



13<sup>th</sup> February 2014

TO: All SEC Parties and SEC Panel Members via email

**SMART ENERGY CODE - DIRECTION MODIFYING THE DURATION OF THE VARIATIONS TO THE APPLICATION OF SECTION E AND SECTION J UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION X**

In my letter of 17<sup>th</sup> January 2014 (copy attached) DECC sought views on whether the sunset provisions in Section X2.4 (b) and Section X2.6(a) of the Smart Energy Code should be extended until the end of September 2015 to allow the DCC to continue to use interim data.

DECC received eight responses which were all supportive of the proposal. These responses agreed with DECC's view that the additional expenditure required to amend the current aggregate reporting does not appear justified given the very minor improvement it would provide to the precision of cost allocation.

Two respondents expressed a view that this extension should not set a precedent for the amendment of milestones and obligations more widely and DECC agrees with this position.

Having considered this matter, and the views expressed by respondents, DECC is agreeable to the request from Smart DCC to extend the sunset provision further.

Consequently the Secretary of State hereby directs that the relevant sunset provisions should be amended as follows:

- 1) the date in Section X2.4 (b) which the Secretary of State has already changed by direction to January 2014, is further changed to 15th of September 2015; and
- 2) the month in Section X2.6 (a) which the Secretary of State has already changed by direction to January 2014, is further changed to September 2015.

This direction is also being notified to the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority and to the Smart Energy Code Administrator.

Yours faithfully

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