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The Authority (Ofgem), the SEC Panel,
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4 November 2021

Dear Colleague,

SMART METERING IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMME: DIRECTION TO RE-DESIGNATE SEC SCHEDULE 8 - GB COMPANION SPECITIFCATION v4.1

This letter and the associated direction relate to the 13 September 2021 BEIS response[1] to the 9 August consultation[2] on changes to GB Companion Specification (GBCS) (CRPs 613 and 649).

As intended, the changes (summarised below) are hereby incorporated into a version of GBCS v4.1 (and consequently into the Smart Energy Code) on top of the changes already made to the document to implement a SEC Modification Proposal that is part of the November 2021 SEC Release:

- the addition of a new section at GBCS 10.2.2.5 covering the recovery from Device removal from the CHF Device Log and then the re-addition to that log; and
- additional text added to the CCS01 'Add Device to CHF device log' Use Case Details, which is a change to the GBCS, Table 20, Use Case Reference tab, at cell AE3, such that where a Device is in the CHF Historic Device Log, it will use half the join window to allow joining using the Trust Center Link Key and half the joining window to allow joining using the Install Code.

Direction

This direction is made for the purposes of the smart meter communication licences granted 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 these directions shall be interpreted in accordance with Section A (Definitions and Interpretation) of the SEC.

[1] https://smartenergycodecompany.co.uk/latest-news/view-beis-response-to-consultation-on-changes-to-gb-companion-specification-crps-613-and-649/
[2] https://smartenergycodecompany.co.uk/latest-news/beis-consultation-on-changes-to-the-gb-companion-specification-to-address-operational-issues-associated-with-re-joining-gas-smart-metering-equipment-crps-613-and-649/

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 4 November 2021, SEC Schedule 8 - GB Companion Specification v4.1 is hereby re-designated and incorporated in the form of the corresponding document at the Appendix to this direction.

For the avoidance of doubt such re-designation of this document shall be without prejudice to anything done under the DCC Licence or the SEC on or after these documents 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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Appendix (separate document)

GBCS v4.1 [updated to include changes set out in the 13 September 2021 BEIS consultation response on CRPs 613 and 649]