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

14 January 2019

Dear Colleague,

**SMART METERING IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMME CONSULTATION ON
INCORPORATION OF THE TRANSITION AND MIGRATION APPROACH
DOCUMENT (TMAD) INTO THE SMART ENERGY CODE (SEC)**

1. This letter constitutes a consultation on the proposed date for incorporation of the TMAD into the SEC as Appendix AL.

Background

2. In July 2018 amendments to Section N of the SEC came into effect. These introduced a requirement on the DCC to develop and consult on a draft TMAD, and to submit the draft TMAD to the Secretary of State for approval as soon as practicable following completion of the consultation process described in Section N6.4(a) and (b). Section N of the SEC additionally establishes the purposes and scope of the TMAD, which is primarily designed to set out the processes, pre-conditions, rules and requirements surrounding the migration of SMETS1 meters and associated devices into the DCC's systems.
3. In accordance with the requirements of Section N6 of the SEC, the DCC has consulted¹ on the TMAD, by two rounds of consultations and a short follow up consultation on specific aspects of arrangements in respect of dormant meters. DCC has informed us that stakeholders' responses from all three consultations have been taken into account when finalising the TMAD and DCC consultation conclusions. The DCC submitted the draft TMAD to the Secretary of State on 11 January 2019² for designation and incorporation into

¹ <https://www.smartdcc.co.uk/smart-future/enrolment-and-adoption/>

² The submitted version of TMAD includes Clause 5.12(d), which was initially omitted by error in the version published by the DCC on their website (link in footnote 1 of this document).

the SEC. The TMAD that has been submitted to the Secretary of State is attached to this letter as Annex A.

4. Annex B to this letter is the report that has been submitted to the Secretary of State by the DCC in which it states why it considers the document to be fit for purpose and provides information on the consultation process that it followed.

Proposed date of designation

5. We propose to designate the date for incorporation of the TMAD, submitted by the DCC, into the SEC as 4 February 2019 (or, if necessary, as soon as reasonably practicable within one month thereafter).
6. Further iterations of the TMAD may be required to accommodate any differences in the requirements in respect of MOC (Middle Operating Capability) and FOC (Final Operating Capability)³ meters and systems, and note that any such changes would be subject to consultation by the DCC following the process set out in Section N6.4 of the SEC. The Secretary of State would direct the DCC, pursuant to Section N6 of the SEC, to develop and consult upon any such reiterations of the TMAD when and if required.

Consultation questions

7. We propose to designate Annex A as Appendix AL to the SEC, through the draft direction at Annex C, on 4 February 2019 (or, if necessary, as soon as reasonably practicable within one month thereafter).

We would welcome views on:

- i. **the proposed designation date for the incorporation of the TMAD, being 4 February 2019 (or, if necessary, within one month thereafter)**

Responding to this consultation

8. Comments on these proposals should be submitted **by 17:00 on 28 January 2019** to: smartmetering@beis.gov.uk or addressed to:

Smart Metering Implementation Programme – Regulation,
Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy,
2th Floor, Spur
1 Victoria Street,
London SW1H 0ET

9. Information provided in response to this consultation, including personal data, may be subject to publication or release to other parties, or to disclosure in

³ As set out in the DCC's delivery plan for SMETS1 services produced pursuant to Condition 13 of the DCC Licence.

accordance with the access to information regimes (these are primarily the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Data Protection Act 2018 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004).

10. We intend to summarise all responses and place this summary on the Smart Energy Code website. You should therefore let us know if you are not content for your response or any part of it to be published. If you indicate that you do not want your response published, we will not publish it automatically but it could still be subject to information requests as detailed above. If you do not want your individual response to be published, or to otherwise be treated as confidential, please say so clearly in writing when you send your response to the consultation. For the purposes of considering access to information requests, it would also be helpful if you could explain to us why you regard the information you have provided as confidential. If we receive a request for disclosure of the information we will take full account of your explanation, but we cannot give an assurance that confidentiality can be maintained in all circumstances. An automatic confidentiality disclaimer generated by your IT system will not, of itself, be regarded by us as a confidentiality request.

Yours sincerely,



Duncan Stone
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Smart Metering Implementation Programme

List of Annexes to this letter

- Annex A:** Transition and Migration Approach Document (version submitted to the Secretary of State by the DCC) [Separate Document]
- Annex B:** DCC Report on TMAD consultations that was submitted to the Secretary of State (Conclusions Document) [Separate Document]
- Annex C:** Draft Direction [Below]

ANNEX C

Direction and designation

This direction is made for the purposes of the smart meter communication 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.

1. 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 **[DATE]**, the document in the form set out at **Annex [A]** to this direction is hereby designated for incorporation as the **Transition and Migration Approach Document**, and shall be incorporated into the SEC as Appendix AL.
2. Pursuant to Section X3.1(b) (Effective Dates) of the SEC, the Secretary of State hereby designates **[DATE]** as the date from which the Transition and Migration Approach Document shall be effective.

This direction is also being notified to the SEC Administrator.