

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

14 December 2021

Dear Colleague,

**Smart Metering Implementation Programme: Decision on the addition of entries to the Eligible Product Combinations List for DCC SMETS1 services – EPCL Reports 24 & 25**

On 29 November 2021 DCC published EPCL Reports 24 and 25 and sought approval for the addition of the entries to the Eligible Product Combinations List (EPCL). All entries in EPCL Report 24 relate to SMETS1 Initial Operating Capability (IOC) for DCC's SMETS1 Service. Entries for Report 24 are Active, Dormant and Mixed. Most of the entries in EPCL Report 25 relate to SMETS1 IOC with a small number of SMETS1 MOC MDS entries. Entries for Report 25 are also Active, Dormant and Mixed.

Approval of the proposed Report 24 and 25 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 for Installations and Smart Metering Systems corresponding to these specific entries.

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

- DCC EPCL Reports 24 and 25 responding to Live Service Criteria outlining the DCC recommendations to approve the addition of these entries to the EPCL;
- Advice from my own team in BEIS including confirmation on regulatory readiness and that mitigating actions on residual risks are in place; and
- Assurance by the DCC that there have been no relevant production incidents in the previous five days.

The entries proposed for addition to the EPCL in Report 24 represent Devices that were previously blocked for migration. DCC's Unblocking 1 consultation<sup>1</sup> and its conclusions of 4

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.smartdcc.co.uk/consultations/snets1-consultation-unblocking-1/>

August<sup>2</sup> led to BEIS directing regulatory changes that have enabled these entries to be proposed to be added to the EPCL.

The IOC entries proposed for addition to the EPCL in Report 25 also represent devices that were blocked from migration but can now be progressed, following DCC's consultation<sup>3</sup> and conclusions<sup>4</sup> which led to BEIS designating changes to the regulatory framework on 30 September that will enable the operation of these Devices in DCC's systems.

Having considered the range of evidence and recommendations available to me, I have decided to hereby approve the addition of the entries set out 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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## **Annex**

[EPCL Report 24 – Annex A – EPCL Entries v1.0 29.11.2021](#)

[EPCL Report 25 – Annex A – EPCL Entries v1.0 29.11.2021](#)

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.smartdcc.co.uk/consultations/smets1-conclusion-unblocking-1/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.smartdcc.co.uk/consultations/smets1-consultation-on-changes-related-to-ppmids-and-chs/>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.smartdcc.co.uk/consultations/dcc-response-to-its-smets1-consultation-on-changes-related-to-ppmids-and-chs/>