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Dear Colleague,

Smart Metering Implementation Programme: decision on the addition of entries to the Eligible Product Combinations List for DCC SMETS1 services – EPCL Report 23

On 13 December 2021 DCC published EPCL Report 23 and sought approval for the addition of the dormant entries referred therein to the Eligible Product Combination List (EPCL). DCC updated the Report against the Live Service Criteria and republished it on 29 December 2021. All entries in EPCL Report 23 relate to the SMETS1 Final Operating Capability (FOC) for DCC's SMETS1 service. And all entries were proposed to be added to the EPCL as substantively equivalent to entries that have gone before.

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

- DCC EPCL Report 23 responding to Live Service Criteria outlining the DCC recommendation to approve the addition of these entries to the EPCL and the associated residual risks;
- Additional evidence from DCC on system stability;
- Representations made to BEIS by industry members during the five-day standstill period; and
- Advice from my own team in BEIS.

Having considered the full range of evidence available to me, I have decided not to approve the entries associated with EPCL Report 23. Relevant EPCL entries are already approved and available to enable these Device Model Combinations to be migrated once uplifted to the latest firmware version (2.2.10), which I understand is already available for devices to be uplifted to and which mitigates a risk of a small proportion of devices on the existing firmware from failing over time. In these circumstances, for the devices associated with EPCL Report 23 the benefits of upgrading the firmware outweigh the disbenefits of a slight delay of a few weeks to the devices being migrated and smart services being restored. In conclusion, based on all the available evidence, I consider it to be in consumers' best interests that the firmware on these devices should be upgraded ahead of migration and that they are migrated using previously approved EPCL entries.

Thank you to all parties who have engaged with BEIS and DCC during this process.

Yours faithfully,



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to act on behalf of the Secretary of State)