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By e-mail only.

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Dear Angela,

**REQUEST TO CONFIRM NO OBJECTION TO SECCo Ltd ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL
PURPOSE VEHICLE FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF HOLDING THE DCC2 LICENCE.**

Thank you for your letter of 30 June 2025 on the above subject.

The Department confirms that there will be no objection to SECCo's decision to establish a subsidiary (special purpose vehicle) for the purposes of seeking to hold the successor Smart Meter Communication Licences (the "DCC2 licence").

In making this decision we have considered a number of factors including the following:

- i) the principal objective and general duties of the Secretary of State under the Gas Act 1986 and the Electricity Act 1989;
- ii) the nature of the licence award process being run by Ofgem;
- iii) confirmation from SECCo that they are addressing the points raised by SEC Parties in response to SECCo's consultation;
- iv) the SECCo Board's decision to proceed with establishing the subsidiary (with no dissensions, and one abstention); and
- v) the evaluation process and criteria that Ofgem published on 11 July 2025.

I would be grateful if you would arrange to publish a copy of this letter on the SECAS website. I am copying this letter to Ayena Gupta at Ofgem.

Yours sincerely,

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(An official of the Department for Energy Security & Net Zero authorised to act on behalf of the Secretary of State).