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The Authority (Ofgem), the SEC Panel, SEC Parties and other interested parties 25 June 2018

Dear Colleague,

**SMART METERING IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMME: CONSULTATION RESPONSE AND DIRECTION INCORPORATING INTO THE SMART ENERGY CODE (SEC) A REVISED SEC VARIATION TESTING APPROACH DOCUMENT (SVTAD) FOR RELEASE 2**

1. On 5 June 2018<sup>1</sup> we consulted on the timing for incorporation into the SEC of a revised SVTAD for Release 2 by designating v2.0 of the SVTAD (**Annex** of this direction letter) as Appendix AJ of the SEC.
2. The proposed date for incorporation into the SEC of the revised version of SVTAD was 25 June 2018 (or, if necessary, within one month thereafter).
3. This consultation closed on 15 June 2018. We received two responses and there was agreement on the timing proposed. We have therefore decided to proceed with the re-designation as set out in the direction below.

**Direction and re-designation of SEC subsidiary documents**

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.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://smartenergycodecompany.co.uk/latest-news/beis-consultation-incorporating-revised-sec-variation-testing-approach-document-svtad-sec-release-2/>

## 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 **25 June 2018**, the document set out at the Annex in this direction is hereby designated for incorporation as the 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 25 June 2018 as the date from which this SEC Variation Testing Approach Document shall have legal effect.
3. For the avoidance of doubt such re-designation of the SEC Variation Testing Approach Document shall be without prejudice to anything done under the DCC Licence or the SEC on or after this document first being designated, or to the continuing effectiveness of anything done under this document prior to its re-designation (which shall have effect as if done under the re-designated document).

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

**Annex**      SEC Appendix AJ SEC Variation Testing Approach Document v2.0  
[separate document]