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The Authority (Ofgem), the SEC Panel,
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parties

By email only

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Dear Colleague,

Smart Metering Implementation Programme: Direction to re-designate the Network Evolution Transition and Migration Approach Document as version 6.0

Today the Department for Energy Security & Net Zero ('the Department') issued a letter to Smart DCC Ltd ('the DCC') confirming that it has decided to enable the volume manufacture of 4G Communications Hubs.

To enact this decision, the Department is today re-designating the Network Evolution Transition and Migration Approach Document (NETMAD) as version 6.0 to remove clauses that currently prohibit Parties from submitting orders of 4G Communications Hubs and prohibit the DCC from manufacturing or providing 4G Communications Hubs, other than for the purpose of Initial Pallet Validation.

The proposal to remove these clauses at this time was consulted on by the DCC¹ between 12 September and 11 October 2024. The DCC provided the Department with its conclusion on this consultation (together with the proposed version of the NETMAD changes that are the subject of the re-designation) on 14 November 2024, both of which were published on the DCC website² on the same day. Having considered the DCC submission, the Department is today re-designating the NETMAD as version 6.0 in the form set out in Annex B.

Yours faithfully,

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(An official of the Department authorised to act on behalf of the Secretary of State)

¹ <https://www.smartdcc.co.uk/consultations/chn-consultation-on-phase-4-regulatory-changes/>

² <https://www.smartdcc.co.uk/consultations/chn-conclusions-on-phase-4-regulatory-changes/>

Annex A: Direction to re-designate the NETMAD

Annex B: Appendix AU – Network Evolution Transition and Migration Approach
Document version 6.0 (separate document)

Annex A – Direction to re-designate the NETMAD

This direction is made for the purposes of the smart meter communications licences granted under the Electricity Act 1989 and the Gas Act 1986 (such licences being the “DCC Licence”) and the Smart Energy Code designated by the Secretary of State pursuant to the DCC Licence (such code being the “SEC”).

Words and expressions used in this direction shall be interpreted in accordance with Section A (Definitions and Interpretation) of the SEC.

Pursuant to Condition 22 of the DCC licence and Section X5 (Incorporation of Certain Documents into this Code) of the SEC, the Secretary of State directs that, with effect from 7 April 2025, the Network Evolution Transition and Migration Approach Document (NETMAD) previously designated and incorporated into the SEC as Appendix AU, is hereby re-designated and incorporated in the form set out in Annex B to this direction.

For the avoidance of doubt such re-designation of the NETMAD shall be without prejudice to anything done under the DCC Licence or the SEC on or after this document first being designated, or the continuing effectiveness of anything done in this document prior to its re-designation (which shall have effect as if done under the re-designated document).

This direction is also being notified to the SEC Administrator.