

CMS Sub-Group – Consideration and Recommendations

Unmetered Supplies User Group

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Summary	Power Data Associates has created the attached document on behalf of the Central Management Systems (CMS) sub-group, which outlines a draft of a revised CMS Test Specification to replace the existing CMS/mCMS Test Specification.		

1. Background

- 1.1 Power Data Associates created the attached document on behalf of the CMS sub-group, which documents a draft CMS Test Specification. The aim of the sub-group is to review existing documents, prepare revised documents that improve clarity and consider developing a process for regular checks on CMS compliance.
- 1.2 It was noted that the existing CMS Test Specification contains provision for a combined CMS and Equivalent Meter (EM), and as a group we agreed that this was no longer appropriate so has been removed from the draft.
- 1.3 Feedback was focussed on the following areas:
 - **Information Flags;** and
 - **CMS with Dimming;**
- 1.4 Feedback was sought on the progress made to introduce changes to BSCP520 to introduce a CMS approval process during UMSUG135 ([UMSUG135/03 – CMS Sub Group Considerations and Recommendations](#)). This is being progressed internally and is planned to be taken to the July 22 SVG meeting.
- 1.5 An additional change to BSCP520 was suggested to be added prior to the July 22 SVG presentation, as there is a requirement on the CMS provider to provide subsequent versions of event logs, when gaining new or revised data for any given CMS Unit Reference. The current text can be considered ambiguous as a CMS provider may only provide the switching events that were missing, and not all the events for the day for those CMS Unit references.
- 1.6 The draft CMS Test Specification provides additional clarity and a consequential change to BSCP520 was highlighted.

1.7 Suggested amendments to Section 4,6.3.3 are as follows:

From

Typically, subsequent file versions are incremental updates containing only that data for CMS Unit References for which data has changed or was not previously reported. On occasions it may be necessary for a subsequent file version to be a complete refresh of the previously reported CMS Unit Reference event data for that date

To

The subsequent file version must be a complete refresh of the previously reported CMS Unit Reference event data for that date. The revised Event Log only requires events for CMS Unit references where the data has changed but must contain all events for those CMS Unit Reference for the day to which the Event Log pertains.

2. Recommendations

2.1 We invite the UMSUG to:

- a) **REVIEW** the attached document;
- b) **REVIEW** the change to BSCP520 to provide clarity to the CMS provider; and
- c) **DETERMINE** the next steps.

Attachments

Attachment A – Combined CMS Test Specification

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