

2 July 2021

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

Dear Colleague,

**SMART METERING IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMME: GOVERNMENT DIRECTION TO
RE-DESIGNATE THE SMETS1 TRANSITION AND MIGRATION APPROACH DOCUMENT
WITHIN THE SMART ENERGY CODE TO SUPPORT THE DCC SMETS1 SERVICE**

1. This letter constitutes the Government's response to a consultation undertaken by the Data Communications Company (DCC) on BEIS' behalf 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 are set out in the SMETS1 TMAD. It was first incorporated into the Smart Energy Code (SEC) as Appendix AL by the Secretary of State on 14 February 2019 and has been updated on various occasions since, most recent with version AL 13.0 on 14 June 2021.
3. Between 20 May and 10 June 2021, DCC issued a consultation on the TMAD (as well as on the Migration Authorisation Mechanism (MAM) and Migration Scaling Methodology (MSM) TMAD child documents) to shorten the notification period for Daily Migration Demand Values¹. DCC proposed to reduce the timeline for submission of Daily Migration Demand values to two weeks to drive efficiencies in the migration forecasts and in the demand allocation process.
4. We note that while DCC only received two responses from industry, both supported the proposed reduction in notice period for the daily migration demand, with one respondent seeking reassurance from DCC that any changes to the data specification, order or formatting within the Migration Reporting Regime (MRR) would be subject to appropriate consultation. DCC provided confirmation that any proposal to amend these aspects of the MRR would be subject to consultation. BEIS also recognises that due to a change in the business process, DCC plans to engage bilaterally with Energy Suppliers submitting Daily Migration Demand to ensure they comprehend the implementation of this change.

¹ <https://www.smartdcc.co.uk/customer-hub/consultations/changes-to-the-smets1-supporting-requirements-document-for-the-uplift-20-foc/>

5. DCC also sought views on a proposed redesignation date of 2 July 2021 (or within one month thereafter). Both respondents supported this redesignation date.
6. BEIS concludes that it is appropriate for the new version of the TMAD to be designated today as it appears at Annex A and the associated direction is provided below. A marked-up version of the TMAD showing changes relative to the version previously in legal effect is also provided 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 2 July 2021 the SMETS1 Transition and 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 SMETS1 TMAD shall be without prejudice to anything done under the DCC Licence or 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 – SMETS1 Transition Migration Approach Document (TMAD)
v14.0 – clean

Annex B: SEC Appendix AL – SMETS1 Transition Migration Approach Document (TMAD)
v14.0 – marked up against v13.0