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DCC Production Proving Capability Consultation

1. Purpose

This paper provides a draft Panel response to the BEIS consultation on ‘Changes to the Smart Energy Code to permit DCC to develop and use a Production Proving Capability’ that was issued on 14th February 2018 (provided as Appendix A for reference).

2. Background

In February 2018 BEIS issued a consultation on changes to the Smart Energy Code (SEC) to permit the DCC to develop and use a Production Proving Capability. The Production Proving functionality would allow the DCC to communicate with meters and other Devices using its live systems, in order to prove the functionality of those live systems. The functionality has been sighted as helping identify any live issues and the efficient resolution of them, following the deployment of new Release content or during normal working operations.

The consultation sets out the details of the options considered by the DCC and BEIS, prior to consultation, including a recommended option (option 3) that would support the delivery of this functionality. The consultation also provides the associated SEC changes in support of Option 3.

3. Draft Panel response to the consultation

A draft Panel response to the consultation has been prepared and is provided in Appendix B (Amber). The response consists of a cover letter, drawing out key observations and an appendix containing responses to the specific questions contained within the consultation letter.

Subject to Panel agreement, the response will be submitted to BEIS in advance of the consultation deadline on 14th March 2018.

4. Recommendations

The Panel is requested to:

- **AGREE** to submit the consultation response provided in Appendix B, subject to any revisions.

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Attachments:

Appendix A – DCC Production Proving consultation and attachments

Appendix B – Draft Panel response to the DCC Production Proving Consultation (Amber)