Consultation on Smart Energy Code subsidiary document amendments and designation date supporting Release 3 go live – S1SR addendum

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# Introduction and Context

A number of energy suppliers have installed first-generation (SMETS1) smart meters for their customers, using their own data and communications systems to provide smart services. The Government’s long-standing policy has been for all significant populations of SMETS1 devices to be operated via the DCC to ensure consumers with these meters can retain smart services when they change energy supplier.

In a letter of 17 June 2019, BEIS consulted on the designation of the suite of subsidiary documents for Release 3, including the SMETS 1 Supporting Requirements (S1SR) that is proposed to become, when designated, SEC Appendix AM V1.0. The S1SR, amongst other things, describes how the DCC Solution will process SMETS1 Service Requests to accommodate device specific behaviours.

Following the issuance of that letter a small number of additional device behaviours have come to light through the preparation of the test completion documentation and so an update to the way in which the DCC solution will process SMETS 1 Service Requests is required.

The issues identified were reviewed by and accepted as device specific behaviours by the DCC Device Issue Recommendation Forum (DIRF). As a consequence, updates to S1SR have been proposed.

This letter forms an addendum to the consultation of 17 June 2019, referred to above, specifically to request views on the amendments to the S1SR.

For the purposes of this consultation, the S1SR will be referred to as the SMETS 1 Supporting Requirements SEC Appendix [AM] V1.0B.

This letter constitutes a consultation on further amendments to the SMETS 1 Supporting Requirements Subsidiary Document (proposed to be SEC Appendix AM V1.0 when designated).

# Consideration

A new provision 18.1 (j) has been added to describe the failure response that DCC will issue in the event that it receives a Service Request to set the standing charge per day on a gas meter to a greater value than the meter can accommodate. A corresponding new entry in the Device Model Variants to Equivalent Steps (DMVES) matrix has also been added.

Both the S1SR and DMVES have been updated to reflect that clause 18.5 (h) - relating to the application of prepayment configuration - also applies to another device model.

Clause 18.13 (a) relating to the reading of the tariff data, has been amended to fix a drafting error and align with the DMVES.

A track-changed version of the S1SR showing these amendments is included in the Attachment 1 and a track-changed version of DMVES is included in Attachment 2. We propose that the amendments described here and contained in the SMETS 1 Supporting Requirements SEC Appendix [AM] V1.0B are incorporated into the SMETS 1 Supporting Requirements SEC Appendix [AM] V1.0 at the point of designation, as laid out in the BEIS letter of the 17 June 2019.

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| **S1SR Q1** | *Do you agree with the proposed amendments to the SMETS 1 Supporting Requirements and to incorporating these amendments into the designation version on 28 July (or where necessary, within one month thereafter)?* |

# Next Steps

Following the closure of this consultation, DCC will take into account respondents’ views, and, subject to the consultation responses received, submit to the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) an amended version of SMETS 1 Supporting Requirements that it considers suitable for re-designation into the SEC by the Secretary of State.

DCC will conclude on this consultation, providing a report to BEIS no later than 19 July 2019. DCC has discussed the designation of the SMETS 1 Supporting Requirements with BEIS and it is proposed that, subject to timely receipt of DCC’s report, copies of relevant stakeholder responses to this consultation, BEIS will designate the SMETS 1 Supporting Requirements on 28 July 2019 or as soon as reasonably practicable within one month thereafter.

# How to respond

Please provide responses in the attached template by 16:00 on 12 JUL 2019 to DCC at [consultations@smartdcc.co.uk](mailto:consultations@smartdcc.co.uk).

Consultation responses may be published on our website [www.smartdcc.co.uk](http://www.smartdcc.co.uk). 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 of 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 [consultations@smartdcc.co.uk](mailto:consultations@smartdcc.co.uk).

# Attachments

* Attachment 1 – Proposed new SEC appendix AM\_S1SR
* Attachment 2 – Device Models Variations to Equivalent Steps matrix