

# Smart Energy Code

## Signifier Guidance

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### What does the Signifier Guidance cover?

The Signifier Guidance outlines the process of obtaining **Party and Registration Data Provider (RDP) Signifiers**, which are SEC-unique identifiers that are not EUI-64 Compliant and are used to uniquely identify a SEC Party or RDP under the Code. SEC Party and RDP Signifiers shall also be linked to specific Public Keys in **DCC Key Infrastructure (DCCKI) Certificates**.

#### 'Interim' Signifiers

'Interim' Signifiers were issued by SECAS to a number of SEC Parties (and RDPs) from January 2015 to June 2015. 'Interim' Signifiers were established to facilitate the services provided for the start of DCC Operational Services and the Interim Service Desk, and were in the form of '**AAA123**'.

Where a SEC Party (or RDP) was allocated such an 'Interim' Signifier, that 'Interim' Signifier has been allocated to that SEC Party (or RDP) as its only Signifier.

#### Signifiers

The Organisation Number is allocated at the SEC Party (or RDP) level only. Once allocated, an Organisation Number is never re-used and re-allocated.

### Signifiers in DCCKI Certificates

Within the DCCKI Certificate Profile for Infrastructure Certificates exists the field '**Subject**'. DCCKI Infrastructure Certificates are used to establish Transport Layer Security (**TLS**) sessions to the DCC User Interface Specification (**DUIS**) and Registration Data Interface Specification (**REGIS**).

#### Party Signifiers

**SEC Section B1.17** of the Code sets out the ways in which an Applicant (that has acceded to the SEC and become a Party) will be issued a SEC Party Signifier.

SEC Party Signifiers shall be issued in tandem with EUI-64 Compliant identifiers and can be located in the ID Allocation Excel Spreadsheet.

#### RDP Signifiers

**SEC Section B1.19** of the SEC makes provisions for the ways in which an RDP can request from the SEC Panel an RDP Signifier.

RDP Signifiers shall be issued in tandem with EUI-64 Compliant identifiers and can be located in the ID Allocation Excel Spreadsheet.

### Obtaining your Party and RDP Signifier

Save for the first allocation, EUI-64 Compliant Identifiers (for the purpose of User IDs) and SEC Party Signifiers will be issued at the same time as the Accession Agreement is executed. EUI-64 Compliant Identifiers (for the purpose of RDP IDs) and RDP Signifiers will be allocated when a Network Party notifies an RDP to SECAS.

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