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

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Dear Colleague,

Re-designation of the Common Test Scenarios Document

On 25 March 2019 the DCC published a consultation[1] on proposed minor amendments to the Common Test Scenarios Document (CTSD) to remove or update references to a number of alerts that it considers do not need to be tested as part of SMETS1 Eligibility Testing, or as part of User Entry Process Testing (UEPT) in the future. A total of two responses were received and the DCC published its response[2] on 12 April 2019. The DCC has now submitted the draft CTSD to BEIS for designation, together with its consultation conclusions and copies of the responses received from stakeholders.

The comments received by the DCC were broadly supportive of the proposed changes; however, some specific issues and questions were raised. The DCC has responded to these comments in its response document and made a minor amendment to the draft CTSD itself.

As part of its consultation, the DCC consulted on behalf of BEIS on a proposed date for re-designation of the CTSD of 15 April 2019. Neither of the respondents to the DCC's consultation opposed the proposed re-designation date, and we have concluded that it is appropriate to incorporate the version of the CTSD attached at **Annex A** into the Smart Energy Code today, 15 April 2019.

In taking this decision, we have noted the concerns raised by respondents around the length of the DCC's consultation. While we recognise that the scope of the proposed changes was limited and that their timely implementation is necessary to enable Testing Participants to complete Eligibility Testing, we are disappointed that the consultation was not launched earlier and stakeholders not given longer to respond. We have communicated these concerns to the DCC and set out our expectation that a longer period should be provided for future consultations.

[1] See: https://www.smartdcc.co.uk/customer-hub/consultations/dcc-is-consulting-on-some-minor-amendments-to-the-ctsd/
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A tracked changed version of the CTSD that is being re-designated is included at **Annex B** to show the changes being made to the document.

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.

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 15 April 2019, the Common Test Scenarios Document previously designated and incorporated into the SEC as Appendix R is hereby re-designated and incorporated in the form set out in Annex A to this direction.

For the avoidance of doubt such re-designation shall be without prejudice to anything done under the DCC Licence or the SEC on or after the Common Test Scenarios Document first being designated, or to the continuing effectiveness of anything done under the Common Test Scenarios Document prior to this re-designation (which shall have effect as if done under the re-designated Common Test Scenarios Document).

This direction is also being notified to the SEC Administrator.

Yours faithfully,

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List of Annexes to this letter

Annex A: Common Test Scenarios Document (designation version)
Annex B: Common Test Scenarios Document (tracked changed version)