

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

8 October 2021

Dear Colleague,

**Smart Metering Implementation Programme: Decision on the addition of an entry to the Eligible Product Combination List for DCC SMETS1 Services – Initial Secure Mixed**

On 21 September 2021 DCC sent BEIS a request to approve addition of an entry to the Eligible Product Combination List (EPCL). The entry in this request relates to SMETS1 Middle Operating Capability (MOC) Secure and is a mixed installation, 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. This entry was proposed to be added to the EPCL following test completion through System Integration Testing (SIT) and represents the first addition of mixed dormant/active installations to the EPCL with regards to MOC Secure. It is noted that although user testing has been possible no testing has been undertaken by energy suppliers.

Approval of the proposed EPCL entry 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 this entry to the EPCL, I have sought to gain sufficient confidence that the DCC is able to support migration and subsequent operations for these specific Device Model Combinations (DMCs).

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 this entry to the EPCL;
- Confirmation from the DCC that production defects that had delayed prior approval of these entries have now been resolved;
- 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.

In terms of system stability, we have been assured by the DCC that there have been no relevant 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 entry outlined in the Annex of this letter, 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** (Separate Document)

MOC Secure Initial Mixed EPCL Entry