue

- MP098 has been implemented and introduced 20 non-DCC System impacting Issue Resolution Proposals (IRPs) into the SEC
- Changes were only incorporated into the newly generated GB Companion Specification (GBCS) v4.0 and to the applicable Devices within the Smart Metering Equipment Technical Specifications 2 (SMETS2) (29 November 2020) documents
- Industry input and discussion have noted there should be an option to implement these IRPs into the GBCS version 3 series and SMETS2 HAN Connected Auxiliary Load Control Switch (HCALCS) Technical Specification version 4 series in November 2021<sup>1</sup>, when other material changes are likely to take place requiring an uplift in the Technical Specifications.

### Proposed Solution

- The Proposed Solution seeks to reflect the already implemented solution from MP098
- Material changes taking place in November 2021 (including [SECMP0007 'Firmware Updates to IHDs and PPMIDs'](#)) that will require an uplift to the existing versions of the Technical Specifications

## Discussion

SECAS outlined that details around the changes are being agreed with the Technical Architecture and Business Architecture Sub-Committee (TABASC) in February 2021 so hopefully there will be a clearer picture in March.

One Working Group Member asked for clarification on whether the plan is to bring GBCS v3.3 to work alongside v3.2 and to not make v3.2 obsolete. SECAS confirmed their understanding is not to end date GBCS v3.2, and expanded that GBCS v3.3 will be required alongside the changes that take effect with SECMP007, as this will require technical specification updates, in doing so this presented an opportunity to include these IRPs into the GBCS v3 series.

A Working Group Member also questioned if the changes that are coming into effect in November 2021 will warrant a new GBCS version 3.3 and when the Installation Validity Periods (IVP) and Maintenance Validity Periods (MVP) will be agreed. They also questioned how to ensure Users upgrade. SECAS responded advising that the details are yet to be agreed and need to be discussed in greater detail with the TABASC.

A Working Group Member also noted the IVP start date should be when the specification becomes available, however, they thought that the MVP date should be 'not yet determined'. SECAS responded by advising that this is the expected approach towards IVP and MVP dates, whilst reiterating that the details are not yet agreed.

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<sup>1</sup> Note, the IRPs contained in MP098 were applied to the version 4 series for both In Home Display (IHD) and Prepayment Meter Interface Device (PPMID) Technical Specifications and so the SMETS2 changes under MP143 would only apply to the HCALCS Technical Specification.

## Next steps

SECAS noted the following next steps and targeted timescales:

- Refinement Consultation will be issued once IVP and MVP dates are agreed with the TABASC
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