



The Authority (Ofgem), the SEC Panel, SEC Parties and other interested parties 7 June 2018

Dear Colleague,

SMART METERING IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMME: CONSULTATION RESPONSE AND DIRECTION INCORPORATING INTO THE SMART ENERGY CODE (SEC) UPDATED VERSIONS OF THE ENDURING TEST APPROACH DOCUMENT (ETAD) AND THE COMMON TEST SCENARIOS DOCUMENT (CTSD) FOR RELEASE 2

1. On 19 April 2018¹ we consulted on the timing for incorporation into the SEC of updated versions of the ETAD and CTSD for Release 2: re-designating v1.2 of the ETAD as Appendix J of the SEC and v1.3 of the CTSD as Appendix R of the SEC.
2. We also invited views on additional drafting within the CTSD incorporated subsequent to DCC's consultation, namely to include testing of Alert N999² in CTSD. The proposed date for incorporation into the SEC of the revised versions of ETAD and CTSD was 11 May 2018 (or, if necessary, within one month thereafter).
3. Following the issue of our consultation on 19 April 2018 the DCC indicated that it wished to reconsider the timing for the inclusion of functionality to support Alert N999. In addition, DCC identified an issue with the testing of Alert N53³. DCC is now considering the appropriate test phase for this alert.
4. The DCC therefore consulted on a further revision to CTSD removing these two alerts and on 4 June 2018 re-submitted a revision of the CTSD to us. The DCC has provided appropriate information on the process it followed in consulting on these changes and how responses to its consultation were dealt with. We are satisfied that the DCC completed the appropriate process for

¹ This can be found at <https://smartenergycodecompany.co.uk/latest-news/beis-consultation-incorporating-etad-ctsd-sec-release-2/>

² DCC Alert N999 provides an alert when a Service User tries to send a message to a Device using an incompatible version of DUIS.

³ DCC Alert N53 is a Command Failure that occurs when a command sent to an ESME from a Testing Participant fails in the Communications Hub after 3 send attempts.

finalising the CTSD and we agree with the proposed content (that is, the two alerts detailed above should not be included in CTSD at present).

Response to consultation comments

5. Our consultation (on the timing for re-designation of ETAD and CTSD and inclusion of N999) closed on 3 May 2018. We received four responses. There was broad agreement to the timing of the re-designation for ETAD and CTSD outlined above. Some respondents questioned the implications of including N999 in CTSD. However, as N999 has since been removed from CTSD and there was broad agreement on the timing proposed, we have decided to proceed with the re-designation on 8 June 2018 as set out in the direction below.

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 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 **8 June 2018**, the document set out at **Annex A** in this direction is hereby designated for incorporation as the **Enduring Test Approach Document**, and shall be re-designated for incorporation into the SEC as Appendix J.
2. Pursuant to Section X3.2(b) (Effective Dates) of the SEC, the Secretary of State hereby designates 8 June 2018 as the date from which this Enduring Test Approach Document shall have legal effect.
3. 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 **8 June 2018**, the document set out at **Annex B** in this direction is hereby designated for incorporation as the **Common Test Scenarios Document**, and shall be re-designated for incorporation into the SEC as Appendix R.

4. Pursuant to Section X3.2(b) (Effective Dates) of the SEC, the Secretary of State hereby designates 8 June 2018 as the date from which this Common Test Scenarios Document shall have legal effect.
5. 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.

Yours faithfully,



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List of Annexes to this letter

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| Annex A | SEC Appendix J Enduring Test Approach Document v1.2 [separate document] |
| Annex B | SEC Appendix R Common Test Scenarios Document v1.3 [separate document] |