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

April 2023 Working Group – meeting summary

Attendees

Attendee	Organisation
Kev Duddy (KD)	SECAS
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Elizabeth Woods (EW)	SECAS
Rainer Lischetzki (RL)	SECAS
Mike Fenn (MF)	SECAS
Mohammedanwar Sumro (MS)	SECAS
David Walsh (DW)	DCC
Patricia Massey (PM)	BEAMA
Julie Brown (JB)	British Gas
Beth Davey (BD)	Calvin Capital
Amy Cox (AC)	EDF
Alex Hurcombe (AH)	EDF
Daniel Davies (DD)	ESG
Martin Bell (MB)	EUA
Kelly Kinsman (KK)	National Grid Electricity Distribution
Stuart Blair (SB)	Northern Powergrid Metering
Ralph Baxter (RBa)	Octopus Energy
Jamie Flaherty (JF)	Ofgem
Audrey Smith-Keary (ASK)	OVO Energy
Stephen Mclaughlin (SM)	Scottish Power
Gordon Hextall (GH)	Security Sub-Committee
Jeff Studholme (JS)	Smart Meter Assets
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Overview

The Smart Energy Code Administrator and Secretariat (SECAS) provided an overview of the issue identified, Proposed Solution summary and DCC Impact 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 Unjoin commands as the business validation (SRV 8.8.1 or SRV 8.8.2) states only Devices joined in the Smart Metering Inventory (SMI) can be un-joined

Proposed Solution

- DSP will modify the validation of Unjoin commands (SRV 8.8.1 and SRV 8.8.2) to remove check that OtherDeviceID is flagged in the SMI as joined to target Device

- Documentation changes to Appendix AD 'DCC User Interface Specification' (DUIS) and DCC User Gateway Interface Design Specification (DUGIDS) to state the removal of SMI status validation check and no changes to DUIS XML Schema

- **Cost = £40,404**

Implementation

- June 2024 SEC Release (subject to decision by 27 September 2023)

Working Group Discussion

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

A Working Group member (JS) queried why this was being progressed as a modification and not a DCC issue. The DCC (DW) noted that the reasoning behind the validation being put in place initially has not been identified, and therefore not seen as a DCC issue. This has been discussed within the DCC, as well as past discussions at Working Groups and the Technical Architecture and Business Architecture Sub-Committee (TABASC). They added this will be a change of existing Data Service Provider (DSP) behaviour but not a change to the DCC system design.

SECAS (EW) asked the Working Group if there was agreement for a minor legal text addition to DUIS stating that the join status on the SMI is no longer checked on receipt of SRV 8.8.1 and 8.8.2. This will be supported by updates to DUGIDS. SECAS (EW) highlighted that DUGIDS is not a SEC document and therefore would not need a SEC modification to amend it. A Working Group member (DD) queried that if E080801 is no longer in DUIS, it would mean the SMI validation is no longer done anymore. SECAS (EW) confirmed if the Response Code was removed altogether, then the DSP would not need to perform the SMI validation. Another Working Group member (JB) noted that as this Response Code has been in DUIS since v1.0, it would be beneficial to keep the detail in, with an accompanying note that the SMI validation is no longer occurring. However, they queried the cost if

this was done for both DUIS and DUGIDS. The DCC (DW) confirmed that DUGIDS cost would be minimal to none, and the minor legal text addition to DUIS would also not be a major cost.

Working Group members agreed that MP178 will need minor legal text addition to SEC Appendix AD 'DUIS' stating that the join status on the SMI is no longer checked on receipt of SRV 8.8.1 and 8.8.2.

Next Steps

The following actions were recorded from the meeting:

- The DCC and SECAS to produce legal text within SEC Appendix AD 'DCC User Interface Specification'.

- SECAS to present the modification to the Change Sub-Committee under the recommendation that it proceeds to the Report Phase.

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