

Consultation on the date for redesignation of the TMAD covering SMETS1 FOC Uplift 2.1 and one housekeeping change

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1. Introduction and Context

This document is a further consultation on the date to incorporate new versions of the SMETS1 Transition and Migration Approach Document (TMAD) into the Smart Energy Code (SEC) to support the enrolment of first-generation smart meter devices (SMETS1) in the national smart meter communications network managed by the Data and Communications Company (the DCC).

This consultation, on behalf of the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), covers regulatory changes related to SMETS1 Uplift 2.1 and a housekeeping change.

2. Background

2.1. Changes for SMETS1 Uplift 2.1

On 05 February 2021, DCC issued a further consultation for modifications to the TMAD related to Uplift 2.0 and Uplift 2.1 in support of the FOC cohort. That consultation concluded on 09 March 2021 and Uplift 2.0 went live on 30 March 2021. The TMAD, incorporating the relevant changes for Uplift 2.0, was also re-designated on that date.

In the 05 February consultation, DCC also sought views on the redesignation date for the TMAD in line with the changes proposed for Uplift 2.1 asking "Do you agree with the proposed redesignation date of 18 May 2021 for Uplift 2.1 and the change applicable to all cohorts (or, if necessary, as soon as reasonably practicable within one month thereafter) for the updates to the TMAD using draft notification at Attachment 1?." Since then, DCC has proposed to change the go-live date of Uplift 2.1 to 20 July 2021, thus the re-designation date covered by the consultation will have expired.

This consultation, on behalf of the Secretary of State, seeks views on the proposed new redesignation date of 20 July 2021.

2.2. Housekeeping change

There is also a housekeeping change that we would like to bring to the attention of stakeholders.

DCC has a contract with Secure SMSO Limited (company number 10611361). This contract is being novated due a reorganisation within Secure by changing the parties from Secure SMSO Limited (company number 10611361) to Secure Meters (UK) Limited (company number 02199653). Consequently, references to the former will need to include references to the latter in Section 2, Defined Terms and Interpretations, by amending the definition of 'Last EPCL Entry' and 'Relevant Device' of the TMAD. Since the date of the contract novation has yet to be confirmed, the wording will be changed to 'either Secure SMSO Limited (company number 10611361) or its successor Secure Meters (UK) Limited (company number 02199653)'. For convenience, extracts of the definitions are copied below.

Last EPCL Entry: Means, in respect of entries that include either Secure SMSO Limited (company number 10611361) or its successor Secure Meters (UK) Limited (company number 02199653), the entry on the list of SMETS1 Eligible Product Combinations which has been approved by the Secretary of State after which no other entries in respect of Secure SMSO Limited have been approved by the Secretary of State for a period of 12 months.

and

Relevant Device: Means an Active Meter in a SMETS1 Installation with which, prior to the UTRN Period, either Secure SMSO Limited (company number 10611361) or its successor Secure Meters (UK) Limited (company number 02199653), communicated on behalf of the Responsible Supplier.

DCC would like this housekeeping change to be brought into effect as soon as possible. Since they are merely housekeeping issues, we are not seeking views on the change. However, we are seeking views, on behalf of BEIS, on the proposed date for re-designation of the TMAD on 28 May 2021 (or, as soon as reasonably practicable), to implement this change.

3. Next Steps

In order to facilitate the re-designation of the TMAD, DCC is now seeking views, on behalf of BEIS, on the proposed date for re-designation of the TMAD for the changes related to (i) the housekeeping change and (ii) SMETS1 Uplift 2.1, as well as the draft direction which is presented in Attachment 1 of this consultation document for stakeholder consideration.

Following the closure of this consultation, DCC will submit a conclusions document to BEIS on the outcome of this consultation. DCC is aiming to provide the conclusions report to BEIS no later than Friday 14 May 2021. DCC has discussed the re-designation of the TMAD with BEIS and it is proposed that, subject to the timely receipt of DCC's report, and copies of relevant stakeholder responses to this consultation, BEIS will re-designate the TMAD in two stages.

- Friday 28 May 2021 (or, if necessary, as soon as reasonably practicable within one month thereafter) for the housekeeping changes; and
- Tuesday 20 July 2021 (or, if necessary, as soon as reasonably practicable within one month thereafter) for Uplift 2.1 changes.

Do you agree with the proposed re-designation date of Friday 28 May 2020 (or, if necessary, as soon as reasonably practicable within one month thereafter) for the updates related to the housekeeping name change to the TMAD using draft notification at Attachment 1?

Dates Q2 Do you agree with the proposed re-designation date of Tuesday 20 July 2020 (or, if necessary, as soon as reasonably practicable within one month thereafter) for the updates related to SMETS1 Uplift 2.1 to the TMAD using the draft notification at Attachment 1?

4. How to Respond

Please provide responses by 1600 on Monday, 10 May 2021.

Consultation responses may be published on our website <u>www.smartdcc.co.uk</u>. Please state clearly in writing whether you want all or any part, of your consultation to be treated as confidential. It would be helpful if you could explain to us why you regard the information you have provided as confidential. Please note that responses in their entirety (including any text marked confidential) may be made available to the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) and the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority (the Authority).

Information provided to BEIS or the Authority, including personal information, may be subject to publication or disclosure in accordance with the access to information legislation (primarily the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Data Protection Act 2018 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004). If BEIS or the Authority receive a request for disclosure of the information we/they will take full account of your explanation (to the extent provided to them), but we/they 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.

If you have any questions about the consultation documents, please contact DCC via <u>consultations@smartdcc.co.uk</u>.

Attachment 1

This attachment contains the text that BEIS plans to use for direction of changes to the TMAD.

TMAD Daft Direction Text

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.

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 [DD MM YYYY], the SMETS1 Transition and Migration Approach Document previously designated and incorporated into the SEC as Appendix AL is hereby re-designated and incorporated in the form set out in Annex [XX] to this direction.

For the avoidance of doubt such re-designation of the SMETS1 Transition and Migration 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.