



# **SMETS1 Conclusions on changes to support Uplift 2.2 for the FOC cohort**

**DCC Conclusions on changes to the SMETS 1 Supporting  
Requirements (S1SR) to support Uplift 2.2 for the FOC  
Cohort**

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# 1. Introduction and Context

In the initial stages of the smart meter roll-out across Great Britain, a number of energy suppliers installed first generation smart metering devices (known as SMETS1 devices), in households and small/medium non domestic premises. SMETS1 devices installed by one energy supplier, however, are not always interoperable with and supported by the systems used by another supplier. The Data Communications Company (DCC) has developed a plan and designed a solution for the incorporation of such devices into its national network. It provides important shared benefits for industry and consumers and intends to offer the ability for SMETS1 consumers to maintain their smart services following a decision to switch suppliers.

The DCC solution relies on a common DCC User interface, defined in the DCC User Interface Specification (DUIS) for users of both SMETS1 and SMETS2+ devices. The SMETS1 Supporting Requirements (S1SR) – Appendix AM of the Smart Energy Code (SEC) - describes supplementary rules for how DCC will process SMETS1 Service Requests / Service Reference Variants (SRs/SRVs) and includes the accommodation of behaviours that are specific to particular SMETS1 Device Models.

On 27 July 2021, DCC consulted on changes to the S1SR to make provision for device specific behaviours in relation to Uplift 2.2 of the FOC cohort, which consultation closed on 20 August 2021. This consultation was concluded on 14 September 2021. DCC identified further FOC device specific behaviours that required consultation with Industry and DCC consulted on these further changes at the same time on 14 September 2021, which consultation closed on 28 September 2021. This document considers the responses that were received to this consultation consistent with the regulatory requirements.

## 2. Consultation Questions & Responses

### 2.1. Questions

The consultation presented the consultation questions as set out in Table 1.

<b>S1SR Q1</b>	Do you agree with the proposed amendments to the SMETS1 Supporting Requirements Document (S1SR) in Section 18 of that document, that have been added to describe the device behaviour specific relevant to the FOC devices?
<b>S1SR Q2</b>	Do you agree with mappings of clauses in Section 18 of S1SR to the relevant Device Models in DMVES?

Table 1

### 2.2. Responses

DCC received a written response from three respondents, who were all Energy Suppliers, to the consultation on the S1SR.

DCC provided all written responses to the Secretary of State.

## 3. Analysis of Responses

DCC has analysed the feedback provided and views of stakeholders. Subject matter experts within DCC have reviewed every response.

DCC has structured the analysis of responses by question. Thus, this section presents DCC's analysis by question in several separate subsections; with each structured as:

- an overview of the responses on the topic;

- where appropriate a DCC response; and
- areas where DCC disagrees with the view presented by respondents, as the regulation requirements require DCC to report on this.

### 3.1. S1SR Question 1

DCC was seeking views on changes relating to the following:

- Restrict Access for Change of Tenancy (SRV3.2)
- Block Tariff (SRV 4.1.3, 4.4.2, 4.4.3 and 4.6.1)
- Retrieve Active Import Profile Data (SRV 4.8.1)

DCC sought views on proposals to amend the S1SR for FOC asking “*Do you agree with the proposed amendments to the SMETS1 Supporting Requirements Document (S1SR) in Section 18 of that document, that have been added to describe the device behaviour specific relevant to the FOC devices?*”.

#### • Respondent View

DCC received three responses to this question.

The respondents were supportive of the proposed changes and did not raise any concerns or seek any clarification of the proposed changes.

These changes were discussed with industry on 15 September 2021 at the Technical and Business Design Group (TBDG) E&A subgroup and no concerns regarding these proposed changes were raised during this meeting.

### 3.2. S1SR Question 2

DCC sought views on proposals to amend the DMVES asking: “**Do you agree with the mapping of clauses in Section 18 of S1SR to the relevant Device Models in DMVES?**”.

#### • Respondent View

DCC received three responses to this question.

All respondents agreed with the mapping.

## 4. Conclusions

DCC is of the opinion that it has had appropriate engagement and consultation with industry on the changes that have been proposed to the S1SR in the consultations of 27 July 2021 and 14 September 2021. As the responses to the consultation and engagement in industry were supportive of the proposed changes, DCC will submit the proposed changes to BEIS for designation into the SEC.

As set out in the consultations, the proposed changes are due to be designated when Uplift 2.2 goes live which is currently due to be 12 October 2021, which is in line with the date that was consulted on of 14 September 2021 or as soon as reasonably practicable within 1 month thereafter.

DCC has, where necessary, addressed the comments that have been received from industry. DCC does not believe that the views expressed result in fundamental amendments to the S1SR and, as such, further consultation is neither necessary nor appropriate.

It is DCC's view that it has met its SEC obligations.

The S1SR revisions are in line with the overall solution design for the SMETS1 Service and other relevant documents.

DCC considers that:

- the revised S1SR is defined to a sufficient level of detail for re-designation into the SEC;
- the revised S1SR 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
- the revised S1SR is materially complete, and the content is technically accurate.
- In summary, DCC considers that the revised S1SR is fit for purpose.

## 5. Next Steps

DCC will submit its conclusions for the two consultations on regulatory changes to support Uplift 2.2 for FOC and provide an updated version of S1SR to the Secretary of State on 05 October 2021 and anticipates that the Secretary of State will re-designate the S1SR on 12 October 2021 in line with the consultation of 27 July 2021.

## 6. Attachments

- Attachment 1: SEC Appendix AM SMETS1 Supporting Requirement
- Attachment 2: SEC Appendix AM Annex A – Device Model Variations to Equivalent Steps