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Dear Jonathan,

DIRECTION GIVEN FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECTION T3.13 OF THE SMART ENERGY CODE (SEC) (REVISED COMMENCEMENT DATE FOR INTERFACE TESTING)

I refer to my letter of 14 June 2016, in which the Secretary of State approved Smart DCC Ltd's (DCC) proposed plan (set out for reference in Annex A to this letter) in accordance with Part E of Condition 13 of the Smart Meter Communication Licences.

I note that, following consultation with SEC Parties and relevant stakeholders, the DCC has recognised that additional time is required to complete Systems Integration Testing (SIT) prior to commencing Interface Testing (IT). As such, the DCC has proposed to move the start date of IT from 27 June 2016 to 11 July 2016. In addition, I note that the DCC has proposed to change the date for commencing User Entry Process Testing (UEPT) from 4 July 2016 to 18 July 2016.

The DCC's proposals were discussed with members of the Smart Metering Delivery Group (SMDG) on 27 June 2016.

At this stage, DCC has not identified changes to any other milestones set out in its plan.

Direction

Pursuant to the powers set out in section T3.13 of the Smart Energy Code, the Secretary of State hereby directs the DCC to:

- determine a revised commencement date for Interface Testing; and
- make any necessary consequential revisions to the Interface Testing Approach Document to reflect the revised commencement date for Interface Testing and anticipated start date of User Entry Process Testing.

I am copying this letter to Rob Salter-Church and Laura Nell at Ofgem.

Yours sincerely,

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(an official of the Department of Energy & Climate Change authorised to act on behalf of the Secretary of State)

ANNEX A – Approved Plan for the purposes of Condition 13 of the Smart Meter Communication Licences – DCC Live (Release 1.2)

Milestone Name	R1.2 Current Date (approved 18/12/2015)	R1.2 Updated Date	Notes
SIT Solution Testing Complete for the purposes of commencing IT	n/a (SIT ST Complete was 03/06/2016)	24/06/2016	NEW MILESTONE. 3 weeks' contingency applied to duration of Solution Testing for the purposes of commencing Interface Testing. Overlapping elements of SIT Solution Testing continue to 08/08/2016. Note that only testing of the following would extend beyond this milestone: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DCC Service Management System (DSMS) testing RDP Testing Certified Product List Testing with SECAS Threshold Anomaly Detection Testing DCC Enterprise Solution (BI/MI, Billing) testing Telefonica – Toshiba 'Cellular and Mesh' Communication Hub SKU2 and SKU3 variant testing Testing of Non-Prioritised meters.
Interface Testing Commences	06/06/2016	27/06/2016	3 weeks' contingency applied (direct dependency on completion of SIT Solution Testing for the purposes of commencing Interface Testing)
UEPT Commences	13/06/2016	04/07/2016	3 weeks' contingency applied (direct dependency on completion of SIT Solution Testing for the purposes of commencing Interface Testing). UEPT remains one week after the start of Interface Testing to allow for completion of Technical Readiness Testing activities.
DCCKI Certificates Available	n/a	06/07/2016	NEW MILESTONE. Additional milestone added to provide planning assumption for Network Parties, their RDPs and Users. This is the point at which Authorised Subscribers can first receive signed DCCKI Certificates.
RDP Technical Readiness Testing on Production Environment Commences	n/a	06/07/2016	NEW MILESTONE. Additional milestone added to provide clarity to RDPs
E2E Test Environments Available	04/07/2016	25/07/2016	3 weeks' contingency applied (direct dependency on completion of SIT Solution Testing for the purposes of commencing Interface Testing). Entry criteria remain unchanged for User System and Device Testing during E2E Testing.
RDP Technical Readiness Testing on Production Environment Complete	n/a	03/08/2016	NEW MILESTONE. Additional milestone added to provide clarity to RDPs
Provision of initial live Registration Data to DCC Commences	20/06/2016	03/08/2016	Live Registration Data upload can commence from completion of RDP Technical Readiness Testing. Note that daily updates will commence from the day after each RDP has completed its initial data load (i.e. RDP Live for each RDP).
Provision of initial live Registration Data to DCC Complete	n/a	08/08/2016	NEW MILESTONE. Note that daily updates will commence from the point at which each RDP has completed its initial data load.
Production Communications Hubs Available	20/07/2016	20/07/2016	No direct impact on milestone currently identified.
SIT Solution Testing Complete	03/06/2016	08/08/2016	Completion of any (non-UEPT/Interface Testing affecting) overlapped testing not required in advance of Interface Testing
IT Complete	20/07/2016	08/08/2016	Contingency applied due to dependency on UEPT commencement. Submission of Interface Testing Exit Criteria Reports to SEC Panel.
DCC ready to support Live Installations	06/07/2016	08/08/2016	Previously referred to Service Desk readiness only. This milestone indicates the point at which DCC considers that the DCC Live Services Criteria (which includes Service Desk readiness) have been met and the DCC Live Services Criteria Report has been submitted to SEC Panel/DECC (TBC).
SEC Panel decision	n/a	15/08/2016	NEW MILESTONE. Earliest feasible SEC Panel decision on achievement of Interface Testing Exit Criteria and (subject to DECC direction) achievement of DCC Live Services Criteria
DCC Live	20/07/2016	17/08/2016	This milestone is the point at which the DECC SRO has activated the appropriate provisions within the SEC enabling live DCC services (e.g. enrolment and communication) to commence.