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

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Dear Colleague,

Smart Metering Implementation Programme: approval of the addition of SMETS1 Device Model Combinations to the Eligible Product Combination List for DCC SMETS1 services

On 30 June 2020 the DCC provided evidence on the Live Service Criteria for the addition of Device Model Combinations (DMCs) to the Eligible Product Combination List (EPCL) in relation to the SMETS1 Middle Operating Capability (MOC) for devices previously operated by Secure. DCC chose not to request the addition of the associated active EPCL entries at MOC (Secure) go-live on 14 August 2020 because of defects arising from user testing, but is now in a position to do so. The DCC's proposed EPCL entry is set out at **Annex A** and represents 3200 Secure SMETS1 meters.

Approval would enable the migration of these devices into the DCC system and the use of SMETS1 services by DCC Users. Migration of these devices will allow energy suppliers to bring back smart services for those customers who have lost them and enable them to retain services on Change of Supplier.

In determining whether to approve the addition of this entry to the EPCL, I have sought to gain sufficient confidence that the required functionality has been adequately tested and that appropriate operational support arrangements are in place, including the ability to support migration for these specific DMCs. I have received a range of evidence on these matters including:

- The DCC Live Service Criteria Report outlining the DCC recommendation to approve the addition of these DMCs to the EPCL and additional information provided as an update to the original Live Service Criteria;
- The previous recommendation from July by the SEC Panel that we proceed with approving the addition of these DMCs to the EPCL, drawing on advice from the Testing Advisory Group, Security Sub-Committee and the SEC Operations Group;
- Further evidence direct from the DCC including:
  - Updates on system stability regarding operation of the DCC Total System and in particular the stability of the Dual Control Organisation (DCO);

- Additional evidence regarding the completion of fixes deployed in the
  September maintenance release to address defects found in user testing; and
- The successful migration of dormant Secure SMETS1 meters following the first EPCL approval;
- Advice from my own Programme team in BEIS, including confirmation of regulatory readiness and confirmation that mitigating actions on residual risks are in place.

In respect of DCO system stability, I am assured by the scrutiny being given to this from DCC Operations and the positive trend on incidents. The DCC should continue to proceed with caution and keep all relevant stakeholders informed as suppliers migrate their active meters and the DCC manages its operations.

Having considered the range of evidence and recommendations from colleagues in the DCC and the SEC Panel, I see no reason not to proceed and have therefore decided to approve the addition of the DMCs outlined at Annex A to the EPCL, pursuant to clause 3.7 of the Transition and Migration Approach Document.

I know that further additions to the EPCL will be requested in the future and we look forward to receiving the evidence and recommendation for these in due course.

Thank you to all parties who have engaged with and supported this process.

Yours sincerely,

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## ANNEX A – Device Model Combination Requested for Eligible Product Combination List

Installation Type	Active
SMETS1 SMSO	Secure Meters
SMETS1 CSP	CSP 1 & 2
CH Manufacturer	Secure Meters
CH Model	Skyline i-510
CH F/W	C7A10001
CH Hardware	C7A10201
ESME Manufacturer	Secure Meters
ESME Model	Liberty 100 (with aux)
ESME Hardware	C0A10102
ESME F/W	C0A10001
GSME Manufacturer	Secure Meters
GSME Model	Liberty EG4v10/11
GSME Hardware	C4A10501
GSME F/W	C4A10001
PPMID Manufacturer	Secure Meters
PPMID Model	Pipit 500
PPMID Firmware	C6A20001

Table 1 – Device Model Combination requested for approval to Eligible Product Combination List