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MP178 ‘Removing DSP validation against the SMI join status for SR8.8.x’

November 2022 Working Group – meeting summary

Attendees

Attendee	Organisation
Ali Beard (AB)	SECAS
Joey Manners (JM)	SECAS
Elizabeth Woods (EW)	SECAS
Mike Fenn (MF)	SECAS
Rachel Black (RBI)	SECAS
David Walsh (DW)	DCC
Julie Brown (JB)	British Gas
Martin Bell (MB)	EUA
Ralph Baxter (RBa)	Octopus Energy
Mafs Rahman (MR)	Scottish Power
Daniel Davies (DD)	ESG
Patricia Massey (PM)	BEAMA
Alex Hurcombe (AH)	EDF
Jamie Flaherty (JF)	Ofgem
Kelly Kinsman (KK)	National Grid Electricity Distribution
Amy Cox	EDF
Audrey Smith-Keary (ASK)	OVO Energy
Robert Johnstone	Utilita

Overview

The Smart Energy Code Administrator and Secretariat (SECAS) provided an overview of the issue identified, the Business Requirements, Proposed Solution and DCC Preliminary Assessment summary.

Issue

- Cases observed where the response to the SRV 8.7.2 ‘Join Service (Non-Critical)’ is not received by the Data Service Provider (DSP) despite the join working within the Electricity Smart Metering Equipment (ESME)
- Service User unable to send an Unjoin commands (SRV 8.8.1 or SRV 8.8.2)

- Only Devices joined in the Smart Metering Inventory (SMI) can be un-joined

Business Requirements

- To remove the Data Service Provider (DSP) validation for Response Code E080801 when in association with the unjoin command (SRV8.8.1 and SRV8.8.2)
- DCC User Interface Specification (DUIS) updated to align with other Smart Energy Code (SEC) requirements of not mandating DSP validation of join or unjoin command

Proposed Solution

- Remove DSP validation of join status in the SMI when sending an Unjoin Service Request
- Will allow the sending of unjoin commands irrespective of the join status held in the SMI
- Suppress the Response Code E080801 from being created in association with an unjoin command
- Service Request will now be validated successfully and Service Users will get an I99 Response Code

DCC Preliminary Assessment Summary

- **Cost (Design, Build & PIT)**
 - £10,000 - £75,000
 - No System Integration Testing (SIT) due to repeat of the testing executed by PIT
- **Implementation**
 - Full Impact Assessment - £6,075
 - Expected to be completed in 40 Working Days
- **Impact**
 - DSP solution only – no CSP impact

Working Group Discussion

SECAS (EW) provided an overview of the issue, Business Requirements, Proposed Solution and DCC Preliminary Assessment summary.

While discussing the Preliminary Assessment Summary, the DCC (DW) advised the Working Group members that there was no need for System Integration Testing (SIT) or User Integration Testing (UIT). A member (MR) asked if this would be the case for all future changes. The DCC (DW) advised that this would be the case for this modification, as there is no system impact. The DCC (DW) advised that UIT would take place as part of the Release and Users would be able to take part in that if they want too as usual. The DCC (DW) again clarified that there is no specific SIT or UIT as part of this modification.

A member (JB) expressed concerns around the length of time of the Impact Assessment (IA), as they suggested a 40 working day period was a long time for what appeared to be a small change. The DCC (DW) advised that this was a standard service-level agreement (SLA) and that IAs also have to go through commercial and legal checks. As a result, 40 working days is the maximum length of time this IA should take.

Working Group members noted and agreed to progress to a Refinement Consultation and only return to the Working Group if there are any controversial responses.

Next Steps

The following actions were recorded from the meeting:

- SECAS to issue the Refinement Consultation.