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## MP143 ‘Incorporating IRPs into GBCS v3 series’

### January 2022 Working Group – meeting summary

#### Attendees

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Daniel Davies	ESG Global
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#### Overview

The Smart Energy Code Administrator and Secretariat (SECAS) provided an overview of the modification, reviewed the Refinement Consultation responses and proposed next steps.

## Overview

[MP098 'Incorporation of multiple Issue Resolution Proposals into the SEC - Batch 3'](#) introduced 20 non-DCC System impacting Issue Resolution Proposals (IRPs) into the GB Companion Specification (GBCS) v4.0 and the Smart Metering Equipment Specifications (SMETS) Device Level Versioning of 29 November 2020 in the November 2020 Smart Energy Code (SEC) Release. To ensure certainty for the industry it was agreed that the 18 GBCS impacting IRPs would not be implemented into the GBCS version 3.x series (to give an uplift to v3.3) as it was deemed not materially beneficial at the time.

However, Device Manufacturers have advised two of these (IRP589 & IRP596) are essential from a Commercial Product Assurance (CPA) / compliance perspective and would like to incorporate these IRPs into the GBCS v3.x series.

In addition, two IRPs that were previously within scope of [MP158 'Incorporation of multiple Issue Resolution Proposals into the SEC – Batch 5'](#) have been added. Finally, IRP642 which has been included for inclusion into the GBCS v3.x series and will also be added to the GBCS v4.x series as part of [DP193 'Incorporation of Category 3 Issue Resolution Proposals into the SEC – Batch 6'](#)

## Working Group Discussion

### Refinement Consultation

SECAS presented an overview of the responses to the Refinement Consultation, noting there were two respondents.

Both respondents agreed that the legal text and solution effectively resolved the issue. However, one respondent queried the implementation approach. The respondent noted that IRP613 had previously been discussed for implementation within this modification but was removed due to implementation timescales, as has subsequently been added to the Great Britain Companion Specification (GBCS) v4.x series. The respondent suggested that fix was needed in GBCS v3.x series and could be included now. They also noted this could have a delay in moving Devices onto the GBCS v4.x series.

The Proposer confirmed that discussions has been held previously with the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) and it had been determined that IRP613 was not deemed cost effective to be added into the GBCS v3.x series. This modification would affect Devices already installed that cannot be upgraded to the GBCS 4.x series as they would require a hardware change. Commercial Product Assurance (CPA) recertification would mean these Devices installed currently would fail certification and therefore need to be exchanged if these IRPs are not implemented.

SECAS also noted that neither respondent thought that earlier versions of the GBCS should be end dated as part of this modification. The Proposer noted there had been multiple modifications raised recently to address altering end dates and any future work should take a holistic approach.

One respondent noted that it was difficult to identify impacts on their business without knowing the number of Devices that could be affected but noted a preference for Devices to move to GBCS v4.x wherever possible. The Proposer confirmed that this change was only for Devices in the field now that cannot be upgraded and was a protection against them being removed prematurely which would have costs for Suppliers and Meter Asset Providers (MAPs). Therefore, Device Manufacturers would like this implemented asap to be compliant with the new CPA recertification.

SECAS noted that protecting Devices already installed would provide cost benefits to consumers as well as reducing their inconvenience for site visits. The Working Group provided no further comments.

## Next Steps

The following actions were recorded from the meeting:

- SECAS will request the Impact Assessment following this Consultation.