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Parties, and other interested parties

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Dear Colleague,

Smart Metering Implementation Programme: Decision on the addition of entries to the Eligible Product Combination List for DCC SMETS1 Services – IOC mixed installations

On 21 June 2021 DCC sent BEIS a request to approve the addition of entries to the Eligible Product Combination List (EPCL). The entries in this request relate to SMETS1 Initial Operating Capability (IOC) and are all mixed installations, whereby one meter is being actively operated in the current Smart Metering System Operator (SMSO) and one meter is currently dormant on the SMSO with an alternative energy supplier. These entries were proposed to be added to the EPCL following test completion through System Integration Testing (SIT). It is noted that although user testing has been possible energy suppliers have not chosen to undertake such testing on the entries in question.

Approval of the proposed EPCL entries would enable the migration of these devices onto the DCC system and the use of SMETS1 services in respect of them by DCC Users. In doing so, this would allow energy suppliers to bring back smart services for those customers who have lost them and enable customers to retain services on change of supplier.

In determining whether to approve the addition of the entries to the EPCL, I have sought to gain sufficient confidence that the DCC is able to support migration and subsequent operations.

I have received a range of evidence on these matters including:

- DCC SMETS1 Initial Mixed EPCL Entries Submission responding to Live Service Criteria outlining the DCC recommendations to approve the addition of these entries to the EPCL;
- No issues being raised following the DCC Live Service Criteria documents being issued by SECAS to members of SEC Panel's sub-committees including Operations Group, Testing Advisory Group and Security Sub-Committee; and
- Advice from my own team in BEIS including confirmation on regulatory readiness and that mitigating actions on residual risks are in place.

Following the original request to add entries to the EPCL, the DCC communicated to BEIS on 9 July 2021 that they were withdrawing from scope the entries related to the Middle Operating Capability (MOC) Secure. This is due to defects found in production that would solely affect these specific entries and which requires a fix to be completed before approval of those entries is further sought. DCC has informed BEIS that it's currently planned date for the fix going into production is 24 August 2021.

In terms of system stability, I have been assured by the DCC that there have been no production incidents in the previous 5 days. The DCC should continue to proceed with caution and keep all relevant stakeholders informed as they continue migrations and manage operations.

Having considered the range of evidence and recommendations available to me, I have decided to hereby approve the addition of the entries outlined in the Annex of this letter to the EPCL, pursuant to clause 3.7 of the SMETS1 Transition and Migration Approach Document.

I note that further additions to the EPCL will be requested in the future and look forward to receiving the evidence and recommendations for these in due course.

Thank you to all parties who have engaged with and supported this process.

Yours faithfully,



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ANNEX – Entries Requested for Eligible Product Combination List

The Annex to this letter is a separate document published alongside this letter on the SEC website (<https://smartenergycodecompany.co.uk/>)