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The Authority (Ofgem), the SEC Panel, SEC Parties 8 June 2018
and other interested parties

Dear Colleague,

**SMART METERING IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMME: CONSULTATION
RESPONSE AND DIRECTION INCORPORATING INTO THE SMART ENERGY
CODE (SEC) REVISED APPENDICES B AND M RELATING TO PRODUCTION
PROVING**

1. On 27 March 2018¹ we issued our response to a consultation on changes to the SEC to permit the DCC to develop and use a Production Proving capability. This is functionality to allow DCC to communicate with meters and other Devices using its live systems in order to prove the functionality of those live systems.
2. Our consultation response included a further consultation on the timing for incorporation into the SEC of the following SEC Subsidiary Documents, which had been revised to permit Production Proving:
 - Organisation Certificate Policy (Appendix B of the SEC); and
 - SMKI Interface Design Specification (Appendix M of the SEC).
3. We proposed to incorporate the updated versions of these documents into the SEC on 26 May 2018 or, if necessary, within one month thereafter.
4. This timing was aligned to the anticipated effective date for related changes to the SEC, namely adding Section P and amending Section L to permit Production Proving. These changes were made using the Secretary of State's powers under Section 88 of the Energy Act (2008) and came into effect on 31 May 2018².

¹ <https://smartenergycodecompany.co.uk/latest-news/beis-consultations-provision-of-communications-hubs-and-production-proving-capability/>

² <https://smartenergycodecompany.co.uk/latest-news/sec-version-5-16-designated/>

Government response to consultation comments

5. Our consultation on the timing for the incorporation of the revised Appendices B and M closed on 1 May 2018. We received one response, which supported the proposal to re-designate these appendices in line with the timescales outlined. As a result, we have decided to proceed with the re-designation 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 new 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 **Organisation Certificate Policy**, and shall be re-designated for incorporation into the SEC as Appendix B.
3. 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 Organisation Certificate Policy shall have legal effect.
2. 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 **SMKI Interface Design Specification**, and shall be re-designated for incorporation into the SEC as Appendix M.
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 SMKI Interface Design Specification 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

- Annex A** SEC Appendix B Organisation Certificate Policy version B1.2 [separate document]
- Annex B** SEC Appendix M SMKI Interface Design Specification version M1.2 [separate document]