

Communications Hub Technical Specifications (CHTS)

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1 3 Introduction¹

2 The requirement on the Data and Communications Company (DCC) to provide
3 Communications Hubs that comply with these Communications Hub Technical
4 Specifications (CHTS) arises from Part E of Condition 17 of the Smart Meter Communication
5 Licence (granted pursuant to sections 7AB(2) of the Gas Act 1986 and sections 6(1A) of the
6 Electricity Act 1989).

7 *Section 4* of this document describes the minimum physical, functional, interface, data,
8 testing and certification requirements of a Communications Hub that the DCC is required to
9 provide to comply with these Licence requirements.

10 This document has been brought into force by the Secretary of State on 8 November 2016
11 for the purposes of the relevant licence conditions. CHTS was notified to the European
12 Commission in accordance with the requirements of the Technical Standards and
13 Regulations Directive² laying down a procedure for the provision of information in the field of
14 technical regulations and rules on Information Society services.

15 The Smart Metering technical and security architecture is based on a suite of agreed, open
16 standards, reflecting the UK Government strategy to facilitate the development of third party
17 innovative solutions for consumer devices.

18 ***Mutual recognition:*** Any requirement for a Communications Hub to comply with the CHTS
19 or any of the technical specifications contained or referred to in this document shall be
20 satisfied by compliance with:

- 21 • a relevant standard or code of practice of a national standards body or equivalent body
22 of any EEA State or Turkey; or
- 23 • any relevant international standard recognised for use in any EEA State or Turkey; or
- 24 • any relevant technical regulation with mandatory or de facto mandatory application for
25 marketing or use in any EEA State or Turkey,

26 in so far as compliance with the standard, code of practice or technical regulation in question
27 enables the equipment to achieve, in an equivalent manner, all of the physical, functional,
28 interface and data capabilities that are achieved by compliance with the requirements of
29 CHTS or any of the technical specifications contained or referred to in this document.

¹ Sections 1 and 2 of this document are not used

² CHTS was notified (2014/0378/UK) under Article 8 of Directive 98/34/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 204, 21.7.1998, p. 37) as amended by Directive 98/48/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 217, 5.8.1998, p. 18). Directive 98/34/EC has now been replaced by Directive 2015/1535/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 241, 17.9.2015, p.1), which came into force on 7 October 2015

30 4 Technical Specifications

31 4.1 Overview

32 *Section 4* of this document describes the minimum physical, minimum functional, minimum
33 interface, minimum data and minimum testing and certification requirements of a
34 Communications Hub (CH) that the DCC is required to provide to comply with Part E of the
35 Smart Meter Communication Licence and section F of the Smart Energy Code (SEC).

36 This *Section 4* includes requirements for:

- 37 i. Communications Hub Function (CHF) of a CH; and
- 38 ii. Gas Proxy Function (GPF) of a CH.

39 Where in this *Section 4* a requirement is expressed to be a requirement of the CHF or the
40 GPF it shall be construed as a requirement of the CH to be delivered through the CHF or the
41 GPF as the case may be.

42 4.2 Testing and Certification Requirements

43 4.2.1 Conformance with the CHTS

44 A CH shall have been tested to ensure that it meets the requirements described in this
45 *Section 4*, and evidence must be available to confirm such testing and conformance.

46 4.2.2 Conformance with the Great Britain Companion Specification

47 A CH shall meet the requirements described in the Great Britain Companion Specification.

48 A CH shall have been certified by the ZigBee Alliance as being compliant with those ZigBee
49 SEP requirements that are identified as being applicable to it in the Great Britain Companion
50 Specification and that were certifiable under the ZigBee SEP certification scheme on 29
51 February 2016.

52 4.2.3 Conformance with the Commercial Product Assurance 53 Security Characteristics for GB Smart Metering³

54 A CH shall meet the requirements described in the Commercial Product Assurance Security
55 Characteristic Smart Metering - Communications Hub.

56 A CH shall be certified by CESG as compliant with the Commercial Product Assurance
57 Security Characteristic Smart Metering - Communications Hub.

58 4.2.4 Interoperability with the Data and Communications Company 59 Systems

60 A CH shall be interoperable with DCC Systems such that the DCC need not make any
61 adjustments to its systems in order to establish Communications Links (as described in this
62 *Section 4*) with the CH via its WAN Interface.

63 4.3 Physical Requirements

64 A CH shall as a minimum include the following components:

- 65 i. a Clock;
- 66 ii. a Data Store;
- 67 iii. a HAN Interface;
- 68 iv. a Random Number Generator;

³ The current version of CPA Security Characteristics can be found here: <https://www.cesg.gov.uk/security-characteristics-collection>

- 69 v. a WAN Interface; and
 70 vi. an Intimate Physical Interface.

71 A CH shall operate using DC power and be capable of performing the minimum functional,
 72 interface and data requirements described in *Sections 4.4, 4.5 and 4.6* respectively without
 73 consuming more than an average of 1 watt of electricity under normal operating conditions.

74 A CH shall be capable of automatically resuming operation after a power failure in its
 75 operating state prior to such failure.

76 The CH shall:

- 77 vii. permanently display the *CHF Identifier(4.6.1.1)* on the CH;
 78 viii. permanently display the *GPF Identifier(4.6.1.4)* on the CH; and
 79 ix. have a Secure Perimeter.

80 The HAN Interface of the CH shall be capable of establishing a ZigBee SEP Smart Metering
 81 Home Area Network which:

- 82 x. operates within the 2400 – 2483.5 MHz harmonised frequency band;
 83 xi. supports the routing (as set out in *Section 4.4.2.1*) of Commands, Responses, and
 84 Alerts to and from Devices;
 85 xii. supports the Communications Links described in *Section 4.5.2 and 4.5.3*; and
 86 xiii. supports Certificate-based Key Establishment Cryptographic Suite 2 as described in
 87 ZigBee SEP.

88 On first establishing a ZigBee SEP Smart Metering Home Area Network the CH shall be
 89 capable of fixing the frequency at which its HAN Interface operates.

90 The CH shall be designed taking all reasonable steps so as to prevent Unauthorised
 91 Physical Access and Unauthorised communications through its Secure Perimeter that could
 92 compromise the Confidentiality and / or Data Integrity of:

- 93 xiv. Personal Data;
 94 xv. Consumption data used for billing;
 95 xvi. Security Credentials;
 96 xvii. Random Number Generator;
 97 xviii. Cryptographic Algorithms; and
 98 xix. Firmware and data essential for ensuring its Integrity,

99 stored or executing on the CH.

100 The CH shall be capable of detecting any attempt at Unauthorised Physical Access through
 101 its Secure Perimeter that could compromise such Confidentiality and / or Data Integrity and
 102 on such detection shall be capable of:

- 103 xx. providing evidence of such an attempt through the use of tamper evident coatings or
 104 seals;

105 and where reasonably practicable:

- 106 xxi. generating an entry to that effect in the *CHF Security Log(4.6.3.5)*; and
 107 xxii. generating and sending an Alert to that effect via its WAN Interface.

108 The CH shall be designed taking all reasonable steps to ensure that its HAN Interface and
 109 WAN Interface do not cause detriment to Communications Links formed with Devices
 110 connected to its Intimate Physical Interface.

111 4.4 Functional Requirements

112 This section describes the minimum functions that a CH shall be capable of performing.

113 4.4.1 Clock

114 The Clock forming part of the CH shall be capable of operating so as to be accurate to within
115 10 seconds of the UTC date and time under normal operating conditions. The CH shall be
116 capable of maintaining the *CHF Date and Time(4.6.3.1)* and:

- 117 i. marking this to indicate if its Communications Link via the WAN Interface is not
118 available; and
- 119 ii. making the *CHF Date and Time(4.6.3.1)* available to Devices with which the CHF
120 has established a Communications Link (as set out in *Section 4.4.2.1*) via its HAN
121 interface.

122 4.4.2 Communications

123 4.4.2.1 Communications Links with the CHF

124 The CHF shall be capable of establishing and maintaining Communications Links via the
125 HAN interface with a minimum of four ESME, one GSME, one GPF, seven Type 1 Devices
126 (including a minimum of two PPMIDs) and three Type 2 Devices.

127 The CHF shall be capable of establishing a Communications Link via the HAN Interface with
128 a Device for a minimum of one hour following receipt of that Device's Security Credentials
129 (as set out in *Section 4.5.1.2*).

130 The CHF shall only be capable of establishing a Communications Link via the HAN Interface
131 with a Device with Security Credentials in the *CHF Device Log(4.6.2.1)* and shall not be
132 capable of establishing a Communications Link via the HAN Interface with any other
133 Devices.

134 On establishing such a Communications Link with a Device, the CHF shall be capable of
135 recording the UTC date and time of such establishment in the relevant part of the *CHF*
136 *Communications Store(4.6.3.2)*.

137 The CHF shall only be capable of establishing and maintaining a Communications Link via
138 the WAN Interface with the Wide Area Network Provider for the Premises in which the CH is
139 installed and shall not be capable of establishing a Communications Link via the WAN
140 Interface with any other person.

141 The CHF shall be capable of ensuring that the security characteristics of all Communications
142 Links it establishes meet the requirements described in *CHF Secure*
143 *Communications(4.4.6.6)*.

144 When any Command addressed to the CHF is received by the CHF via any Communications
145 Link, and again when the Command is due to be executed, the CHF shall be capable of:

- 146 i. using the Security Credentials the CHF holds, Authenticating to a Trusted Source
147 the Command;
- 148 ii. verifying in accordance with *CHF Role-based Access Control(4.4.6.2.3)* that the
149 sender of the Command is Authorised to execute the Command; and
- 150 iii. verifying the integrity of the Command.

151 On failure of any of (i) to (iii) above, the CHF shall be capable of generating an entry in the
152 *CHF Security Log(4.6.3.5)* to that effect, discarding the Command without execution and
153 without either generating or sending a Response, and generating and sending an Alert to
154 that effect via the WAN Interface.

155 Where the Command is not due to be executed immediately, the CHF shall be capable of
156 generating and sending a Response via the WAN Interface to confirm successful receipt.

157 When executing a Command, the CHF shall be capable of generating and sending a
158 Response via both the WAN Interface and the HAN Interface, which shall either confirm

159 successful execution of the Command or shall detail why it has failed to execute the
160 Command.

161 The CHF shall only be capable of addressing a Response to the sender of the relevant
162 Command.

163 The CHF shall be capable of routing Commands, Responses, and Alerts:

- 164 iv. from each Device in the *CHF Device Log(4.6.2.1)* to the Devices in the *CHF Device*
165 *Log(4.6.2.1)* that is the intended recipient;
- 166 v. from each Device in the *CHF Device Log(4.6.2.1)* to the WAN Interface; and
- 167 vi. from the WAN Interface to the Device in the *CHF Device Log(4.6.2.1)* that is the
168 intended recipient.

169 The CHF shall be capable of storing the Security Credentials of a minimum of 16 Devices in
170 the *CHF Device Log(4.6.2.1)*.

171 **4.4.2.2 Communications Links with the GPF**

172 A GPF shall be capable of ensuring that the security characteristics of all Communications
173 Links it establishes meet the requirements described in *GPF Secure*
174 *Communications(4.4.6.7)*.

175 When any Command addressed to the GPF is received by the GPF via any Communications
176 Link, and again when the Command is due to be executed, a GPF shall be capable of:

- 177 i. using the Security Credentials the GPF holds, Authenticating to a Trusted Source
178 the Command;
- 179 ii. verifying in accordance with *GPF Role-based Access Control(4.4.6.2.6)* that the
180 sender of the Command is Authorised to execute the Command; and
- 181 iii. verifying the integrity of the Command.

182 On failure of any of (i) to (iii) above, the GPF shall be capable of generating an entry in the
183 *GPF Security Log(4.6.3.11)* to that effect, discarding the Command without execution and
184 without either generating or sending a Response, and generating and sending an Alert to
185 that effect via the WAN Interface.

186 Where the Command is not due to be executed immediately, the GPF shall be capable of
187 generating and sending a Response via the WAN Interface to confirm successful receipt.

188 When executing the Command the GPF shall be capable of generating and sending a
189 Response via the WAN Interface, which shall either confirm successful execution of the
190 Command or shall detail why it has failed to execute the Command.

191 The GPF shall only be capable of addressing a Response to the sender of the relevant
192 Command.

193 **4.4.2.2.1 Communications Links with GSME over the HAN Interface**

194 The GPF shall be capable of establishing and maintaining Communications Links via the
195 HAN Interface with GSME.

196 The GPF shall be capable of receiving the information defined in *Section 4.6.3.9* from
197 GSME.

198 **4.4.2.2.2 Communications Links with Type 1 Devices over the HAN Interface**

199 The GPF shall be capable of establishing and maintaining Communications Links via the
200 HAN Interface with a minimum of one Type 1 Device.

201 The GPF shall only be capable of establishing a Communications Link with a Type 1 Device
202 with Security Credentials in the *GPF Device Log(4.6.2.3)* and shall not be capable of
203 establishing a Communications Link via the HAN Interface with any other Devices.

204 The GPF shall be capable of supporting the following types of Communications Links:

- 205 i. receiving the Commands (set out in *Section 4.5.4*) from a Type 1 Device;
 206 ii. generating and sending the Responses (set out in *Section 4.5.4*) to a Type 1 Device;
 207 iii. generating and sending the information (set out in *Section 4.6*) to a Type 1 Device;
 208 and
 209 iv. sending Alerts to a Type 1 Device, including those it has received from GSME.

210 4.4.2.2.3 *Communications Links with Type 2 Devices over the HAN Interface*

211 The GPF shall be capable of establishing and maintaining Communications Links via the
 212 HAN Interface with a minimum of four Type 2 Devices.

213 The GPF shall only be capable of establishing a Communications Link with a Type 2 Device
 214 with Security Credentials in the *GPF Device Log(4.6.2.3)* and shall not be capable of
 215 establishing a Communications Link via the HAN Interface with any other Devices.

216 The GPF shall be capable of supporting the following types of Communications Links:

- 217 i. generating and sending information (set out in *Section 4.6*) to a Type 2 Device; and
 218 ii. sending Alerts to a Type 2 Device, including those it has received from the GSME.

219 4.4.3 Data Storage

220 A CH shall be capable of retaining all information held in its Data Store at all times, including
 221 on loss of power.

222 4.4.3.1 *GSME data*

223 4.4.3.1.1 *Gas Consumption and Energy Consumption data*

224 The GPF shall be capable of using the GSME Cumulative and Historical Value Store and the
 225 GSME Cumulative Current Day Value Store (received from GSME as set out in *Section*
 226 *4.5.2*) to calculate and store to:

- 227 i. the *GPF Cumulative and Historical Value Store [INFO](4.6.3.6)*:
- 228 a) Energy Consumption on the Day up to the Local Time;
 229 b) Energy Consumption on each of the eight Days prior to such Day;
 230 c) Energy Consumption in the Week in which the calculation is performed;
 231 d) Energy Consumption in each of the five Weeks prior to such Week;
 232 e) Energy Consumption in the month in which the calculation is performed;
 233 f) Energy Consumption in the thirteen months prior to such month; and
- 234 ii. the *GPF Daily Gas Consumption Log [INFO](4.6.3.7)*, the Gas Consumption on each
 235 of the 731 Days prior to the current Day.

236 4.4.3.1.2 *Cost of Gas Consumption data*

237 The GPF shall be capable of using the GSME Cumulative and Historical Value Store and the
 238 GSME Cumulative Current Day Value Store (received from GSME as set out in *Section*
 239 *4.5.2*) to calculate and store to the *GPF Cumulative and Historical Value Store*
 240 *[INFO](4.6.3.6)* the cost of:

- 241 i. Energy Consumption on the Day up to the Local Time;
 242 ii. Energy Consumption on each of the eight Days prior to such Day;
 243 iii. Energy Consumption in the Week in which the calculation is performed;
 244 iv. Energy Consumption in each of the five Weeks prior to such Week;
 245 v. Energy Consumption in the month in which the calculation is performed; and
 246 vi. Energy Consumption in the thirteen months prior to such month.

247 4.4.3.1.3 *Half hour profile data*

248 The GPF shall be capable of using the GSME Profile Data Log, the GSME Cumulative
 249 Current Day Value Store, the GSME Conversion Factor and the GSME Calorific Value
 250 (received from GSME as set out in *Section 4.5.2*) to calculate and store to the *GPF Profile*

251 *Data Log [INFO](4.6.3.10)* Gas Consumption in each 30 minute period (commencing at the
 252 start of minutes 00 and 30 in each hour) and the UTC date and time at the end of the 30
 253 minute period to which the Gas Consumption relates.

254 **4.4.4 Buffering**

255 A CHF shall be capable of Buffering all Commands intended for GSME with Security
 256 Credentials recorded in the *CHF Device Log(4.6.2.1)*.

257 A CHF shall be capable of prioritising the forwarding of any GSME Add Credit Commands
 258 and GSME Activate Emergency Credit Commands.

259 A CHF shall be capable of Buffering a Command to receive Firmware intended for ESME.

260 A CHF shall be capable of Buffering Commands, Responses and Alerts to be sent via the
 261 WAN interface.

262 Under normal operating conditions, a CHF shall be capable of Buffering at all times:

- 263 i. *CHF Device Log(4.6.2.1)* Alerts;
- 264 ii. Device Commissioning Alerts;
- 265 iii. Responses to Critical Commands; and
- 266 iv. other Critical Alerts.

267 **4.4.5 Monitoring**

268 A CH shall be capable of recording the UTC date and time at which the power supply to the
 269 CH is interrupted and the UTC date and time at which the power supply to the CH is restored
 270 and generating entries to that effect in the *CHF Event Log(4.6.3.3)*.

271 **4.4.6 Security**

272 **4.4.6.1 General**

273 A CH shall be designed taking all reasonable steps so as to ensure that any failure or
 274 compromise of its integrity shall not compromise the Security Credentials or Personal Data
 275 stored on it or compromise the integrity of any other Device to which it is connected by
 276 means of a Communications Link.

277 The CH shall be capable of verifying its Firmware at power-on and prior to activation of the
 278 Firmware, to verify that the Firmware, at that time, is in the form originally received. On
 279 failure of verification the CH shall be capable of:

- 280 i. generating an entry to that effect in the *CHF Security Log(4.6.3.5)*; and
- 281 ii. generating and sending an Alert to that effect via the WAN Interface.

282 A CHF shall be capable of logging in the *CHF Security Log(4.6.3.5)* the occurrence and type
 283 of any Sensitive Event.

284 A GPF shall be capable of logging in the *GPF Security Log(4.6.3.11)* the occurrence and
 285 type of any Sensitive Event.

286 A CHF shall be capable of securely disabling Critical Commands other than those
 287 Commands set out in *Section 4.5.1* that are Critical Commands.

288 A GPF shall be capable of securely disabling Critical Commands other than those
 289 Commands set out in *Section 4.5.4* that are Critical Commands.

290 **4.4.6.2 Security Credentials**

291 **4.4.6.2.1 CHF Private Keys**

292 A CHF shall be capable of generating Public-Private Key Pairs to support the Cryptographic
 293 Algorithms set out in *Section 4.4.6.3*.

294 The CHF shall be capable of securely storing such Private Keys and shall be capable of
 295 formatting and sending via each of the HAN Interface and the WAN Interface a Certificate
 296 Signing Request containing the corresponding Public Key and the *CHF Identifier*(4.6.1.1).

297 The CHF shall be capable of securely storing Key Agreement values.

298 **4.4.6.2.2 CHF Public Key Certificates**

299 A CHF shall be capable of securely storing Security Credentials from Certificates including
 300 for use in the Cryptographic Algorithms as set out in *Section 4.4.6.3*.

301 During the replacement of any *CHF Security Credentials*(4.6.2.2) (as set out in *Section*
 302 *4.5.1.10*), the CHF shall be capable of ensuring that the *CHF Security Credentials*(4.6.2.2)
 303 being replaced remain usable until the successful completion of the replacement.

304 **4.4.6.2.3 CHF Role-based Access Control**

305 The CHF shall be capable of restricting Authorisation to execute Commands and of issuing
 306 Alerts according to Role permissions.

307 **4.4.6.2.4 GPF Private Keys**

308 A GPF shall be capable of generating Public-Private Key Pairs to support the Cryptographic
 309 Algorithms set out in *Section 4.4.6.4*.

310 The GPF shall be capable of securely storing such Private Keys and shall be capable of
 311 formatting and sending via the WAN Interface a Certificate Signing Request containing the
 312 corresponding Public Key and the *GPF Identifier*(4.6.1.4).

313 The GPF shall be capable of securely storing Key Agreement values.

314 **4.4.6.2.5 GPF Public Key Certificates**

315 A GPF shall be capable of securely storing Security Credentials from Certificates including
 316 for use in the Cryptographic Algorithms as set out in *Section 4.4.6.4*.

317 During the replacement of any *GPF Security Credentials*(4.6.2.4) (as set out in *Section*
 318 *4.5.4.8*) the GPF shall be capable of ensuring that the *GPF Security Credentials*(4.6.2.4)
 319 being replaced remain usable until the successful completion of the replacement.

320 **4.4.6.2.6 GPF Role-based Access Control**

321 The GPF shall be capable of restricting Authorisation to execute Commands and of issuing
 322 Alerts according to Role permissions.

323 **4.4.6.3 CHF Cryptographic Algorithms**

324 The CHF shall be capable of supporting the following Cryptographic Algorithms:

- 325 i. Elliptic Curve DSA;
- 326 ii. Elliptic Curve DH; and
- 327 iii. SHA-256.

328 In executing and creating any Command, Response or Alert, the CHF shall be capable of
 329 applying Cryptographic Algorithms (alone or in combination) for:

- 330 iv. Digital Signing;
- 331 v. Digital Signature verification;
- 332 vi. Hashing;
- 333 vii. Message Authentication; and
- 334 viii. Encryption and Decryption.

335 **4.4.6.4 GPF Cryptographic Algorithms**

336 The GPF shall be capable of supporting the following Cryptographic Algorithms:

- 337 i. Elliptic Curve DSA;

- 338 ii. Elliptic Curve DH; and
 339 iii. SHA-256.

340 In executing and creating any Command, Response or Alert, the GPF shall be capable of
 341 applying Cryptographic Algorithms (alone or in combination) for:

- 342 iv. Digital Signing;
 343 v. Digital Signature verification;
 344 vi. Hashing;
 345 vii. Message Authentication; and
 346 viii. Encryption and Decryption.

347 **4.4.6.5 CH Firmware**

348 The CH shall only be capable of activating its Firmware on receipt of an Activate CH
 349 Firmware Command (as set out in *Section 4.5.1.1*).

350 **4.4.6.6 CHF Secure Communications**

351 The CHF shall be capable of preventing and detecting, on all of its interfaces, Unauthorised
 352 access that could compromise the Confidentiality and / or Data Integrity of:

- 353 i. Personal Data whilst being transferred via an interface;
 354 ii. Consumption data used for billing whilst being transferred via an interface;
 355 iii. Security Credentials whilst being transferred via an interface; and
 356 iv. Firmware and data essential for ensuring its Integrity whilst being transferred via an
 357 interface,

358 and any Command that could compromise the Confidentiality and / or Data Integrity of:

- 359 v. Personal Data;
 360 vi. Consumption data used for billing;
 361 vii. Security Credentials; and
 362 viii. Firmware and data essential for ensuring its Integrity,

363 stored or executing on the CHF, and on such detection shall be capable of:

- 364 ix. generating an entry to that effect in the *CHF Security Log(4.6.3.5)*; and
 365 x. generating and sending an Alert to that effect via the WAN Interface.

366 The CHF shall be capable of employing techniques to protect against Replay Attacks
 367 relating to Commands received.

368 The CHF shall not be capable of executing a Command to modify or delete entries from the
 369 *CHF Security Log(4.6.3.5)* or the *GPF Security Log(4.6.3.11)*.

370 **4.4.6.7 GPF Secure Communications**

371 The GPF shall be capable of preventing and detecting, on all of its interfaces, Unauthorised
 372 access that could compromise the Confidentiality and / or Data Integrity of:

- 373 i. Personal Data whilst being transferred via an interface;
 374 ii. Gas Consumption data used for billing whilst being transferred via an interface;
 375 iii. Security Credentials whilst being transferred via an interface; and
 376 iv. Firmware and data essential for ensuring its Integrity whilst being transferred via an
 377 interface,

378 and any Command that could compromise the Confidentiality and / or Data Integrity of:

- 379 v. Personal Data;
 380 vi. Gas Consumption data used for billing;
 381 vii. Security Credentials; and
 382 viii. Firmware and data essential for ensuring its Integrity,

383 stored or executing on the GPF, and on such detection shall be capable of:

- 384 ix. generating an entry to that effect in the *GPF Security Log(4.6.3.11)*; and
 385 x. generating and sending an Alert to that effect via the WAN Interface.

386 The GPF shall be capable of employing techniques to protect against Replay Attacks
 387 relating to Commands received.

388 The GPF shall not be capable of executing a Command to modify or delete entries from the
 389 *GPF Security Log(4.6.3.11)*.

390 **4.4.7 Inter-PAN Connection**

391 The CH shall be capable of permitting devices to establish an Inter-PAN Connection for a
 392 period of one hour at CH power-on. Where such a connection has been established, the CH
 393 shall be capable of sending:

- 394 i. Responses and Alerts it has generated; and
 395 ii. Responses and Alerts it has received from other Devices,

396 to the Inter-PAN connected device.

397 **4.5 Interface Requirements**

398 This section describes the minimum required interactions that a CH shall be capable of
 399 undertaking via the HAN Interface and the WAN Interface.

400 **4.5.1 CHF Interface Commands**

401 The CHF shall be capable of executing the Commands set out in this *Section 4.5.1*. The
 402 CHF shall be capable of logging all Commands received and Outcomes in the *CHF Event*
 403 *Log(4.6.3.3)*.

404 The CHF shall be capable of executing Commands immediately on receipt ('immediate
 405 Commands') and where specified in the Great Britain Companion Specification at a future
 406 date ('future dated Commands'). A future dated Command shall include the UTC date and
 407 time at which the Command shall be executed by the CHF.

408 The CHF shall be capable of cancelling a future dated Command. A future dated Command
 409 shall be capable of being cancelled by an Authorised party, subject to CHF Role-based
 410 Access Control (as set out in *Section 4.4.6.2.3*). The CHF shall be capable of generating
 411 and sending a Response acknowledging that a future dated Command has been
 412 successfully cancelled.

413 **4.5.1.1 Activate CH Firmware**

414 A Command to activate Firmware.

415 In executing the Command the CH shall be capable of installing new CH Firmware using a
 416 mechanism that is robust against failure and loss of data.

417 The new Firmware shall include version information. Where new Firmware is successfully
 418 installed, the CH shall be capable of recording the version information of that new Firmware
 419 in *CH Firmware Version(4.6.3.4)*.

420 **4.5.1.2 Add CHF Device Security Credentials**

421 A Command to add Security Credentials for a Type 1 Device, Type 2 Device, ESME, GSME
 422 or a GPF to the *CHF Device Log(4.6.2.1)*.

423 In executing the Command, the CHF shall be capable of:

- 424 i. verifying the Security Credentials;
 425 ii. generating and sending an Alert to this effect, including details of the revised *CHF*
 426 *Device Log(4.6.2.1)*, via the WAN Interface; and
 427 iii. recording the Command and Outcome to the *CHF Security Log(4.6.3.5)*.

428 **4.5.1.3 Clear CHF Event Log**

429 A Command to clear all entries from the *CHF Event Log*(4.6.3.3).

430 The CHF shall be capable of logging that the Command has been executed in the *CHF*
431 *Security Log*(4.6.3.5).

432 **4.5.1.4 Issue CHF Security Credentials**

433 A Command to generate a Public–Private Key Pair and issue a corresponding Certificate
434 Signing Request.

435 **4.5.1.5 Read CHF Configuration Data**

436 A Command to read the value of one or more of the CHF configuration data items set out in
437 *Section 4.6.2*.

438 In executing the Command, the CHF shall be capable of sending such value(s) in a
439 Response.

440 **4.5.1.6 Read CHF Constant Data**

441 A Command to read the value of one or more of the constant data items set out in *Section*
442 *4.6.1*.

443 In executing the Command, the CHF shall be capable of sending such value(s) in a
444 Response.

445 **4.5.1.7 Read CHF Operational Data**

446 A Command to read the value of one or more of the operational data items set out in *Section*
447 *4.6.3*.

448 In executing the Command, the CHF shall be capable of sending such value(s) in a
449 Response.

450 **4.5.1.8 Receive CH Firmware**

451 A Command to receive CH Firmware.

452 In executing the Command the CH shall be capable of:

- 453 i. only accepting new Firmware from an Authorised and Authenticated source; and
- 454 ii. verifying the Authenticity and integrity of new Firmware before installation.

455 **4.5.1.9 Remove CHF Device Security Credentials**

456 A Command to remove Security Credentials for a Device from the *CHF Device Log*(4.6.2.1).

457 In executing the Command the CHF shall be capable of:

- 458 i. generating and sending an Alert to this effect, including details of the revised *CHF*
459 *Device Log*(4.6.2.1), via the WAN interface; and
- 460 ii. recording the Command and Outcome to the *CHF Security Log*(4.6.3.5).

461 Where the Device removed is a GSME, the GPF shall be capable of permanently deleting all
462 the data stored in the *GPF Cumulative and Historical Value Store [INFO]*(4.6.3.6), *GPF Daily*
463 *Gas Consumption Log [INFO]*(4.6.3.7), *GPF Profile Data Log [INFO]*(4.6.3.10) and *GPF*
464 *GSME Proxy Log*(4.6.3.9).

465 **4.5.1.10 Replace CHF Security Credentials**

466 A Command to replace *CHF Security Credentials*(4.6.2.2) held within the CHF.

467 In executing the Command the CHF shall be capable of:

- 468 i. maintaining the Command's Transactional Atomicity; and
- 469 ii. recording the Command and Outcome to the *CHF Security Log*(4.6.3.5).

470 **4.5.1.11 Restore CHF Device Log**

471 A Command to restore the details in the *CHF Device Log*(4.6.2.1).

472 In executing the Command, the CHF shall be capable of recording the Command and
473 Outcome to the *CHF Security Log*(4.6.3.5).

474 **4.5.2 Receipt of Information by the GPF via the HAN Interface**

475 A GPF shall be capable, immediately upon establishment of a Communications Link with
476 GSME of receiving GSME Constant Data, GSME Configuration Data, GSME Operational
477 Data and (with the exception of the GSME Cumulative and Historical Value Store and the
478 GSME Profile Data Log) receiving updates of any changes in that data.

479 Where changes have been made to the GSME Billing Data Log in accordance with the
480 timetable set out in the GSME Billing Calendar, the GPF shall be capable of generating and
481 sending an Alert containing the most recent entries of the GSME Tariff TOU Register Matrix,
482 the GSME Tariff Block Counter Matrix and the GSME Consumption Register in the GSME
483 Billing Data Log.

484 **4.5.3 Type 1 Device and Type 2 Device Information Provision from
485 the GPF via the HAN Interface**

486 The GPF shall be capable, immediately upon establishment of a Communications Link with
487 a Type 1 Device (as set out in *Section 4.4.2.2.2*) and a Type 2 Device (as set out in *Section*
488 *4.4.2.2.3*), of providing the data annotated [INFO] set out in *Section 4.6* and in addition the
489 following data from the *GPF GSME Proxy Log*(4.6.3.9) to the Type 1 Device or the Type 2
490 Device as applicable (with timely updates of any changes to all such data):

- 491 i. Accumulated Debt Register;
- 492 ii. Active Tariff Price;
- 493 iii. Calorific Value;
- 494 iv. Consumption Register;
- 495 v. Contact Details;
- 496 vi. Conversion Factor;
- 497 vii. Currency Units;
- 498 viii. Customer Identification Number;
- 499 ix. Debt Recovery per Payment;
- 500 x. Debt Recovery Rates [1 ... 2];
- 501 xi. Debt Recovery Rate Cap;
- 502 xii. Disablement Threshold;
- 503 xiii. Emergency Credit Balance;
- 504 xiv. Emergency Credit Limit;
- 505 xv. Emergency Credit Threshold;
- 506 xvi. Low Credit Threshold;
- 507 xvii. Meter Balance;
- 508 xviii. Meter Point Reference Number (MPRN);
- 509 xix. Non-Disablement Calendar;
- 510 xx. Payment Debt Register;
- 511 xxi. Payment Mode;
- 512 xxii. Profile Data Log;
- 513 xxiii. Standing Charge;
- 514 xxiv. Supplier Message;
- 515 xxv. Supply State;
- 516 xxvi. Tariff Block Counter Matrix;
- 517 xxvii. Tariff Block Price Matrix;
- 518 xxviii. Tariff Switching Table;
- 519 xxix. Tariff Threshold Matrix;

- 520 xxx. Tariff TOU Price Matrix;
 521 xxxi. Tariff TOU Register Matrix;
 522 xxxii. Time Debt Registers [1 ... 2]; and
 523 xxxiii. Payment-based debt payments in the Billing Data Log.

524 **4.5.4 GPF Interface Commands**

525 The GPF shall be capable of executing the Commands set out in this *Section 4.5.4*. The
 526 GPF shall be capable of logging all Commands received and Outcomes in the *GPF Event*
 527 *Log(4.6.3.8)*.

528 The GPF shall be capable of executing Commands immediately on receipt ('immediate
 529 Commands') and where specified in the Great Britain Companion Specification at a future
 530 date ('future dated Commands'). A future dated Command shall include the UTC date and
 531 time at which the Command shall be executed by the GPF.

532 The GPF shall be capable of cancelling a future dated Command. A future dated Command
 533 shall be capable of being cancelled by an Authorised party, subject to GPF Role-based
 534 Access Control (as set out in *Section 4.4.6.2.6*). The GPF shall be capable of generating
 535 and sending a Response acknowledging that a future-dated Command has been
 536 successfully cancelled.

537 **4.5.4.1 Add GPF Device Security Credentials**

538 A Command to add Security Credentials for a Type 1 Device, Type 2 Device or GSME to the
 539 *GPF Device Log(4.6.2.3)*.

540 In executing the Command, the GPF shall be capable of:

- 541 i. verifying the Security Credentials;
- 542 ii. generating and sending an Alert to this effect, including details of the revised *GPF*
 543 *Device Log(4.6.2.3)*, via the WAN Interface; and
- 544 iii. recording the Command and Outcome to the *GPF Security Log(4.6.3.11)*.

545 **4.5.4.2 Clear GPF Event Log**

546 A Command to clear all entries from the *GPF Event Log(4.6.3.8)*.

547 The GPF shall be capable of logging that the Command has been executed in the *GPF*
 548 *Security Log(4.6.3.11)*.

549 **4.5.4.3 Issue GPF Security Credentials**

550 A Command to generate a Public-Private Key Pair and issue a corresponding Certificate
 551 Signing Request.

552 **4.5.4.4 Read GPF Configuration Data**

553 A Command to read the value of one or more of the GPF configuration data items set out in
 554 *Section 4.6.2*.

555 In executing the Command, the GPF shall be capable of sending such value(s) in a
 556 Response.

557 **4.5.4.5 Read GPF Constant Data**

558 A Command to read the value of one or more of the GPF constant data items set out in
 559 *Section 4.6.1*.

560 In executing the Command, the GPF shall be capable of sending such value(s) in a
 561 Response.

562 **4.5.4.6 Read GPF Operational Data**

563 A Command to read the value of one or more of the GPF operational data items set out in
564 Section 4.6.3.

565 In executing the Command, the GPF shall be capable of sending such value(s) in a
566 Response.

567 **4.5.4.7 Remove GPF Device Security Credentials**

568 A Command to remove Security Credentials for a Device from the *GPF Device Log(4.6.2.3)*.

569 In executing the Command the GPF shall be capable of:

- 570 i. generating and sending an Alert to this effect, including details of the revised *GPF*
571 *Device Log(4.6.2.3)*, via the WAN Interface; and
- 572 ii. recording the Command and Outcome to the *GPF Security Log(4.6.3.11)*.

573 **4.5.4.8 Replace GPF Security Credentials**

574 A Command to replace *GPF Security Credentials(4.6.2.4)* held within the GPF.

575 In executing the Command the GPF shall be capable of:

- 576 i. maintaining the Command's Transactional Atomicity; and
- 577 ii. recording the Command and Outcome to the *GPF Security Log(4.6.3.11)*.

578 **4.5.4.9 Restore GPF Device Log**

579 A Command to restore the details in the *GPF Device Log(4.6.2.3)*.

580 In executing the Command, the GPF shall be capable of recording the Command and
581 Outcome to the *GPF Security Log(4.6.3.11)*.

582 **4.5.4.10 Restrict GPF Data**

583 A Command to restrict provision to Type 1 Devices and Type 2 Devices of all items of
584 Personal Data stored in the GPF which have a UTC date and time stamp prior to the date
585 and time stamp specified in the Restrict GPF Data Command.

586 **4.6 Data Requirements**

587 This section describes the minimum information which the CH shall be capable of holding in
588 its Data Store.

589 **4.6.1 Constant Data**

590 Describes data that remains constant and unchangeable at all times.

591 **4.6.1.1 CHF Identifier**

592 A globally unique identifier used to identify the CHF based on the EUI-64 Institute of
593 Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) standard.

594 **4.6.1.2 CH Manufacturer Identifier**

595 An identifier used to identify the manufacturer of the CH.

596 **4.6.1.3 Model Type**

597 An identifier used to identify the model of the CH.

598 **4.6.1.4 GPF Identifier**

599 A globally unique identifier used to identify the GPF based on the EUI-64 Institute of
600 Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) standard.

601 **4.6.2 Configuration Data**

602 Describes data that configures the operation of various functions of the CH.

603 **4.6.2.1 CHF Device Log**

604 The Security Credentials for each of the Type 1 Devices, Type 2 Devices, GSME, ESME
605 and GPF with which the CHF can establish Communications Links.

606 **4.6.2.2 CHF Security Credentials**

607 The Security Credentials for the CHF and parties Authorised to establish Communications
608 Links with it.

609 **4.6.2.3 GPF Device Log**

610 The Security Credentials for each of the Type 1 Devices and Type 2 Devices with which the
611 GPF can establish Communications Links.

612 **4.6.2.4 GPF Security Credentials**

613 The Security Credentials for the GPF and parties Authorised to establish Communications
614 Links with it.

615 **4.6.3 Operational Data**

616 Describes data used by the functions of the CHF and GPF for output of information.

617 **4.6.3.1 CHF Date and Time**

618 The Clock's date and time (in UTC and Local Time).

619 **4.6.3.2 CHF Communications Store**

620 A store holding, for each Device in the *CHF Device Log*(4.6.2.1), the UTC date and time of
621 the last Communications Link established with the CHF.

622 **4.6.3.3 CHF Event Log**

623 A log capable of storing one hundred UTC date and time stamped entries of non-security
624 related information for diagnosis and auditing, arranged as a circular Buffer such that when
625 full, further writes shall cause the oldest entry to be overwritten.

626 **4.6.3.4 CH Firmware Version**

627 The active version of Firmware of the CHF and the GPF.

628 **4.6.3.5 CHF Security Log**

629 A log capable of storing one hundred UTC date and time stamped entries of security related
630 information for diagnosis and auditing, arranged as a circular Buffer such that when full,
631 further writes shall cause the oldest entry to be overwritten.

632 **4.6.3.6 GPF Cumulative and Historical Value Store [INFO]**

633 A store capable of holding the following values:

- 634 i. 9 Days of Energy Consumption comprising the current Day and the prior 8 Days, in
635 kWh and Currency Units;
- 636 ii. 6 Weeks of Energy Consumption comprising the current Week and the prior 5
637 Weeks, in kWh and Currency Units; and
- 638 iii. 14 months of Energy Consumption comprising the current month and the prior 13
639 months, in kWh and Currency Units.

640 **4.6.3.7 GPF Daily Gas Consumption Log [INFO]**

641 A log capable of storing 731 date stamped entries of Gas Consumption arranged as a
642 circular Buffer such that when full, further writes shall cause the oldest entry to be
643 overwritten.

644 **4.6.3.8 GPF Event Log**

645 A log capable of storing one hundred UTC date and time stamped entries of non-security
646 related information for diagnosis and auditing, arranged as a circular Buffer such that when
647 full, further writes shall cause the oldest entry to be overwritten.

648 **4.6.3.9 GPF GSME Proxy Log**

649 A log capable of storing UTC date and time stamped entries of the GSME Constant Data,
650 GSME Configuration Data and GSME Operational Data except for the following SMETS
651 items:

- 652 i. Alerts Configuration Settings;
- 653 ii. Device Log;
- 654 iii. GSME Security Credentials;
- 655 iv. GSME Identifier;
- 656 v. Public Key Security Credentials Store;
- 657 vi. Supply Depletion State;
- 658 vii. Supply Tamper State;
- 659 viii. Uncontrolled Gas Flow Rate; and
- 660 ix. Network Data Log.

661 **4.6.3.10 GPF Profile Data Log [INFO]**

662 A log capable of storing a minimum of 13 months of UTC date and time stamped half hourly
663 Gas Consumption data arranged as a circular Buffer such that when full, further writes shall
664 cause the oldest entry to be overwritten.

665 **4.6.3.11 GPF Security Log**

666 A log capable of storing one hundred UTC date and time stamped entries of security related
667 information for diagnosis and auditing, arranged as a circular Buffer such that when full,
668 further writes shall cause the oldest entry to be overwritten.

669 5 Glossary

670 [Accumulated Debt Register](#)

671 The information held on GSME as described at section 4 in the Smart Metering Equipment
672 Technical Specifications.

673 [Active Tariff Price](#)

674 The information held on GSME as described at section 4 in the Smart Metering Equipment
675 Technical Specifications.

676 [Alert](#)

677 A message generated by a Device including in response to a problem or the risk of a
678 potential problem.

679 [Authentication](#)

680 The method used to confirm the identity of entities or Devices wishing to communicate and
681 'Authenticated' and 'Authenticity' shall be construed accordingly.

682 [Authorisation](#)

683 The process of granting access to a resource and 'Authorised' shall be construed
684 accordingly.

685 [Block Pricing](#)

686 A pricing scheme used in conjunction with Time-of-use Pricing where Price varies based on
687 Consumption over a given time period.

688 [Buffer](#)

689 An area of the CH capable of storing information for Buffering.

690 [Buffering](#)

691 Temporary storage of information pending it being forwarded via the HAN or WAN Interface.

692 [Calorific Value](#)

693 The information held on GSME as described at section 4 in the Smart Metering Equipment
694 Technical Specifications.

695 [Certificate](#)

696 An electronic document that binds an identity, and possibly other information, to a Public
697 Key.

698 [Certificate Signing Request](#)

699 A message requesting the issue of a Certificate by a Certification Authority.

700 [Certification Authority \(CA\)](#)

701 A trusted entity which issues Certificates.

702 [CESG](#)

703 The UK Government's national technical authority for information assurance.

704 [Clock](#)

705 A timing mechanism that has a minimum resolution of 1 second.

706 [Command](#)

707 An instruction to perform a function received or sent via any interface.

- 708 [Commercial Product Assurance \(CPA\) Security Characteristic Smart Metering –](#)
709 [Communications Hub](#)
- 710 A version of the document entitled ‘Commercial Product Assurance Security Characteristic
711 Smart Metering – Communications Hub’ that is identified in the Smart Energy Code as being
712 relevant to the version of GBCS used to meet the requirements of this version of CHTS.
- 713 [Communications Hub Function \(CHF\)](#)
- 714 The functionality in the CH specific to its operation as a bridge between the WAN Interface
715 and HAN interface.
- 716 [Communications Link](#)
- 717 The exchange of Commands, Responses, Alerts and other information between a system or
718 Device and another system or Device which is independent of the transport mechanism
719 used.
- 720 [Confidentiality](#)
- 721 The state of information, in transit or at rest, where there is assurance that it is not
722 accessible by Unauthorised parties through either unintentional means or otherwise.
- 723 [Consumer](#)
- 724 A person who lawfully resides at the Premises that is being Supplied.
- 725 [Consumption](#)
- 726 Gas Consumption or Electricity Consumption information.
- 727 [Consumption Register](#)
- 728 The information held on GSME as described at section 4 in the Smart Metering Equipment
729 Technical Specifications.
- 730 [Contact Details](#)
- 731 The information held on GSME as described at section 4 in the Smart Metering Equipment
732 Technical Specifications.
- 733 [Conversion Factor](#)
- 734 The value held on GSME as described at section 4 in the Smart Metering Equipment
735 Technical Specifications.
- 736 [Critical Command](#)
- 737 Those Commands which relate to Supply being affected, financial fraud or the compromise
738 of the security of Devices in Consumer Premises.
- 739 [Cryptographic Algorithm](#)
- 740 An algorithm for performing one or more cryptographic functions which may include:
741 Encryption, Decryption, Digital Signing or Hashing of information, data, or messages; or
742 exchange of Security Credentials.
- 743 [Currency Units](#)
- 744 The units of monetary value in major and minor units.
- 745 [Customer Identification Number](#)
- 746 The information held on GSME as described at section 4 in the Smart Metering Equipment
747 Technical Specifications.
- 748 [Data and Communications Company](#)

749 The holder of the licence for the provision of a smart meter communication service granted
750 pursuant to section 6(1A) of the Electricity Act 1989 or section 7AB(2) of the Gas Act 1986.

751 [Data Integrity](#)

752 The state of data where there is assurance that it has not been altered by Unauthorised
753 parties.

754 [Data Store](#)

755 An area of the CH capable of storing information for future retrieval.

756 [Day](#)

757 The period commencing 00:00:00 Local Time and ending at the next 00:00:00.

758 [Debt Recovery per Payment](#)

759 The information held on GSME as described at section 4 in the Smart Metering Equipment
760 Technical Specifications.

761 [Debt Recovery Rates \[1 ... 2\]](#)

762 The information held on GSME as described at section 4 in the Smart Metering Equipment
763 Technical Specifications.

764 [Debt Recovery Rate Cap](#)

765 The information held on GSME as described at section 4 in the Smart Metering Equipment
766 Technical Specifications.

767 [Debt to Clear](#)

768 The information held on GSME as described at section 4 in the Smart Metering Equipment
769 Technical Specifications.

770 [Decryption](#)

771 The process of converting Encrypted information by an Authorised party to recover the
772 original information and like terms shall be construed accordingly.

773 [Device](#)

774 GSME, ESME, a GPF, a CHF, a Type 1 Device or a Type 2 Device.

775 [Device Commissioning Alert](#)

776 An Alert sent by a Device as part of the process of bringing that Device into operation.

777 [Digital Signature](#)

778 The information appended to a message which is created using the sender's Private Key,
779 can be verified using the Public Key contained in the sender's Certificate and provides the
780 receiver with assurance that the sender is who they claim to be, the message is as sent by
781 the sender and that the sender sent the message.

782 [Digital Signing](#)

783 The creation of a Digital Signature.

784 [Disablement Threshold](#)

785 The information held on GSME as described at section 4 in the Smart Metering Equipment
786 Technical Specifications.

787 [Electricity Consumption](#)

788 As described at section 5 in the Smart Metering Equipment Technical Specifications.

789 [Elliptic Curve DSA](#)

- 790 The Elliptic Curve Digital Signature Algorithm forming part of the NSA Suite B standard (see
791 <http://nvlpubs.nist.gov/nistpubs/FIPS/NIST.FIPS.186-4.pdf>).
- 792 **Elliptic Curve DH**
- 793 The Elliptic Curve Diffie–Hellman Algorithm (see
794 <http://nvlpubs.nist.gov/nistpubs/SpecialPublications/NIST.SP.800-56Ar2.pdf>).
- 795 **Emergency Credit Balance**
- 796 The information held on GSME as described at section 4 in the Smart Metering Equipment
797 Technical Specifications.
- 798 **Emergency Credit Limit**
- 799 The information held on GSME as described at section 4 in the Smart Metering Equipment
800 Technical Specifications.
- 801 **Emergency Credit Threshold**
- 802 The information held on GSME as described at section 4 in the Smart Metering Equipment
803 Technical Specifications.
- 804 **Encryption**
- 805 The process of converting information in order to make it unintelligible other than to
806 Authorised parties and like terms shall be construed accordingly.
- 807 **Energy Consumption**
- 808 The amount of gas in kWh Supplied to the Premises.
- 809 **ESME**
- 810 Electricity Smart Metering Equipment as described in the SMETS.
- 811 **Firmware**
- 812 The embedded Software programmes and / or data structures that control Devices.
- 813 **Gas Consumption**
- 814 The volume of gas in cubic metres (m³) Supplied to the Premises and “Consumed” shall be
815 construed accordingly.
- 816 **Gas Proxy Function (GPF)**
- 817 The functionality in the CH specific to its operation as a store of GSME data and associated
818 data.
- 819 **Great Britain Companion Specification**
- 820 A version of the document entitled ‘Great Britain Companion Specification’ that is identified
821 in the Smart Energy Code as being relevant to this version of CHTS.
- 822 **GSME**
- 823 Gas Smart Metering Equipment as described in the SMETS.
- 824 **GSME Activate Emergency Credit Command**
- 825 A Command to activate Emergency Credit as described at section 4 in the Smart Metering
826 Equipment Technical Specifications.
- 827 **GSME Add Credit Command**
- 828 A Command to accept credit to be applied to GSME as described at section 4 in the Smart
829 Metering Equipment Technical Specifications.
- 830 **GSME Billing Data Log**

- 831 The data held on GSME as described at section 4 in the Smart Metering Equipment
832 Technical Specifications.
- 833 [GSME Calorific Value](#)
- 834 The data held on GSME as described at section 4 in the Smart Metering Equipment
835 Technical Specifications.
- 836 [GSME Configuration Data](#)
- 837 The data held on GSME as described at section 4 in the Smart Metering Equipment
838 Technical Specifications.
- 839 [GSME Consumption Register](#)
- 840 The data held on GSME as described at section 4 in the Smart Metering Equipment
841 Technical Specifications
- 842 [GSME Constant Data](#)
- 843 The data held on GSME as described at section 4 in the Smart Metering Equipment
844 Technical Specifications.
- 845 [GSME Conversion Factor](#)
- 846 The data held on GSME as described at section 4 in the Smart Metering Equipment
847 Technical Specifications.
- 848 [GSME Cumulative and Historical Value Store](#)
- 849 The data held on GSME as described at section 4 in the Smart Metering Equipment
850 Technical Specifications.
- 851 [GSME Cumulative Current Day Value Store](#)
- 852 The data held on GSME as described at section 4 in the Smart Metering Equipment
853 Technical Specifications.
- 854 [GSME Operational Data](#)
- 855 The information held on GSME as described at section 4 in the Smart Metering Equipment
856 Technical Specifications.
- 857 [GSME Profile Data Log](#)
- 858 The information held on GSME as described at section 4 in the Smart Metering Equipment
859 Technical Specifications.
- 860 [GSME Tariff Block Counter Matrix](#)
- 861 The information held on GSME as described at section 4 in the Smart Metering Equipment
862 Technical Specifications.
- 863 [GSME Tariff TOU Register Matrix](#)
- 864 The information held on GSME as described at section 4 in the Smart Metering Equipment
865 Technical Specifications.
- 866 [Hashing](#)
- 867 A repeatable process to create a fixed size and condensed representation of a message of
868 any arbitrary data. Hash and like terms shall be construed accordingly.
- 869 [Home Area Network Interface \(HAN Interface\)](#)
- 870 A component of the CH that is capable of sending and receiving information to and from
871 other Devices.
- 872 [Inter-PAN](#)

- 873 A lower-layer communications mechanism.
- 874 [Intimate Physical Interface](#)
- 875 A standardised interface defined by the Data and Communications Company, which includes
876 provision for the DC power supply to the CH.
- 877 [Key](#)
- 878 Data used to determine the output of a cryptographic operation.
- 879 [Key Agreement](#)
- 880 A means to calculate a shared Key between two parties.
- 881 [Local Time](#)
- 882 The UTC date and time adjusted for British Summer Time.
- 883 [Low Credit Threshold](#)
- 884 The information held on GSME as described at section 4 in the Smart Metering Equipment
885 Technical Specifications.
- 886 [Message Authentication](#)
- 887 The process by which the receiver of a message is provided with assurance that the sender
888 is who they claim to be and that the message is in the form originally sent.
- 889 [Meter Balance](#)
- 890 The information held on GSME as described at section 4 in the Smart Metering Equipment
891 Technical Specifications.
- 892 [Meter Point Reference Number \(MPRN\)](#)
- 893 The information held on GSME as described at section 4 in the Smart Metering Equipment
894 Technical Specifications.
- 895 [Non-Disablement Calendar](#)
- 896 The information held on GSME as described at section 4 in the Smart Metering Equipment
897 Technical Specifications.
- 898 [Outcome](#)
- 899 The result of executing a Command, expressed as success or failure.
- 900 [Payment Debt Register](#)
- 901 The information held on GSME as described at section 4 in the Smart Metering Equipment
902 Technical Specifications.
- 903 [Payment Mode](#)
- 904 The information held on GSME as described at section 4 in the Smart Metering Equipment
905 Technical Specifications.
- 906 [Personal Data](#)
- 907 Any information comprising Personal Data as such term is defined in the Data Protection Act
908 1998 at the date the CHTS is brought into force.
- 909 [Premises](#)
- 910 The premises which is Supplied.
- 911 [Price](#)

- 912 The value held on GSME as described at section 4 in the Smart Metering Equipment
913 Technical Specifications.
- 914 **Private Key**
- 915 The key in a Public-Private Key Pair which must be kept secure by the entity to which it
916 relates.
- 917 **Profile Data Log**
- 918 The information held on GSME as described at section 4 in the Smart Metering Equipment
919 Technical Specifications.
- 920 **Public Key**
- 921 The key in a Public-Private Key Pair which can be distributed to other parties.
- 922 **Public-Private Key Pair**
- 923 Two mathematically related numbers that are used in Cryptographic Algorithms.
- 924 **Random Number Generator**
- 925 A component used to generate a sequence of numbers or symbols that lack any predictable
926 pattern.
- 927 **Replay Attack**
- 928 A form of attack on a Communications Link in which a valid information transmission is
929 repeated through interception and retransmission.
- 930 **Response**
- 931 Sent on, or received from the User Interface or HAN Interface or any other interface
932 containing information in response to a Command.
- 933 **Role**
- 934 The entitlement of a party to execute one or more Commands.
- 935 **Secure Perimeter**
- 936 A physical border surrounding the CH.
- 937 **Security Credentials**
- 938 Information used to identify and / or Authenticate a Device, party or system.
- 939 **Sensitive Event**
- 940 Each of the following events:
- 941 i. a failed Authentication or Authorisation; and
942 ii. a change in the executing Firmware version.
- 943 **SHA-256**
- 944 The Hashing algorithm of that name approved by the NIST (see
945 http://csrc.nist.gov/groups/ST/toolkit/secure_hashing.html).
- 946 **Smart Energy Code**
- 947 The document of that name, as designated by the Secretary of State under Condition 22 of
948 the DCC Licence.
- 949 **Smart Metering Equipment Technical Specifications (SMETS)**
- 950 Smart Metering Equipment Technical Specifications version 2.0 Schedule 9 of the Smart
951 Energy Code.

- 952 [Smart Metering Home Area Network](#)
- 953 A communications network allowing the exchange of information between Devices.
- 954 [Software](#)
- 955 The software programmes and / or data structures that control the GPF.
- 956 [Standing Charge](#)
- 957 The value held on GSME as described at section 4 in the Smart Metering Equipment
958 Technical Specifications.
- 959 [Supplier Message](#)
- 960 The information held on GSME as described at section 4 in the Smart Metering Equipment
961 Technical Specifications.
- 962 [Supply](#)
- 963 The supply of gas to Premises for GSME and ‘Supplied’ shall be construed accordingly.
- 964 [Supply State](#)
- 965 The information held on GSME as described at section 4 in the Smart Metering Equipment
966 Technical Specifications.
- 967 [Tariff Block Counter Matrix](#)
- 968 The matrix held on GSME as described at section 4 in the Smart Metering Equipment
969 Technical Specifications.
- 970 [Tariff Switching Table](#)
- 971 The information held on GSME as described at section 4 in the Smart Metering Equipment
972 Technical Specifications.
- 973 [Tariff Threshold Matrix](#)
- 974 The information held on GSME as described at section 4 in the Smart Metering Equipment
975 Technical Specifications.
- 976 [Tariff TOU Price Matrix](#)
- 977 The matrix held on GSME as described at section 4 in the Smart Metering Equipment
978 Technical Specifications.
- 979 [Tariff TOU Register Matrix](#)
- 980 The matrix held on GSME as described at section 4 in the Smart Metering Equipment
981 Technical Specifications.
- 982 [Time Debt Registers \[1 ... 2\]](#)
- 983 The information held on GSME as described at section 4 in the Smart Metering Equipment
984 Technical Specifications.
- 985 [Transactional Atomicity](#)
- 986 The type and order of the constituent parts of a Command.
- 987 [Trusted Source](#)
- 988 A source whose identity is confidentially and reliably validated.
- 989 [Type 1 Device](#)
- 990 A Device, other than GSME, ESME, Communications Hub Function or Gas Proxy Function,
991 that stores and uses the Security Credentials of other Devices for the purposes of
992 communicating with them via its HAN Interface.

- 993 [Type 2 Device](#)
- 994 A Device that does not store or use the Security Credentials of other Devices for the
995 purposes of communicating with them via its HAN Interface.
- 996 [Unauthorised](#)
- 997 Not Authorised.
- 998 [Unauthorised Physical Access](#)
- 999 Unauthorised access to the internal components of the CH through its Secure Perimeter.
- 1000 [UTC](#)
- 1001 Coordinated Universal Time.
- 1002 [Wide Area Network \(WAN\) Interface](#)
- 1003 A component of CH that is capable of sending and receiving information via the Wide Area
1004 Network Provider.
- 1005 [Wide Area Network Provider](#)
- 1006 The organisation providing communications over the WAN Interface.
- 1007 [Week](#)
- 1008 The seven day period commencing 00:00:00 Monday Local Time and ending at 00:00:00 on
1009 the immediately following Monday.
- 1010 [ZigBee Smart Energy Profile \(SEP\)](#)
- 1011 The version of the document of that name identified in GBCS.

