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

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## **SMART METERING IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMME DIRECTION TO EXTEND THE TRANSITIONAL VARIATIONS TO SECTION H8.16 (SELF-SERVICE INTERFACE) TO 2 NOVEMBER 2017**

Dear Colleague,

1. On 24 May 2017, the SEC Panel launched a consultation seeking views on DCC's proposal to extend the end-date for the currently active transitional variation to SEC Section H8.16 (Self-Service Interface) from 30 June to 2 November 2017 (or such later date as the Secretary of State may direct).<sup>1</sup> The transitional variation was initially provided at DCC Live as a result of DCC not being able to meet the requirements.<sup>2</sup> The SEC Panel collated the responses to this consultation and submitted them to BEIS to inform the decision of whether or not to extend this transitional variation.

### **Government response to consultation comments**

2. Six responses to this consultation were received (3 Large Suppliers and 3 Network Operators). Even though they expressed disappointment with the delay, five respondents agreed with the proposal and one Network Operator neither agreed nor disagreed.
3. Two respondents sought clarification as to the process by which the DCC will

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.smartenergycodecompany.co.uk/docs/default-source/release-management/consultation-on-change-to-self-service-interface-transition-variation-end-date.pdf?sfvrsn=4>

<sup>2</sup> The transitional variation was originally directed on 8 November 2016:  
<https://www.smartenergycodecompany.co.uk/docs/default-source/sec-documents/sec-5.0/20161108-dcc-live-direction---final.pdf?sfvrsn=2>

make available the relevant information via a secure electronic means. DCC will be able to provide such clarification directly.

4. On 28 June 2017 we received confirmation from DCC that it is confident that it will be able to implement the changes by 2 November 2017.
5. Based on the responses received, we have decided to extend the variation end-date from 30 June 2017 to 2 November 2017.

### **Direction and designation**

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

On 8 November 2016, the Secretary of State directed that Section H8.16 (Self-Service Interface) of the SEC was to have effect subject to certain variations and designated 30 June 2017 (or such later date as the Secretary of State may direct) as the date on and from which those variations shall cease to apply. The Secretary of State hereby directs that those variations shall now cease to apply on 2 November 2017 (or such later date as the Secretary of State may direct).

This direction is also being notified to the SEC Administrator.

Yours faithfully



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