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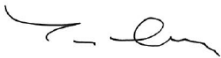
30 April 2015

DESIGNATION AND DIRECTION IN RESPECT OF TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMMUNICATIONS HUB FORECASTING AND ORDERING.

1. This designation and direction is made for the purposes of the Smart Energy Code (the Code) designated by the Secretary of State pursuant to the Smart Meter Communication licences granted under the Electricity Act 1989 and the Gas Act 1986. Words and expressions used in this document shall be interpreted in accordance with Section A (Definitions and Interpretation) of the Code.
2. This designation and direction is being made in order to provide for transitional arrangements in respect of Communications Hub forecasting and ordering.
3. Pursuant to Section X3.2(b) (Effective Dates), it is hereby designated that Section F5 (Communications Hub Forecasting and Orders) shall have effect from 30 April 2015.
4. Pursuant to Section X3.3 (Variations in respect of Section F):
 - (a) it is hereby designated that the Initial Delivery Date shall be 1 March 2016, that the first Communications Hub Forecasts must be submitted during May 2015, and that the Communications Hub Forecasts submitted under Section X3.3(a) must be submitted on or before the 5th Working Day prior to the last Working Day of the month in which they are required to be submitted; and
 - (b) it is hereby directed that the transitional arrangements set out in

Sections X3.3(c)(i), (ii) and (iii) – the processes for submitting forecasts - shall apply until the end of 30 September 2015 (or such later date as the Secretary of State may direct), and that the transitional arrangements set out in Section X3.3(c)(iv) – access to SMWAN coverage data - shall apply until the end of 31 July 2015 (or such later date as the Secretary of State may direct).

5. Pursuant to Section X3.6 (Provisions to be Effective Subject to Variations), it is hereby directed that the application of Section F5.6 (Parties: Duty to Submit Communications Hub Forecasts) shall be subject to the following variation: a Party that has not submitted a Communications Hub Forecast for a Region during May 2015 in accordance with Section F5 shall be deemed to have submitted a forecast during May 2015 which specified a forecast of zero for each of the months which should have been covered by that forecast.
6. Pursuant to Section X3.1 (Effective Dates), it is hereby designated that Section H8.16(f) (Self-Service Interface) shall have effect from 1 August 2015.
7. Pursuant to Section X3.6 (Provisions to be Effective Subject to Variations), it is hereby directed that the application of Section H8.16(f) – the requirement to make SMWAN coverage data available - shall be subject to the following variations:
 - (a) the DCC shall make the information referred to in Section H8.16(f) available to all the other Parties (not just the classes of Party referred to in Section H8.16(f)); and,
 - (b) the DCC shall make the information referred to in Section H8.16(f) available via a readily available and commonly used electronic format (not via the Self-Service Interface).



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