

SMART ENERGY CODE COMPANY LIMITED Company Number 08430267

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020



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Director
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Director
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SMART ENERGY CODE COMPANY LIMITED CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

This Smart Energy Code Company (SECCo) Annual Report covers the period from April 2019 to March 2020.

This period has seen further development of the Smart Energy Code (SEC) arrangements and takeup of Data Communications Company (DCC) services by industry. The SEC Panel continues to monitor the challenges and issues that have arisen as Parties adapt to increased utilisation of the DCC systems, through its various Sub-Committees and Smart Energy Code and Secretariat (SECAS). Of particular focus has been the development and implementation of a Digitalisation strategy.

By the end of March 2020, there were 333 Parties to the Code representing 263 Voting Groups. During the year, 21 Parties acceded to the SEC, 60 Parties went through the User Entry Process and 95 Parties underwent Security Assessments.

With increased experience, Parties have requested further adaptations to the Code, with 52 new Modification Proposals being raised, and 18 implemented. In total there were 19 versions of the SEC designated.

As part of the Digitalisation strategy, CodeWorks, a digital version of the SEC was launched, allowing Parties to more easily engage with information relevant to them. Over 330 SEC Parties have so far registered.

Small Supplier Engagement calls were introduced to communicate relevant updates from SEC Panel meetings, SECAS facilitated industry workshops to further refine Supplier of Last Resort processes, and five successful tailored Party Engagement events were held.

A total of 160 Panel and Sub-Committee meetings were held driven by the need to facilitate key decision points for the DCC, the identification of high-profile operational issues, and the transition of Commercial Product Assurance (CPA) responsibilities to the SSC.

The Testing Advisory Group (TAG), SSC and Operations Sub-Group (OPSG) held several extraordinary meetings to support recommendations to the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) on the migration of Smart Metering Equipment Technical Specifications (SMETS)1 Device Model Combinations (DMCs).

The TAG approved System Integration Testing (SIT) Exit for Release 2.0 and SMETS1 Initial and Middle Operating Capability including oversight of migration and system capacity testing, and reviews of the Testing Depth, Breadth and Regression documents. The TAG oversaw SIT for the November 2019 Release and developed a risk mitigation approach for testing environment congestion for use with November 2019 and June 2020 SEC Releases.

The OPSG continued to explore improvements to the SEC Performance measures, initiating and overseeing the Operational Metrics Review Project to focus on making them more reflective of User requirements.



SMART ENERGY CODE COMPANY LIMITED CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT (continued)

The main focus of the Testing Architecture and Business Architecture Sub Committee (TABASC) was providing input and support to ensuring the integrity of the technical and business architecture underpinning the smart metering systems. This included supporting activities associated with the enrolment of SMETS1 Devices on the DCC Systems and assessing Modification Proposals that could be impacting. Another key focus area has been providing input into DCC proposals and activities, specifically providing feedback on the evolution of the Ecosystem and Communication Hubs (CH) approach to dealing with the retirement of the 2G/3G network.

As part of the transferred responsibility from BEIS, the SSC removed the first Devices with expired certificates from the Central Products List (CPL), hosted three CPA Industry days and initiated a review of CPA Security Characteristics Threat Mapping. SSC completed a review of the Security Architecture Document and the Mitigation of Risks of Internet Connected Devices project; and continued to work with the User CIO to improve security assessment guidance and procedures, including the launch of a virtual assessment model.

The Smart Metering Key Infrastructure Policy Management Authority (SMKI PMA) continued to support the SEC Panel in the operational elements of SMKI PMA.

Throughout the year, SECAS has continued to provide support to the SEC Panel and the Sub-Committees in its operations. SECAS has strengthened the team with additional resources required to support the increased activity levels linked to live operations. SECAS report to the Panel and the SECCo Board on a monthly basis via the Operations and Management Report, which sets out the activities undertaken within the reporting period and the associated costs. The Panel and Board are also provided with quarterly work packages for approval, in advance of activities being undertaken to ensure full control of costs. These work packages are recommended for approval by the respective Sub-Committees.

The SECCo Board continues to oversee and maintain several contractual arrangements, including those with the Independent Chairs for the relevant Sub-committees, Independent specialists, the User CIO/IPA, and legal advisors.

In April 2019, the Panel agreed its annual budget of £7.754m for the year to 31 March 2020. The total billings made were £8.294m and have been recognised as turnover in the year. This included income from the accession fees as well as pass-through costs for the Security Assessments attributable to specific Parties. All work undertaken on behalf of SECCo is within budget. The unused amount that has been credited to DCC in March 2020 was £0.654m.



SMART ENERGY CODE COMPANY LIMITED CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT (continued)

COVID-19

Although the COVID-19 pandemic continues to have an unprecedented impact around the world, to date there has been minimal disruption to SECCo activities. This is primarily driven by the existing familiarity with well-established remote working practices, together with the utilisation of existing systems and IT.

Due to the nature of the obligations of SEC Party members and the availability of funds through DCC funding mechanism, there is not considered to be any impact on the company's status as a ing concern. Operationally, given the government advice in March and the consequent successful nsition to fully remote working there is a high degree of confidence that any emerging COVID-19 ated issues will be successfully overcome.

Peter Davies

Director & Chairman

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19 June 2020



SMART ENERGY CODE COMPANY LIMITED DIRECTORS' REPORT

INTRODUCTION

The Directors present their report on the affairs of the Company, together with the financial statements and auditor's report, for the year ended 31 March 2020.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

SECCo was established on behalf of Parties to the Smart Energy Code (SEC) in order to assist the SEC Panel in meeting its responsibilities to ensure that the objectives of the SEC are achieved. The SEC is the legal agreement that sets out the rights and obligations between the holder of the DCC Licence¹ and the organisations that wish to use the services that the DCC provides. This is a multiparty framework for Great Britain, comprising the DCC licensee and organisations that hold energy licences (Electricity Suppliers, Gas Suppliers, Electricity Distribution Businesses and Gas Network Operators); as well as other businesses engaged in commercial activities connected with the supply of energy.

The Company operates as the corporate vehicle that assists the SEC Panel in the exercise of its functions and powers, including entering into contracts with third party providers.

The running costs and expenses of the Company are met by the DCC in accordance with the provisions of the SEC (Section C8.1). The principal contract SECCo holds is with Gemserv Limited for the provision of the code administration and secretariat services.

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The Company is run on a 'break-even' basis. The Company therefore makes neither a profit nor a loss, with any surplus being offset with amounts due from the DCC, in the following financial year. The Directors do not intend to declare a dividend.

SHARE ISSUES

All parties that accede to the SEC are offered the option to become a shareholder in SECCo Limited. 17 new shares were issued during the year. The total number of shareholders increased from 292 to 309 in the year.

REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The Company was incorporated in March 2013 and over the last year has focused on ensuring the appropriate contractual arrangements are in place to ensure the SEC requirements are effectively and efficiently delivered. This has included working with the Independent Chairs in place for a number of the Sub-Committees and maintaining oversight of the User Competent Independent Organisation.

¹ Granted under section 6(1A) of the Electricity Act and section 7AB(2) of the Gas Act



SMART ENERGY CODE COMPANY LIMITED DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)

DIRECTORS

The Directors who served during the year were as follows:

DATE OF APPOINTMENT	DATE OF RESIGNATION
14.02.14	-
23.09.14	-
23.09.13	-
23.09.18	-
23.09.17	-
23.09.17	23.09.19
23.09.17	23.09.19
23.09.17	-
09.11.18	-
12.04.19	-
24.09.19	-
24.09.19	-
23.09.19	-
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PAYMENT OF COMMERCIAL DEBTS

The Company maintains a policy of paying its suppliers in accordance with agreed credit terms.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Company believes in complying with the principles of good corporate governance and this statement describes how these principles have been applied.

Directors

The Directors supervise the management of the company. The Board meets frequently throughout the year and Directors may attend in person or by teleconference. The Board has reserved certain items for its review and approval, including the annual accounts, significant capital expenditure and services agreements. The annual budget is approved by the Board members sitting as the SEC Panel in consultation with all the SEC Parties. Other than the independent Chairman all Directors are representative of SEC Parties and accordingly are not remunerated apart from reimbursement of expenses.



SMART ENERGY CODE COMPANY LIMITED DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)

Internal Financial Controls

The Company has established a system of internal financial control which is designed to provide reasonable but not absolute assurance that the company's assets are safeguarded from misstatement or loss. The key procedures are:

1 Control environment

There are clear responsibilities and accountabilities within a defined organisational structure.

2 Control procedures

There are comprehensive policies and procedures which cover authorisation, recording of data and physical security, along with segregation of duty procedures that are in line with companies of this size and complexity.

3 Information and financial reporting systems

There are planning procedures in place, which include detailed operational budgets for the year ahead. These budgets are approved by the Board and actual results are monitored regularly in comparison with budgets and forecasts.

AUDITORS

Grant Thornton have resigned as auditors on the 20th of April 2020. RSM UK Audit LLP have been appointed as auditors on the 20th of April 2020.

RSM UK Audit LLP will be re-appointed as auditors of Smart Energy Code Company Limited. A resolution proposing their re-appointment will be put forward at a General Meeting.



SMART ENERGY CODE COMPANY LIMITED DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law, including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs and profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The directors confirm that:

- so far as each director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware; and
- the directors have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

In preparing this report, the directors have taken advantage of the small companies exemption provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

Director

19 June 2020

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INDEPENENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SMART ENERGY CODE COMPANY LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Smart Energy Code Company Limited (the 'company') for the year ended 31 March 2020 which comprise the income statement, the statement of financial position and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 March 2020 and of its result for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the directors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SMART ENERGY CODE COMPANY LIMITED (continued)

Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SMART ENERGY CODE COMPANY LIMITED (continued)

Responsibilities of directors for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement set out on page 9, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of Our Report

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Malcolm Pirouet [Senior Statutory Auditor] for and on behalf of RSM UK Audit LLP, Statutory Auditor Chartered Accountants 25 Farringdon Street, London, EC4A 4AB 19 June 2020



SMART ENERGY CODE COMPANY LIMITED INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

	NOTE	2020 £'000	<u>2019</u> £'000
TURNOVER	1	8,294	6,589
Administrative Expenses		(8,294)	(6,589)
PROFIT/LOSS BEFORE TAXATION		-	-
Tax on profit/loss on ordinary activities	4	-	-
RESULT FOR THE YEAR			

All amounts relate to continuing operations.

The notes on pages 16 to 18 form part of these financial statements.



SMART ENERGY CODE COMPANY LIMITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AT 31 MARCH 2020

	NOTES	2020 £'000	<u>2019</u> £'000
FIXED ASSETS			
Property, Plant & Equipment CURRENT ASSETS	5	-	-
Debtors falling due within one year	6	315	1,204
Cash at bank and in hand		1,173	1,449
		4 400	0.050
OPERITORS		1,488	2,653
CREDITORS	_	(4.400)	(0.050)
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(1,488)	(2,653)
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
TOTAL ASSETS LESS LIABILITIES			
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CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Share capital	8	-	-
Profit and loss account		-	-
EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS			_

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and in accordance with FRS 102 Section 1A. The financial statements were approved by the Board on 19th July 2020 and signed on its behalf by:

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Peter Davies Director & Chairman Company Number 08430267

The notes on pages 16 to 18 form part of these financial statements.



SMART ENERGY CODE COMPANY LIMITED NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

1 COMPANY INFORMATION AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Smart Energy Code Company Limited (the Company) is a private company, limited by shares, domiciled in England and Wales. The registered office is 8 Fenchurch Place, London, EC3M 4AJ.

(A) BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland including Section 1A.

A summary of the principal accounting policies, all of which have been applied consistently throughout the year are set out below:

(B) GOING CONCERN

The shareholders receive income for the Company in accordance with the provisions of the SEC and the Company operates with the intention of breaking even. Having considered potential impacts of COVID-19, the directors are of the view that the company will have adequate resources to continue to operate and remain in existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they have adopted the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

(C) TURNOVER

Turnover represents the amount chargeable for the year to SEC Parties under the terms of the SEC agreement. Turnover is stated net of value added tax.

(D) EXPENSES

Expenses are recognised as incurred and are measured net of value added tax.

(E) FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The company only enters into basic financial instrument transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other debtors and creditors. Both are measured at amortised cost.

2 PROFIT/LOSS BEFORE TAXATION

The profit/loss before taxation is stated after charging:

	2020	2019
	£'000	£'000
Auditor's remuneration		
 Audit services 	6	6
Tax services	1	1



SMART ENERGY CODE COMPANY LIMITED NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

3 DIRECTORS

The Company has one employee, who is also a director of the company. The average number of directors during the year was:

directors during the year was:		
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
,	11	10
The total amount of Directors' remuneration was £153k (2019: £146k), this v of £129k and national insurance of £24k.	vas made up of	f a salary
4 TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES		
Analysis of charge for the year	2020 £'000	2019 £'000
Current tax: Corporation tax on profit for the year	-	_
Total current tax charge		
5 FIXED ASSETS		
	£'000	
Cost As at 1 April 2019 Additions	2 -	
As at 31 March 2020	2	
Depreciation		
As at 1 April 2019	2	
Charge for the Year	-	
As at 31 March 2020	2	
Net book value	-	



SMART ENERGY CODE COMPANY LIMITED NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

6 DEBTORS

	2020 £'000	2019 £'000
Trade debtors	200	1,204
VAT recoverable	115	-
	315	1,204

As at 31 March 2020, "Trade debtors" includes receivables from DCC, an entity with which the company has a common director, amounting to £0.2m (2019: £1.2 million) arising from expenses incurred and recharged to DCC.

7 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

		2020 £'000	2019 £'000
	Trade creditors	829	1,053
	Other taxation and social security	6	6
	Accruals and deferred income	653	1,593
	VAT payable	-	1
	. ,	1,488	2,653
8	SHARE CAPITAL	2018 £	2019 £
	Authorised, Allotted 309 (2019: 292) Ordinary shares allotted during the year of £1 each	309	292

¹⁷ Ordinary shares of £1 each were issued at par during the year.

All parties that accede to the SEC are offered the option to become a shareholder in SECCo Limited.

9 PARENT COMPANY AND ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

There is no ultimate controlling party.