

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

16 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 17 & 22

On 7 December 2021 DCC published EPCL Reports 17 and 22 and sought approval of the associated entries to the Eligible Product Combinations List (EPCL). All entries in EPCL Reports 17 and 22 relate to the SMETS1 Middle Operating Capability (Secure) for DCC's SMETS1 Service and comprise entries for Dormant, Active and Mixed SMETS1 Installations. Most entries were proposed to the EPCL based on substantive equivalence to entries that have been tested, with a small number proposed to be added to the EPCL following testing.

Approval of the proposed Report 17 and 22 EPCL entries would enable the migration of the associated SMETS1 Installations 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 smart services on change of supplier.

In determining whether to approve the addition of the entries to the EPCL I have received a range of evidence on these matters, including:

- DCC EPCL Reports 17 and 22 responding to Live Service Criteria and outlining the DCC recommendation to approve the addition of these entries to the EPCL;
- Additional evidence from DCC on system stability; and
- Advice from my own team in BEIS including confirmation on regulatory readiness and that mitigating actions on residual risks are in place.

The Liberty 100, 110, 112 and 114 Electricity Meters that are included within the proposed EPCL entries in these reports have boost button functionality coupled with the ability for relevant energy suppliers to remotely override that functionality. The boost functionality enables consumers to activate the auxiliary load control calendar and turn on heating outside of set tariff windows and the remote override function allows for the auxiliary load switch to be turned on or off through instructions received remotely from the Supplier via the SMSO.

DCC wrote to energy suppliers on 8 March 2021 and 4 August 2021 to inform of their planned approach in respect of migrating these devices and to explain that whilst energy suppliers would not be able to change boost configuration post-migration, the relevant functionality is

unchanged as part of the migration process meaning consumers can still use the boost button as it has been configured.

In respect of system stability, I have been assured by DCC that there have been no relevant production incidents in the previous five days. DCC should nevertheless continue to proceed with caution, take necessary precautions to ensure there will be no significant adverse effects when migration begins, and keep all relevant stakeholders informed as it continues migrations and manages its operations.

Having considered the range of evidence and recommendations available to me, I have decided to approve the addition of the entries in EPCL Report 17 and 22, outlined in the Annex of this letter, to the list of Eligible Product Combinations, 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 17 – Annex A - EPCL Entries v1.0 0.7.12.21](#)

[EPCL Report 22 – Annex A – EPCL Entries v1.0 07.12.21](#)