



SMETS1 Consultation on designation of the SMETS1 Supporting Requirements – April 2023

A consultation on designation of the S1SR into the SEC

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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 the 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. The latest version of the SMETS1 Supporting Requirements came into effect on 17 December 2021.

Between 13 January and 10 February 2023¹, DCC consulted on proposed changes to the S1SR, which included a question on the re-designation of the proposed changes into the SEC by the Secretary of State on 21 March 2023. In its response to this consultation, DCC noted that this date aligned with the March maintenance release. However, as the proposed changes had not been finalised, it was not possible to include them in the March maintenance release. Instead, the changes will be included in the maintenance release set for 23 May 2023. In its conclusions to this consultation, DCC noted that it would consult on a new date for re-designation of the proposed changes to the S1SR into the SEC. This is the consultation on that new designation date.

2. Designation of the S1SR

DCC is aiming to provide a report to the Secretary of State for the re-designation of the S1SR by no later than 12 May 2023. This report will contain DCC's consideration of the designation consultation and its responses.

DCC has discussed the re-designation of the S1SR with the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (the Department) and it is proposed that, subject to timely receipt of DCC's report and copies of relevant stakeholder responses to this consultation, The Department will re-designate the S1SR on 23 May 2023 (or as soon as reasonably practicable within one month thereafter).

In order to expedite the re-designation of the S1SR, DCC is seeking views on behalf of The Department on the proposed date for re-designation of the S1SR as well as the draft direction which is presented in Attachment 1 of this consultation document for stakeholder consideration.

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Do you agree with the proposed re-designation date of 23 May 2023 (or, if necessary, as soon as reasonably practicable within one month thereafter) for the updates to the S1SR using draft notification at Attachment 1?

3. How to Respond

Please provide responses by 1600 on 5 May 2023 to DCC at consultations@smartdcc.co.uk.

¹ [SMETS1 Consultation on changes to the SMETS1 Supporting Requirements | Smart DCC](#)

Consultation responses may be published on our website 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 for Energy Security and Net Zero (The Department) and the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority (the Authority). Information provided to The Department 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 The Department 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.

4. Attachments

- Attachment 1: S1SR Re-designation consultation Response Template

Attachment 1

This attachment contains the text that the Department plans to use for direction of changes to the S1SR.

S1SR Draft 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 MMM YYYY], the SMETS1 Supporting Requirements previously designated and incorporated into the SEC as Appendix AM 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 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.