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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 TRANSITION AND MIGRATION APPROACH DOCUMENT WITHIN THE SMART ENERGY CODE TO SUPPORT DCC'S SMETS1 SERVICE

1. This letter constitutes the Government's response to a consultation undertaken by the Data Communications Company (DCC) on behalf of Government, and a direction to re-designate the SMETS1 Transition and Migration Approach Document (TMAD) to support the enrolment of first-generation smart meter devices (SMETS1) in the national smart meter communications network managed by DCC.

2. The detailed technical and procedural requirements of the migration approach for SMETS1 Installations are set out in TMAD. The current TMAD (version 12.0) covers requirements for the Initial Operating Capability (IOC), Middle Operating Capability (MOC) and Final Operating Capability (FOC) for SMETS1 Services. It was first incorporated into the Smart Energy Code (SEC) as Appendix AL by the Secretary of State on 14 February 2019.

3. Between 5 February and 26 February 2021, DCC issued a consultation on the TMAD[1] to provide incremental improvements through changes to the regulatory documents and DCC's technical solution in support of SMETS1 FOC installation migrations into DCC's network. This included changes to DCC's code packaged as "Uplift 2.0" and "Uplift 2.1". The TMAD was de-designated on 23 March 2021 in support of Uplift 2.0.

4. In its consultation of 23 April 2021[2], DCC sought views on a proposed new re-designation date for a version of TMAD to support Uplift 2.1 of 20 July 2021 (or, if necessary, as soon reasonably practicable within one month thereafter). Three respondents provided a response to this question. All of whom supported DCC's proposed re-designation date. BEIS therefore will look to re-designate the TMAD at a later date in support of Uplift 2.1.

[1] https://www.smartdcc.co.uk/customer-hub/consultations/changes-to-the-smets1-supporting-requirements-document-for-the-uplift-20-foc/
[2] https://www.smartdcc.co.uk/customer-hub/consultations/dcc-consultation-on-the-date-for-re-designation-of-the-tmad-covering-smets1-foc-uplift-21-and-one-housekeeping-change/

5. In the same consultation (of 23 April), DCC proposed an update to the TMAD to reflect DCC's contract with Secure SMSO Limited (company number 10611361) moving to Secure Meters (UK) Limited (company number 02199653). DCC proposed a re-designation date of 28 May 2020 (or, if necessary, as soon as reasonably practicable within one month thereafter) for the updates related to the contractual update to take effect. Three respondents also provided a response to this question and agreed that the proposed re-designation date was appropriate. One respondent commented that regardless of how the small the change, they would expect to see the draft version of the TMAD with tracked changes accompanying the consultation, which we would ask DCC to note for future consultations.

6. We conclude that it is appropriate for a new version of the TMAD to be designated on 14 June, incorporating the change described in paragraph 5, as it appears at Annex A. A marked-up version of the TMAD showing changes relative to the version previously in legal effect is 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 14 June 2021 the SMETS1 Transition Migration Approach Document (TMAD), previously designated and incorporated into the SEC as Appendix AL, is hereby re-designated and incorporated in the form set out at Annex A of this direction.

For the avoidance of doubt, any re-designation of the TMAD shall be without prejudice to anything done under the DCC Licence or the SEC on or after this document first being designated, or to the continuing effectiveness of anything done under this document 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,

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Annexes (separate documents)

Annex A: SEC Appendix AL – Transition Migration Approach Document (TMAD) v13.0 – clean

Annex B: SEC Appendix AL – Transition Migration Approach Document (TMAD) v13.0 – marked up against v12.0