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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 redesignate the Smart Energy Code and Subsidiary Documents to support go-live of the enduring arrangements for the Future Service Management programme.

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 go-live of the Future Service Management (FSM) service. To enact this decision, the Department is, with effect from 16 May 2026, re-designating Smart Energy Code (SEC) Appendices with changes that are required to support the enduring provision of the FSM service and making minor consequential amendments to Section A and F of the SEC in light of the re-designations.

These changes were originally consulted¹ upon by the DCC between 23 January and 6 March 2025 alongside other transitional changes required to support the transition from the existing DCC Service Management System (DSMS) to the new one being delivered under the FSM programme. All respondents were supportive of the proposed revised drafting, with some respondents seeking clarification that the DCC addressed within their consultation response. The DCC subsequently published a consultation conclusion report on the DCC website² on 25 April 2025, before providing the Department with proposed revised drafts of the SEC Subsidiary Documents (SSDs) for re-designation. The Department designated the initial transitional changes to the SEC on 30 May 2025.

In a further consultation published on the DCC website on 5 January 2026³, the DCC sought views on proposed changes to SEC Appendix AU - Network Evolution Transition and Migration Approach Document (NETMAD) to amend the transitional requirements for the migration of historical data from the current DSMS to the replacement platform being delivered under the FSM programme. Respondents were all broadly supportive of the proposed changes and the DCC published a consultation conclusion report on the DCC website⁴ on 16 February 2026.

¹<https://www.smartdcc.co.uk/consultations/fsm-consultation-on-the-transitional-and-enduring-regulatory-changes/>

²<https://www.smartdcc.co.uk/consultations/fsm-conclusions-on-the-transitional-and-enduring-regulatory-changes/>

³<https://www.smartdcc.co.uk/consultations/fsm-consultation-on-updates-to-the-go-live-arrangements/>

⁴<https://www.smartdcc.co.uk/consultations/fsm-conclusions-on-updates-to-the-go-live-arrangements/>

Between 17 March and 31 March 2026, and following delays with testing activities, the DCC consulted⁵ upon a proposed revised FSM go-live date and re-designation date for the enduring SEC changes of 25 April 2026 (alongside further amendments to the NETMAD to support this new date). A majority of respondents agreed with a designation date of 25 April 2026 (or within one month thereafter) and with proposed changes to the NETMAD⁶. The DCC published a consultation conclusion report on the DCC website on 20 April 2026 and provided the Department with a revised draft of the NETMAD for re-designation.

Having considered the DCC submissions, the Department is re-designating the relevant Appendices found in Annexes to this letter for incorporation into the SEC with effect from 16 May 2026 to enable go-live of the FSM service and making consequential changes to sections A and F with effect from 16 May 2026 in light of these re-designations.

Yours faithfully,



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

⁵<https://www.smartdcc.co.uk/consultations/fsm-consultation-on-a-revised-designation-date-for-the-enduring-sec-changes/>

⁶<https://www.smartdcc.co.uk/consultations/fsm-conclusions-on-a-revised-designation-date-for-the-enduring-sec-changes/>

Annex A: Direction to re-designate SEC Appendices

Annex B: Consequential changes to Section A - Definitions and Interpretations
(**separate document**)

Annex C: Consequential changes to Section F - Smart Metering System Requirements
(**separate document**)

Annex D: Appendix D - SMKI Registration Authority Policies and Procedures (**separate document**)

Annex E: Appendix H - CH Handover Support Materials (**separate document**)

Annex F: Appendix I - CH Installation and Maintenance Support Materials (**separate document**)

Annex G: Appendix J - Enduring Testing Approach Document (**separate document**)

Annex H: Appendix K - SMKI and Repository Test Scenarios Document (**separate document**)

Annex I: Appendix R - Common Test Scenarios Document (**separate document**)

Annex J: Appendix S - DCCKI Certificate Policy (**separate document**)

Annex K: Appendix T - DCCKI Interface Design Specification (**separate document**)

Annex L: Appendix V - DCCKI Code of Connection and DCCKI Repository Code of Connection (**separate document**)

Annex M: Appendix W - DCCKI Registration Authority Policies and Procedures
(**separate document**)

Annex N: Appendix AA - Threshold Anomaly Detection Procedures (**separate document**)

Annex O: Appendix AH - Self Service Interface Access Control Specification (**separate document**)

Annex P: Appendix AI - Self Service Interface Code of Connection (**separate document**)

Annex Q: Appendix AU - Network Evolution Transition & Migration Approach Document
(**separate document**)

Annex A – Direction to re-designate SEC Appendices

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 16 May 2026:

- The SMKI Registration Authority Policies and Procedures previously designated and incorporated into the SEC as Appendix D;*
- the CH Handover Support Materials previously designated and incorporated into the SEC as Appendix H;*
- the CH Installation and Maintenance Support Materials previously designated and incorporated into the SEC as Appendix I;*
- the Enduring Testing Approach Document previously designated and incorporated into the SEC as Appendix J;*
- the SMKI and Repository Test Scenarios Document previously designated and incorporated into the SEC as Appendix K;*
- the Common Test Scenarios Document previously designated and incorporated into the SEC as Appendix R;*
- the DCCKI Certificate Policy previously designated and incorporated into the SEC as Appendix S;*
- the DCCKI Interface Design Specification previously designated and incorporated into the SEC as Appendix T;*
- the DCCKI Code of Connection and DCCKI Repository Code of Connection previously designated and incorporated into the SEC as Appendix V;*
- the DCCKI Registration Authority Policies and Procedures previously designated and incorporated into the SEC as Appendix W;*
- the Threshold Anomaly Detection Procedures previously designated and incorporated into the SEC as Appendix AA;*
- the Self Service Interface Access Control Specification previously designated and incorporated into the SEC as Appendix AH;*
- the Self Service Interface Code of Connection previously designated and incorporated into the SEC as Appendix AI; and*
- the Network Evolution Transition and Migration Approach Document previously designated and incorporated into the SEC as Appendix AU*

are hereby re-designated and incorporated in the form set out in Annexes D to Q to this direction.

Pursuant to Condition 22 of the DCC Licence and Section X5 of the SEC, the Secretary of State also directs that, with effect from 16 May 2026, SEC Section A (Definitions and

Interpretations) and SEC Section F (Smart Metering System Requirements) are hereby consequentially modified in the form set out in Annexes B and C to this direction to incorporate the consequential amendments arising from the above redesignations.

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

This direction is also being notified to the SEC Administrator.