GPC 4 Failure on FD07
Dump Analysis Status

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• Data dump analysis identified three serious off-nominal signatures
  – FCOS CPU Store Protect Error
  – PC 1 Timer Interrupt
  – Fail-to-Sync due to GPC 4 failure to arrive at the common set sync point

• Preliminary observations based on dump analysis
  – Standard SM processes were executing as expected prior to the failure
  – Store protect error appears to have occurred due to an incorrect store address
    • Address is composed of a base address plus an offset
    • Base address register bits were all zeros (not possible during normal operations)
    • Computed store address resulted in an attempt to write into store protected memory, generating the Store Protect Error
  – System Software responded by terminating the routine requesting the memory write (FIOSVCP) and waiting for the next scheduled task to run (per design)
    • Prematurely terminating system software set up the conditions that could lead to a PC 1 Timer Interrupt and eventual Fail-to-Sync
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- The type of sync point where the failure occurred rules out several hardware failure types
  - Power failure, power transient, hard fail from RUN to HALT or failures that would cause unexpected External 0 or External 1 Interrupts, for example

- No evidence from analysis that this is a software problem
  - FIOSVCP is a System Software I/O Support routine that normally executes continuously (at least once every 40 ms) in all running PASS GPCs
  - Analysis of key parameters reflect normal operation prior to the store protect error
  - Given the anomalous base address, the resulting effects leading to the Fail-to-Sync are expected operation of the PASS

- Available data likely to be inadequate to definitively prove what happened
  - The snapshot of data in this dump does not appear to provide the history required to identify a root cause in this case
  - Investigation is continuing but is unlikely to identify a root cause prior to the point at which a program decision on entry is required