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Dear Colleague,

Smart Metering Implementation Programme: decision on the addition of entries to the Eligible Product Combinations List for DCC SMETS1 services – EPCL Reports 30 & 31

On 19 September 2023, DCC published EPCL Reports 30 and 31, and sought approval for the addition of the associated active, dormant, and mixed entries to the Eligible Product Combination List (EPCL). This far into the SMETS1 enrolment programme we would not have expected to receive EPCL entries at this juncture, and we do not anticipate any further entries.

EPCL Report 30 presents a range of device model combinations (DMCs) that would enable enrolment of 282,395 meters to DCC's SMETS1 Service in the FOC (BG) cohort. Of those, 142,354 are located at active sites, 136,625 are located at dormant sites, and 3,416 are located at mixed sites containing devices. EPCL Report 31 presents a range of DMCs that would support migration into DCC's SMETS1 network, comprising 143,846 meters mostly in the MOC (Secure) cohort all of which are located at active sites.

For each DMC, DCC has created an active, dormant, and mixed entry to cater for all future scenarios. All the meters covered by entries in EPCL reports 30 and 31 have featured in previous EPCL entries approved over 12 months ago. EPCL Report 30 covers devices which some parties have reported operational challenges in updating firmware to the level of previous EPCL entries. EPCL Report 31 covers devices that an energy supplier has updated firmware beyond that which was specified in previous, associated EPCL entries.

In considering the proposed entries in EPCL Reports 30 and 31, we have been assured by DCC that there is sufficient capacity to migrate the associated devices by end December 2023. Approving the proposed entries will assist parties with completing migration of the associated devices without further delay. Migrating devices supports the use of smart services by DCC Users and consumers, including when consumers switch energy supplier.

In determining whether to approve the proposed additions, I have sought to gain sufficient confidence that DCC can support migration and subsequent operations for smart metering systems comprising the DMCs. I have received a range of evidence on these matters including:

- DCC EPCL Reports 30 and 31 that assess the proposed entries against the relevant Live Service Criteria and sets out the pacing strategy for migrating the dormant devices;
- An updated risk register documenting risks and mitigations related to DCC's capacity to successfully migrate and support operation of the devices;
- Assurances from the DCC in respect of requisite current and future system stability;
- DCC confirmation of the SEC Security Sub-Committee's view that the proposed EPCL entries present no security risks; and
- Advice from DCC, and from my own team, including confirmation on regulatory readiness and that mitigating actions on residual risks are in place.

Based on this evidence, I am assured that:

- DCC understands, has assessed, and sufficiently mitigated, all relevant risks and concerns that may impact its capabilities to migrate and support operation of the devices that the proposed entries enable;
- DCC has, to date, deployed a range of system improvements and fixes to address the incidents impacting migration seen in summer 2023, to benefit both cohorts; and
- No stakeholder concerns have been directly raised to the Department in the 5-day standstill period allocated for this.

In summary, having considered the full range of evidence and recommendations available to me, I have decided to hereby approve the addition of the entries listed in Annexes 2 and 4 of this letter to the EPCL, pursuant to SMETS1 Transition and Migration Approach Document (TMAD) Clause 3.7.

Thank you to all parties who have engaged with and supported this process.

Yours faithfully,



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Annexes

Annex 1: [EPCL Report 30](#)

Annex 2: [EPCL Report 30 – Annex A – EPCL Report Entries](#)

Annex 3: [EPCL Report 31](#)

Annex 4: [EPCL Report 31 – Annex A – EPCL Report Entries](#)