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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 (EPCL) for DCC SMETS1 Services (EPCL Report 20)

On 14 October DCC published EPCL Report 20 and sought approval for the addition of the entries referred therein to the Eligible Product Combination List (EPCL). All entries in EPCL Report 20 relate to SMETS1 Middle Operating Capability (MOC) Secure 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. All entries are being proposed to be added to the EPCL as substantively equivalent to the parent entry that was approved on 8 October.

Approval of the proposed Report 20 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 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 EPCL Report 20 responding to Live Service Criteria outlining the DCC recommendations to approve this entry to the EPCL; 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 full 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 TMAD.

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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to act on behalf of the Secretary of State)

Annex

[EPCL Report 20– Annex A - EPCL Entries v1.0 14.10.2021](#)