



The Authority (Ofgem), the SEC Panel, SEC Parties
and other interested parties

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Dear Colleague,

**SMART METERING IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMME: TRANSITION DOCUMENT FOR THE
CENTRAL PRODUCTS ASSURANCE ARRANGEMENTS**

1. On 24 May 2024, the DESNZ issued its conclusion document¹ on changes to the Smart Energy Code (SEC) to establish new arrangements for the device security assurance scheme (known as “CPA”). The changes also provided for device manufacturers to become SEC Parties. The document also invited views on the form of the initial version of the associated transition document.
2. The effect of the initial proposed version of the transition document was to switch off many of the CPA-related SEC changes in the period between the SEC changes taking effect, and the time when transition to the new CPA arrangements commences. We did not receive any responses to the consultation on the first version of the transition document, although we are of the view that this reflects its uncontroversial nature. The SEC changes are scheduled to take effect on 21 October or shortly thereafter.
3. Further to discussions with SECCo/SECAS, a request has been made for some additional flexibility to be introduced into some of the requirements of Section G that apply to the new CPA arrangements. In particular to the provisions of the proposed new section G13.5 which deals with the independence arrangements for the Scheme Operator. The revised proposals afford the Security Sub Committee the ability to introduce an additional degree of flexibility into how these requirements could be met, and for them to be able to require associated mitigating actions.
4. In light of this, it is proposed to modify the initial version of the transition document as set out in Annex 1 to this letter. This includes a change to the previous version of the transition document such that Section G13 is no longer disapplied. This change is to support the activities of the Security Sub-Committee in establishing the new arrangements in advance of their implementation.
5. Views are invited on this revised version of the transition document and on the proposal to designate it as the initial version of the CPA Transition Approach Document on 21 October 2024 (or as soon as practicable within one month thereafter).

¹ <https://smartenergycodecompany.co.uk/documents/sec/department-for-energy-security-net-zero-changes-to-the-sec-relating-to-the-commercial-product-assurance-cpa-scheme/>

6. Responses are invited to submit views, ideally giving reasons for their views, to smartmetering@energysecurity.gov.uk by 17:00 on Thursday 17 October 2024.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jennie Tse', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Annex 1 – proposed initial version of the CPA Transition Document (published separately).