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

Dear Colleague,

**SMART METERING IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMME: DIRECTION TO DESIGNATE  
THE INITIAL VERSION OF THE ENDURING CHANGE OF SUPPLIER TRANSITION AND  
MIGRATION APPROACH DOCUMENT**

1. On 15 June 2021, BEIS concluded<sup>1</sup> on a consultation that included proposals for an Enduring Change of Supplier (ECoS) Transition and Migration Approach Document (ETMAD). The date of incorporation of the ETMAD into the Smart Energy Code was planned to coincide with the coming into effect of the main body SEC changes required to support ECoS which were concluded upon at the same time and then laid before Parliament in accordance with the requirements of Section 89 of the 2008 Energy Act.
2. The principal effect of the first version of ETMAD is to switch off the enduring SEC changes for ECoS until such time as they are ready to be used when migration to ECoS commences (30 June 2022 in DCC's Plan under DCC Licence Condition 13A). These enduring SEC changes have now completed the Parliamentary process and take legal effect today. Consequently, we are also incorporating the initial version of ETMAD into the SEC today.
3. On 24 September 2021, the DCC consulted<sup>2</sup> on a proposed amendment to the draft initial version of ETMAD BEIS had previously consulted upon. This change would have the effect of no longer requiring the DCC to publish the ECoS Interface Specification on its website. The ECoS Interface is an internal DCC interface and DCC Users do not need access to the document in order to design their User Systems.
4. The DCC received one response to its consultation that was supportive of the change being made. No respondents disagreed with the proposed change. BEIS agrees with the DCC that it is appropriate to incorporate the ETMAD change upon which the DCC consulted. This is reflected in the version of ETMAD that we are incorporating into the SEC today. We

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<sup>1</sup> <https://smartenergycodecompany.co.uk/latest-news/beis-consultation-response-on-changes-to-the-sec-for-the-ecos-and-certain-security-provisions-and-direction-to-re-designate-the-smki-interface-design-specification/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.smartdcc.co.uk/customer-engagement/sec-subsidary-document-changes-for-enduring-change-of-supplier-arrangements/>

envisage a consultation in due course on making a change to Section G of the SEC to make this position permanent.

## **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 25 October 2021:

- i) the Enduring Change of Supplier Transition and Migration Approach Document is hereby designated and incorporated in the form set out in the Annex of this direction as SEC Appendix AS;
- ii) the Smart Energy Code contents shall be updated to additionally include the following words at the end of the list of Appendices:

**“Appendix AS: Enduring Change of Supplier Transition and Migration Approach Document”**

- iii) the following definition shall be included (in alphabetical order) in Section A of the SEC:

<b>Enduring Change of Supplier Transition and Migration Approach Document (ETMAD)</b>	Means the SEC Subsidiary Document set out in Appendix AS
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This direction is also being notified to the SEC Administrator and an updated version of the SEC to reflect the addition of this document will be available on the SEC website in due course.

Yours faithfully,



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**Annex** (separate document): SEC Appendix AS – Enduring Change of Supplier Transition and Migration Approach Document (ETMAD) v1.0