

APPENDIX AZ Version 2.0 (Draft)

Virtual WAN Transition Document

1 Introduction

- 1.1 This Appendix is the Virtual WAN Transition Document initially developed pursuant to Section H19.1 of the Code.

2 Definitions for the purposes of this Appendix

Term	Meaning
CRP666	means the Technical Specification Change Resolution Proposal number 666, maintained by the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero under the Smart Metering Implementation Programme's Issues Management Process.
Pro-Rata Market Share Basis	means, for each Participating Supplier, in a ratio proportionate to the approximate number of MPANs and MPRNs registered to that Participating Supplier as compared to the approximate total number of MPANs and MPRNs registered to all Participating Suppliers.
Participating Supplier	has the meaning given to that term in Clause 4.4
VWCH	means Virtual WAN Communications Hub

3 Transitional Application of Sections of the Code

- 3.1 Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Code, whilst this version 2.0 of the Virtual WAN Transition Document is in force, the DCC shall not be required to provide the Virtual WAN Provider Service.
- 3.2 The provisions of Section H14.60, Section H18 shall not apply.

4 Ordering and Delivery of Virtual WAN Communications Hubs (VWCHs)

- 4.1 The DCC shall make available for delivery to Supplier Parties a total of 1008 (one thousand and eight) Virtual WAN Communications Hubs that meet the requirements of:
- (a) CHTS version 1.5 (or a later version);

- (b) GBCS version 4.1 (or a later version); and
 - (c) CRP666 v0_2.
- 4.2 Section F5 (SMETS2+ Communications Hub Forecast & Orders) of the Code shall not apply in respect of the ordering and/or delivery of VWCHs.
- 4.3 The DCC shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, notify Supplier Parties of:
 - (a) the means by which they can submit a request to the DCC to be allocated a proportion of the VWCHs to be made available for delivery by the DCC pursuant to Clause 4.1 (an '**allocation request**') and if they do make an allocation request, whether they wish to specify a maximum number of VWCHs to be allocated to them; and
 - (b) the date and time by which they are required to submit their request to the DCC.
- 4.4 Following the expiry of the notified date and time referred to in Clause 4.3(b), the DCC shall allocate the 1008 (one thousand and eight) VWCHs among Supplier Parties who have submitted an allocation request ("Participating Suppliers") on the following basis:
 - (a) firstly allocate the total number of 1008 (one thousand and eight) VWCHs between Participating Suppliers on a Pro-Rata Market Share Basis (subject to the allocation respecting any maximum amounts specified);
 - (b) where the process carried out under sub-paragraph (a) above results in any Participating Supplier being allocated fewer than 2 (two) VWCHs, that Participating Supplier's allocation will be adjusted to 2 (two) VWCHs;
 - (c) the number of VWCHs allocated pursuant to paragraph (a) to each Participating Supplier not falling within sub-paragraph (b) will then be adjusted to take account of the number of VWCHs available following the adjustments undertaken in accordance with sub-paragraph (b) and rounded up or down (in accordance with sub-paragraph (d)) to the nearest number of VWCH;
 - (d) where necessary such that aggregate number of VWCHs allocated equals the total number of 1008 available for delivery by the DCC, those initial allocations under 4.4(a) with a fractional part least greater than 0.5 may need to be rounded

down, or those with a fractional part least less than 0.5 may be rounded up, (or otherwise VWCHs may be arbitrarily allocated to, or removed from, the allocation of one or more Participating Suppliers (excluding those Participating Suppliers to which 2 VWCHs have been allocated));

- (e) for those Participating Suppliers that, following the application of sub-paragraphs (c) and (d) have an allocation of more than 14 (fourteen) VWCHs, the numbers of allocated VWCHs will rounded (up or down) to the nearest number of whole Cartons of 14 VWCHs;
- (f) if necessary the provisions of Clause 4.4(d) will again apply for the purposes of 4.4(e), although in this case to rounding numbers of whole Cartons and such that the number of whole Cartons allocated is equal to the number of remaining available whole Cartons (after reserving sufficient whole Cartons for those Participating Suppliers who, under sub-paragraphs (c) and (d) allocated fewer than 14 VWCHs); and
- (g) should any VWCHs remain unallocated following the process in sub-paragraph (f), they will be allocated between those Participating Suppliers who were allocated fewer than 14 VWCHs following the process in sub-paragraph (c) on the basis of minimising the number of Cartons that need to be split, and otherwise on an arbitrary basis, but subject to any maximum number specified by any such Participating Supplier.

4.5 The DCC shall, having followed the allocation processes set out in Clause 4.4 notify each Participating Supplier of the total number of VWCHs that have been allocated to them.

4.6 Subject to Clause 4.7, the DCC shall ensure that the number of VWCHs allocated to each Participating Supplier is added to a delivery for that Participating Supplier that is associated with a Communications Hub Order falling to be delivered in December 2025, and shall for the purposes of Section F6, be treated as part of that delivery.

4.7 Where appropriate for practical reasons the DCC may, by mutual agreement with any Participating Supplier, make bespoke arrangements for the delivery of VWCHs and

where such deliveries successfully take place, the relevant VWCHs shall be treated as having been delivered in accordance with Section F6.