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

Dear Colleague,

**SMART METERING IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMME: DIRECTION TO RE-DESIGNATE
THE SMETS1 SUPPORTING REQUIREMENTS TO SUPPORT THE DCC SMETS1
SERVICE**

1. This letter constitutes the Government's response to a consultation undertaken by the Data Communications Company (DCC) on BEIS' behalf and a direction to re-designate SEC Appendix AM: SMETS1 Supporting Requirements (S1SR).
2. The S1SR describes supplementary rules for how DCC will process SMETS1 Service Requests and Service Reference Variants and includes the accommodation of behaviours that are specific to certain SMETS1 Device Models. It was first designated by the Secretary of State on 28 July 2019. The latest version in legal effect is version 5.0 which was designated on 24 November 2020.
3. Between 9 November 2020 and 20 November 2020, DCC ran a consultation on revisions to the S1SR to describe device specific behaviours for Initial Operating Capability (IOC) Aclara and Middle Operating Capability (MOC) Secure devices to define the configuration requirements specific to devices that are planned to be enrolled into the DCC's network.¹ DCC received four responses to its consultation. On 27 November 2020, DCC submitted an amended S1SR to BEIS for re-designation together with its consultation conclusions and copies of the four responses received from stakeholders².

¹ <https://www.smartdcc.co.uk/customer-hub/consultations/smets1-consultation-on-additional-changes-to-the-s1sr-for-aclara-and-moc-secure/>

² <https://www.smartdcc.co.uk/customer-hub/consultations/dcc-responses/smets1-conclusion-on-additional-changes-to-the-s1sr-for-aclara-and-moc-secure/>

S1SR Changes for IOC Aclara

4. DCC's proposed amendments to Clause 18 of the S1SR to describe device specific behaviours for IOC Aclara devices related to a workaround for devices with Auxiliary Load Control functionality. DCC received three responses to its proposal - all three respondents supported the proposal without further comment.

S1SR Changes for MOC Secure

5. With regards to proposed amendments to Clause 18 of the S1SR to describe device specific behaviours for MOC Secure devices, DCC received four responses. All four respondents supported DCC's proposal with one respondent stating that the proposed amendments provided additional clarity to the documentation.
6. Similarly, all respondents expressed support for DCC's proposed mappings of clauses in Clause 18 of the S1SR to the DMVES with one respondent asserting that the proposed amendments provide additional clarity to the documentation.

S1SR v6.0 Designation Date

7. DCC proposed a re-designation date for the S1SR of 4 December 2020 (or, if necessary, as soon as reasonably practicable within one month thereafter) for the updates to the S1SR. DCC received four responses for its proposed re-designation date – all of which supported DCC's proposed re-designation date of 4 December 2020.

Conclusion

8. I conclude that it is appropriate for the new version of S1SR (v6.0) to be designated on today's date as it appears at Annex A. A marked-up version of the document showing changes relative to the version previously in legal effect is provided at Annex B.

Direction

This direction is made for the purposes of the smart meter communication licences granted to Smart DCC Ltd under the Electricity Act 1989 and the Gas Act 1986 (such licences being the "DCC Licence") and the Smart Energy Code designated by the Secretary of State pursuant to the DCC Licence (such code being the "SEC").

Words and expressions used in this direction shall be interpreted in accordance with Section A (Definitions and Interpretation) of the SEC.

Pursuant to Condition 22 of the DCC Licence and Section X5 (Incorporation of Certain Documents into this Code) of the SEC, the Secretary of State directs that, with effect from 4 December 2020, the SMETS1 Supporting Requirements Document (S1SR) previously designated and incorporated into the SEC as Appendix AM of the SEC is hereby re-designated and incorporated in the form set out in Annex A of this direction.

For the avoidance of doubt, any re-designation of the S1SR shall be without prejudice to anything done under the DCC Licence or the SEC on or after the S1SR first being designated, or to the continuing effectiveness of anything done under the S1SR prior to its re-designation (which shall have effect as if done under the re-designated document).

This direction is also being notified to the SEC Administrator and an updated version of the SEC to reflect these changes will be available on the SEC website in due course.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D Stone', with a stylized flourish above the 'e'.

Duncan Stone

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(An official of the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy authorised to act on behalf of the Secretary of State)

Annexes (separate documents)

Annex A: SEC Appendix AM - SMETS1 Supporting Requirements Document (S1SR) v6.0

Annex B: SEC Appendix AM - SMETS1 Supporting Requirements Document (S1SR) v6.0 - marked up against v5.0 in legal effect