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The Authority (Ofgem), the SEC Panel, SEC Parties     5 June 2018  
and other interested parties

Dear Colleague,

**SMART METERING IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMME: CONSULTATION ON  
INCORPORATION INTO THE SMART ENERGY CODE (SEC) OF A REVISED  
SEC VARIATION TESTING APPROACH DOCUMENT (SVTAD) FOR RELEASE 2  
AND APPROVAL OF CERTAIN TEST PHASE APPROACH DOCUMENTS FOR  
RELEASE 2**

**Incorporation of Revised SVTAD for Release 2**

1. This letter constitutes a consultation on the proposed timing for the incorporation into the SEC of a revised SVTAD for Release 2: re-designating the SVTAD as v2.0 (**Annex A** of this letter) at Appendix AJ of the SEC.
2. The SVTAD for Release 2.0 was incorporated into the SEC on 22 February 2018. The DCC has now submitted an updated version of the SVTAD (v2.0) for Release 2. The revisions include, in particular, arrangements for supplier regression testing.
3. The DCC consulted on the revised SVTAD, and on 18 May 2018 submitted version v2.0 to the Secretary of State for approval. In its submission the DCC has indicated why it considers the document to be fit for purpose and provided the information required on its consultation process.
4. We are satisfied that the DCC has appropriately consulted upon the proposed changes and taken into account comments received. We agree with the suggested changes and therefore propose to incorporate this SVTAD version v2.0 into the SEC. The draft legal direction is provided at **Annex B** of this letter.

**Approval of Test Phase Approach Documents for Release 2**

5. As set out in our email of 30 May, the DCC has also submitted to the Secretary of State the following Test Phase Approach Documents for Release 2.0:

- Device Integration Testing Approach Document (DITAD) v1.2 (**Annex C** of this letter), updating the DITAD approved on 22 February 2018; and
  - User Integration Testing Approach Document (UITAD) v1.2 (**Annex D** of this letter), a new test phase approach document.
6. The DCC has confirmed that the process set out in the SVTAD for Release 2.0 (Appendix AJ of the SEC) for developing these documents has been followed including review by the Testing Advisory Group (TAG). TAG recommended approval of DITAD and UITAD on 25 April 2018.
  7. We are satisfied that the DCC has completed the appropriate process for finalising these documents and agree with their proposed content and therefore for the purposes of Clause 8.2 of the version of SVTAD that is currently in legal effect, they are approved by the Secretary of State with effect on 5 June 2018.

### **Timing for Incorporation of Revised SVTAD**

8. The proposed date for the incorporation into the SEC of the revised SVTAD version v2.0 is 25 June 2018 (or, if necessary, as soon as reasonably practicable within one month thereafter), which will also be the date from which it has legal effect.

**We would welcome views on the proposed designation date for the incorporation and effective date of this SVTAD version v2.0 of 25 June 2018 (or, if necessary, within one month thereafter).**

### **Responding to this consultation**

9. Comments on this proposal should be submitted by 17:00 on 15 June 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,  
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10. 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, Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (the General Data Protection Regulation) and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004).
11. 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 want it 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,



**Duncan Stone**  
Head of Delivery  
Smart Metering Implementation Programme

(an official of the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy authorised to act on behalf of the Secretary of State)

#### **List of Annexes to this letter**

- Annex A**     SEC Variation Testing Approach Document v2.0 [Separate document]
- Annex B**     Draft Legal Direction Text
- Annex C**     Device Integration Testing Approach Document v1.2 [Separate document]
- Annex D**     User Integration Testing Approach Document v1.2 [Separate document]

## ANNEX B

### Direction and designation

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 new SEC Subsidiary Document

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 **[XX]**, the document set out at **Annex [X]** in this direction is hereby designated for incorporation as a **SEC Variation Testing Approach Document**, and shall be re-designated for incorporation into the SEC as Appendix AJ.
2. Pursuant to Section X3.2(b) (Effective Dates) of the SEC, the Secretary of State hereby designates **[XX]** as the date from which this SEC Variation Testing Approach Document shall have legal effect.
3. 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).

This direction is also being notified to the SEC Administrator and an updated version of the SEC to reflect these changes will be available on the SEC website in due course.