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

Dear Colleague,

**SMART METERING IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMME (SMIP) DIRECTION TO  
DESIGNATE FOR DCC LIVE IN THE NORTH REGION AND FOR CERTAIN USER  
ROLES THE DATE FROM WHICH RELEVANT THE SMART ENERGY CODE  
(SEC) PROVISIONS HAVE LEGAL EFFECT**

**Introduction**

1. Our DCC Live direction letter of 8 November 2016 did not require the DCC to provide live services in the North Region and to certain User Roles (Registered Supplier Agents and Other Users) as a result of its state of readiness in respect of those services at the time.
2. Further to today's decision by the SMIP SRO to require the DCC to provide the outstanding services described above from today's date,<sup>1</sup> the direction below removes certain transitional variations such that the relevant SEC Sections, Subsidiary Documents and Schedules governing these outstanding services take effect from today's date.
3. The SMIP SRO's decision letter also notes that the Large Supplier User Mandate and Supplier User Mandate dates will be moved to 25 May 2017 and 25 November 2017 respectively now that DCC Live (Release 1.2) has been implemented, and in line with previously concluded policy on how these dates would be set.<sup>2</sup> The direction below gives effect to these new dates.

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<sup>1</sup> SMIP SRO letter of 25 November 2016.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/smart-metering-rollout-strategy> and <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/a-consultation-on-new-smart-energy-code-content-and-related-licence-amendments>

## **Direction and designation**

### SEC Activation for North Region and RSA/OU User Roles

This direction is made for the purposes of the smart meter communication licences granted 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 section shall be interpreted in accordance with Section A (Definitions and Interpretation) of the SEC.

Pursuant to Section X3.7 (Provisions to be Effective Subject to Variations) of the SEC, the Secretary of State hereby designates 25 November 2016 as the date on which variations (a), (b) and (c) to the DCC User Interface Services Schedule set out in the Secretary of State's direction of 8 November 2016 shall cease to apply.

### User Mandate Dates

This direction is made for the purposes of the electricity supply licences under the Electricity Act 1989 and the gas supply licences under the Gas Act 1986.

This section relates to the Smart Energy Code (as defined in the supply licences) and concerns the date by which licensees must become a DCC User (as defined in the relevant standard licence condition of the supply licences).

1. Under standard licence condition 48.6 of the electricity supply licences, the Secretary of State hereby directs that the specified date shall be 25 May 2017.
2. Under standard licence condition 48.8(b) of the electricity supply licences, the Secretary of State hereby directs that the specified date shall be 25 November 2017.
3. Under standard licence condition 42.6 of the gas supply licences, the Secretary of State hereby directs that the specified date shall be 25 May 2017.
4. Under standard licence condition 42.8(b) of the gas supply licences, the Secretary of State hereby directs that the specified date shall be 25 November 2017.

This direction is also being notified to the SEC Administrator and will be available on the SEC website in due course.



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