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The Authority (Ofgem), the SEC Panel, SEC Parties and other interested parties 19 April 2018

Dear Colleague,

**SMART METERING IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMME CONSULTATION ON INCORPORATION OF UPDATED VERSIONS OF THE ENDURING TEST APPROACH DOCUMENT (ETAD) AND THE COMMON TEST SCENARIOS DOCUMENT (CTSD) IN THE SMART ENERGY CODE (SEC) FOR RELEASE 2**

1. This letter constitutes a consultation on the proposed timing for incorporation into the SEC of updated versions of the ETAD and CTSD for Release 2: re-designating v1.2 of the ETAD (**Annex A** of this letter) as Appendix J of the SEC and v1.3 of the CTSD (**Annex B** of this letter) as Appendix R of the SEC. We also invite views on additional drafting within the CTSD incorporated subsequent to DCC's consultation.

**Facilitating the delivery of Release 2.0**

2. On 12 January 2018 the DCC consulted on changes to the ETAD and CTSD, which had been updated to reflect requirements for Release 2.0<sup>1</sup>. The DCC subsequently submitted ETAD v1.2 and CTSD v1.3 to the Secretary of State for approval. In its submission the DCC has indicated why it considers the documents to be fit for purpose and provided the information required on its consultation process.
3. Subsequent to the DCC consultation process the DCC identified a Release 2.0 test, which had not been included in the updated CTSD. DCC Alert N999 provides an alert when a Service User tries to send a message to a Device using an incompatible version of DUIS. N999 is the only DCC alert in DUIS 2.0 which will validate this check against DUIS compatibility in R2.0 so it is important to test this alert during UEPT to ensure a Service User backend system works in device compatibility scenarios. It is therefore proposed that

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<sup>1</sup> The DCC consultation and supporting documents can be found at:  
<https://smartdcc.co.uk/consultations/dcc-responses/response-to-consultation-on-updates-to-enduring-test-approach-document-and-common-test-scenario-document-for-release-20/>

the N999 DCC Alert is added to sections 8.1.19, 8.1.20, 8.1.22 and 8.1.23 of the CTSD v1.3 as set out in **Annex B** of this letter.

4. Subject to stakeholder views on the additional changes to the CTSD outlined above, we are satisfied that the DCC has carried out the appropriate consultation required of it and we propose to incorporate the annexed versions of ETAD v1.2 and CTSD v1.3 into the SEC. The draft legal direction text is provided at **Annex C**.

## Timing

5. The proposed date for incorporation into the SEC of the annexed versions of ETAD v1.2 and CTSD v1.3 is **11 May 2018** (or, if necessary, within one month thereafter), which will also be the date from which these documents have legal effect.

## Responding to this consultation

6. **We would welcome views on:**
  - i. **the proposed additional changes to the CTSD set out above; and**
  - ii. **the proposed date for the incorporation and legal effect of ETAD v1.2 and CTSD v1.3 of 11 May 2018 (or, if necessary, within one month thereafter).**
7. Comments on this proposal should be submitted **by 17:00 on 3 May 2018** to: [smartmetering@beis.gov.uk](mailto:smartmetering@beis.gov.uk) or addressed to: Smart Metering Implementation Programme – Regulation, Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy, 1 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0ET.
8. Information provided in response to this consultation, including personal data, may be subject to publication or release to other parties, or to disclosure in accordance with the access to information regimes (these are primarily the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Data Protection Act 1998 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004).
9. Individual responses to this consultation may be published and you should therefore let us know if you are not content for your response or any part of it to be published. If you indicate that you do not want your response published, we will not publish it automatically but it could still be subject to information requests as detailed above. If you do not want your individual response to be published, or to otherwise be treated as confidential, please say so clearly in writing when you send your response to the consultation. For the purposes of considering access to information requests, it would also be helpful if you could explain to us why you regard the information you have provided as confidential. If we receive a request for disclosure of the information we will

take full account of your explanation, but we cannot give an assurance that confidentiality can be maintained in all circumstances. An automatic confidentiality disclaimer generated by your IT system will not, of itself, be regarded by us as a confidentiality request.

Yours faithfully,



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**List of Annexes to this letter**

<b>Annex A</b>	Enduring Test Approach Document v1.2 (separate document)
<b>Annex B</b>	Common Test Scenarios Document v1.3 (separate document)
<b>Annex C</b>	Draft Legal Direction Text

## ANNEX C

### DRAFT 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 this direction shall be interpreted in accordance with Section A (Definitions and Interpretation) of the SEC.

#### Re-designation of SEC Subsidiary Documents

1. 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 **{X}**:
  - (a) the **Enduring Test Approach Document** previously designated and incorporated into the SEC as Appendix J is hereby re-designated for incorporation in the form set out at **Annex {X}** in this direction; and
  - (b) the **Common Test Scenarios Document** previously designated and incorporated into the SEC as Appendix R is hereby re-designated for incorporation in the form set out at **Annex {X}** in this direction.
2. For the avoidance of doubt such re-designation 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 these documents prior to their re-designation (which shall have effect as if done under the re-designated documents).