Data Communications Company

Amendment to the SMETS1 User Testing Services Approach Document.

DCC Conclusions and Report to Secretary of State

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1   Introduction and Context

DCC concluded on 23 October 2019 on its consultation on the SEC Variation Testing Approach Document for SMETS1 Services (SMETS1 SVTAD) and the Migration Test Approach Document for SMETS1 Services (MTAD) to support its process for Device Model Combination Testing (DMCT Process). As part of that consultation process, DCC also identified small changes to the User Testing Services Approach Document for SMETS1 Services (UTSAD) that would support the service provision.

DCC consulted on these changes to the UTSAD as part of its conclusions report[1]. DCC proposed a designation date of 13 December (or within a month thereof) to modify the UTSAD using the procedure set out in clause 4.2[2] of the SMETS1 SVTAD.

This conclusions document constitutes DCC's decision and report to the Secretary of State on the consultation on the proposed changes to the UTSAD.

2 Regulatory Requirements

The UTSAD is produced pursuant to Clause 3.1 to Clause 3.3 of the SMETS1 SVTAD. DCC has prepared this conclusions document in a format consistent with these requirements.

3 Consultation

As part of the DMCT consultation process and analysis of the responses, DCC identified a limited number of minor changes to the UTSAD. DCC consider these changes to be largely consequential to amendments already included[3] in the SMETS1 SVTAD and MTAD in support of operating a DMCT process.

DCC consulted on these proposed changes to the UTSAD which included:

- DMCT process definition added;

- Clause 4.6 of the UTSAD: Clarification to include the DMCT Process as a route by which a DMC can be made available to test in MDUST and DUST.

In the consultation, DCC proposed to modify the UTSAD using the procedure set out in clause 4.2 of the SMETS1 SVTAD.

3.1 Respondents

The consultation closed on 15 November 2019. DCC received 2 responses from Energy Suppliers to the consultation on the changes to the UTSAD.

4 Analysis of Responses

The 2 respondents to the consultation were supportive of the proposed changes to the UTSAD and there were no areas of disagreement. One commented that it brings welcome

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[1] https://www.smartdcc.co.uk/customer-hub/consultations/dcc-responses/sec-variation-test-approach-document-svtad-changes-to-incorporate-device-model-combination-testing-dmct/
[2] Clause 4.2 SMETS1 SVTAD permits DCC to modify the SVTAD and Testing Approach Documents following consultation with relevant persons, the TAG, the Authority and the Secretary of State.
[3] https://smartenergycodecompany.co.uk/latest-news/sec-version-6-19-designated/

alignment with the SMETS1 SVTAD and MTAD. There were no other material comments. There were no comments on the proposed date for modification.

5 Conclusions

DCC intends to modify the UTSAD with the changes proposed in its consultation given the support from respondents.

DCC is confident that the updated draft UTSAD, submitted to the Secretary of State reflects the requirements for document submission that are set out in Clause 3.2 of the SMETS1 SVTAD.

It is DCC's view that it has met its SEC obligation to consult with parties and to address the points raised and identify those comments that have not been resolved. DCC is of the view that it has met its regulatory obligation as set out in the SEC.

The updated UTSAD is in line with the overall testing design for the SMETS1 Service and other relevant documents.

DCC considers that:

- the updated UTSAD is defined to a sufficient level of detail for approval by the Secretary of State;

- this document provides an overarching framework which sets out clearly and unambiguously parties' rights and obligations which are consistent / and aligned with the rest of the SEC requirements in relation to SMETS1 Services; and

- this document is materially complete, and the content is technically accurate.

In summary, DCC considers that the UTSAD is fit for purpose.

6 Next Steps

DCC submitted the SMETS1 UTSAD and this conclusions report to the Secretary of State on 20 December 2019. DCC considers that, having followed the process in Clause 4.2 of the SMETS1 SVTAD, it is appropriate to amend the SMETS1 UTSAD. DCC will publish its conclusions report on the DCC Website and notify SEC Parties. Subject to the Secretary of State not directing otherwise, DCC will issue a notice to modify the UTSAD on 13 January 2020. DCC will notify the SEC Administrator and an updated version of the SEC to reflect these changes will be available on the SEC website in due course.

7 Attachments

- Annex A   DCC's draft direction for modification of the UTSAD;

- Annex B   Final draft of the SMETS1 UTSAD (track changed version).

- Annex C   Final draft of the SMETS1 UTSAD (clean version)

Annex A

This annex contains the text that DCC intend to utilise for modification of the UTSAD. The date for modification of the amended UTSAD will be subject to the Secretary of State not directing otherwise.

Modification Text

Words and expressions used in this direction shall be interpreted in accordance with Section A (Definitions and Interpretation) of the SEC.

Pursuant to Clause 4.2 of the SMETS1 SVTAD, DCC directs that, with effect from 13 January 2020, the UTSAD is hereby modified and approved pursuant to the SMETS1 SVTAD in the form set out in Annex [TBC] of this direction.

For the avoidance of doubt such modification of the UTSAD shall be without prejudice to anything done under the DCC Licence or the SEC on or after this document first being approved, or to the continuing effectiveness of anything done under this document prior to its modification (which shall have effect as if done under the re-designated document).

This direction is also being sent to the SEC Administrator.