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The Authority (Ofgem), the SEC Panel,  
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Dear Colleague,

## **RESPONSE TO SMART METERING CONSULTATION ON ENDURING CHANGE OF SUPPLIER ARRANGEMENTS**

Between 30 May and 27 June 2019, Government ran a consultation proposing to direct the Data and Communications Company (DCC) to provide Enduring Change of Supplier (ECoS) arrangements for smart meters (SMETS2 and enrolled SMETS1 smart meters).

Government's response to the consultation is contained at **Annex A** to this letter. It confirms our proposed approach to move to 'ECoS Option 2' (ECoS2), which is an enhancement to the Transitional Change of Supplier (TCoS) arrangements and maintains a gaining supplier-led approach.

Since launching the consultation, there was a further meeting of the SEC Panel's Security Sub-Committee on the topic, which confirmed DCC's assessment (and that of Government, including NCSC) that the TCoS arrangements require enhancement and should remain time limited.

DCC has now been directed under the DCC Licence Condition 13A to plan for the design, development and implementation of the systems, processes and procedures to deliver, migrate to and operate the ECoS2 solution. As part of this, DCC has been asked to publish for industry consultation the LC13A plan later this year.

Kind regards,

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### **Annex to this letter**

ANNEX A: Smart Metering Enduring Change of Supplier Arrangements Consultation Response  
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