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MP099 ‘Incorporation of multiple Issue Resolution Proposals into the SEC – Batch 4’

March 2021 Working Group – meeting summary.

Attendees

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Overview

The Smart Energy Code Administrator and Secretariat (SECAS) provided an overview of the issue identified by [MP099 ‘Incorporation of Multiple Issue Resolution Proposals into the SEC – Batch 4’](#), the impacted Technical Specifications and impacted Devices, the business case, the Data Communications Company (DCC) Impact Assessment findings, and intended next steps.

Background:

SECAS highlighted the two IRPs in MP099, which relate to the following: -

- IRP571 aims to ensure the Gas Proxy Function (GPF) and Electricity Smart Metering Equipment (ESME) does not share historical data with other Home Area Network (HAN) Devices, where the Device has no meaningful time and where there has been at least one change of tenancy recorded on the Device since installation.
- IRP586 aims to ensure the GPF will align to the Great British Companion Specification (GBCS) requirements when providing snapshots to the HAN Devices. It will also ensure the Gas Smart Metering System (GSME) will align to Zigbee Standards.

SECAS highlighted IRP571 impacted Technical Specification GBCS, the impacted Users were Gas Suppliers and Electricity Suppliers, and the impacted Devices were GPF and ESME. IRP586 impacted Technical Specification GBCS, the impacted Users were Gas Suppliers and Electricity Suppliers, and the impacted Devices were GPF, ESME and GSME.

Business Case:

SECAS highlighted the business case of implementing MP099 would better facilitate SEC objective (a)¹ as these IRPs would resolve issues with the Technical Specifications and would ensure Devices operate accordingly. SECAS also advised the implementation of these IRPs would impact SEC Parties, Large and Small Suppliers and DCC as they would require an uplift to the new version of the Technical Specification. SECAS asked the Working Group members to advise if there was any further benefit or information which would support the business case.

Impact Assessment:

SECAS highlighted MP099 was targeted for the June 2022 SEC Release with no impacts to other modifications. SECAS advised the total cost to implement MP099 was quoted at £307,683 and the DCC would require a lead time of eight months from the date of approval to implement the change.

Working Group Discussion

The Working Group noted the costs and lead time outlined in the DCC Impact Assessment. A Working Group member advised the business benefit case for IRPs is correcting defects that have been identified. It was suggested IRPs should take a different approach whereby a justification is not required as they have been approved and passed through TSIRS.

However, SECAS advised members the modification process requires a business case to justify the changes it is proposing to make. Members of the Working Group commented that business cases are not discussed at TSIRS. They suggested that SECAS was asking for something that is not required. One Working Group member believed these IRPs were required to realign the Technical Specification and require no business case. The DCC advised they would require BEIS to inform them what the business case was.

¹ Facilitate the efficient provision, installation, operation and interoperability of smart metering systems at energy consumers' premises within Great Britain

A Working Group member emphasized the expectation of IRPs, that they were issues which get fixed once they have gone through the TSIRS process. It believed there was a major gap in the procedure, by asking the Working Group to implement the IRPs through the modification process.

SECAS acknowledged the comments received from the Working Group regarding the business case and noted to check and confirm with the BEIS TSIRS representative why TSIRS think these IRPs need to be implemented via a modification. This information will be added in the Modification Report under the business case section to help progress MP099.

Next Steps

The following action was recorded from the meeting:

- SECAS to check the business benefit case with BEIS IRP representative and include this information into the Modification Report.
- SECAS to proceed MP099 to Panel in April.