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The Authority (Ofgem), the SEC Panel,
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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 8.0

Today the Department for Energy Security & Net Zero ('the Department') has issued a direction amending the Smart Energy Code (via redesignation of the Network Evolution Transition and Migration Approach Document (NETMAD) as version 8.0) to enable the transition to a new "DCC Connect" Gateway service as part of the Data Service Provider (DSP) programme. This will replace the existing Gamma Gateway service that currently enables DCC Users to connect with the DSP. Amendments to the NETMAD include additional provisions needed for the introduction of "DCC Connect" and to support the migration of existing Users from their current Gamma Gateway Connections onto the new DCC Connect service.

The proposal to make amendments to the NETMAD was consulted on by the DCC¹ between 31 October and 12 December 2025. The DCC provided the Department with its conclusions on this consultation (together with the proposed version of the NETMAD changes that are the subject of this re-designation) on 26 January 2026, 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 8.0 in the form set out in Annex B.

Yours sincerely,

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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/dsp-consultation-on-the-regulatory-changes-for-dcc-connect/>

² <https://www.smartdcc.co.uk/consultations/dsp-conclusions-on-the-regulatory-changes-for-dcc-connect/>

Annex A: Direction to re-designate the NETMAD

Annex B: Appendix AU – Network Evolution Transition and Migration Approach
Document version 8.0 (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 26 January 2026, the Network Evolution Transition and Migration Approach Document previously designated and incorporated into the SEC as Appendix AU is hereby re-designated and incorporated in the form set out in the Annex B to this direction.

For the avoidance of doubt such re-designation of this document shall be without prejudice to anything done under the DCC Licence or the SEC on or after this document being re-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