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

Dear Colleague,

Approval of amendments to the Migration Test Approach Document for SMETS1 services and re-designation of the SEC Variation Testing Approach Document for SMETS1 services

On 9 August 2019 the DCC published a consultation¹ on amendments to the Migration Testing Approach Document (MTAD) for SMETS1 services and amendments to the SEC Variation Testing Approach Document for SMETS1 services (SVTAD) in support of alignment of migration and systems integration test approaches for future SMETS1 enrolment capability releases. A further consultation² was issued on 13 September 2019 on Device Model Combination selection for Final Operating Capability testing (“FOC DMC”) which included changes to the SVTAD related to device selection / de-selection.

The MTAD is produced pursuant to Clause 3.1 - 3.3 of the SMETS1 SVTAD and the SMETS1 SVTAD is produced pursuant to Section X11.6 of the SEC.

The Migration and System Integration Test alignment consultation closed on 6 September and seven responses were received by DCC. The FOC DMC selection consultation closed on 4 October with five responses. DCC published its response³ to both consultations on 31 October 2019.

DCC then submitted to the Secretary of State the amended MTAD for approval and the updated SMETS1 SVTAD for re-designation, together with its consultation conclusions and copies of the responses received from stakeholders. The comments received by DCC across both consultations were broadly supportive of the proposals.

¹ <https://www.smartdcc.co.uk/customer-hub/consultations/smets1-consultation-alignment-of-migration-testing-and-system-integration-testing/>

² <https://www.smartdcc.co.uk/customer-hub/consultations/smets1-foc-device-model-combination-consultation/>

³ <https://www.smartdcc.co.uk/customer-hub/consultations/dcc-responses/>

As part of its migration and system integration test alignment consultation, DCC consulted on behalf of BEIS on a proposed date for approval of MTAD and re-designation of the SVTAD of 4 October 2019 (or within one month thereafter). On the FOC DMC selection consultation, DCC consulted on a SVTAD re-designation date of 1 November 2019 (or within one month thereafter). On the first consultation, we note that DCC received an objection from one of the seven respondents on the grounds it overlapped with the consultation on SVTAD changes proposed in support of standing up the Device Model Combination Test approach. We note that DCC has responded to this in its conclusions by providing marked up documents which clearly demarcate the specific changes associated with each decision. All five respondents to the FOC DMC selection consultation were supportive of the designation date proposed.

We note the possible need for further consultation on some specific areas which DCC reports on in its conclusions report. We also note that DCC has previously indicated that it plans to consult on amendments to SVTAD for the purposes of setting DMCT exit criteria. We would encourage DCC to issue these further consultations as soon as practicable but consider there to be outweighing benefits in approving and designating these documents as they are now.

We have therefore concluded that it is appropriate to approve the MTAD and re-designate the SMETS1 SVTAD from today, 4 November 2019. A tracked change copy of the MTAD for SMETS1 Services is attached at Annex B whilst a tracked changed copy of the SVTAD for SMETS1 Services that is being re-designated is included at Annex D to highlight the changes being made to the documents from the versions that are currently in legal effect.

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 clause 3.4 of the Appendix AK (SEC Variation Testing Approach Document for SMETS1 Services) to the SEC, the Secretary of State hereby directs that the Migration Test Approach Document for SMETS1 Services is approved in the form set out in Annex A to this direction.

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 4 November 2019, the SEC Variation Testing Approach Document for SMETS1 Services previously designated and incorporated into the SEC as Appendix AK is hereby re-designated and incorporated in the form set out in Annex C to this direction.

For the avoidance of doubt such re-designation of the SEC Variation Testing Approach Document for SMETS1 Services and such approval of the new version of the Migration Testing Approach Document shall be without prejudice to anything done under the DCC Licence or the SEC on or after previous versions of those documents being designated or approved, or to the continuing effectiveness of anything done under those documents prior to this re-designation/approval (which shall have effect as if done under the re-designated SEC Variation Testing Approach Document for SMETS1 Services or the newly approved version of the Migration Testing Approach 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:** Migration Testing Approach Document for SMETS1 Services (approved version)
- Annex B:** Migration Testing Approach Document for SMETS1 Services (tracked against the version previously in legal effect)
- Annex C:** SEC Variation Test Approach Document for SMETS1 Services (designated version)
- Annex D:** SEC Variation Test Approach Document for SMETS1 Services (tracked against the version previously in legal effect)