



# SMETS1 Consultation TMAD Expiry Date 2024

A SMETS1 consultation on extending the TMAD expiry date  
to 31 December 2024

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# 1. Introduction and Context

The vast majority of Energy Suppliers have installed first generation smart devices (known as SMETS1 devices) in consumers' premises across Great Britain. The Data Communications Company (DCC) has designed a solution for the enrolment of SMETS1 devices into its network. Part of DCC's plan to deliver SMETS1 Services involves a detailed approach for Migrating SMETS1 Installations into DCC's systems. Appendix AL of the Smart Energy Code<sup>1</sup> (SEC) is the SMETS1 Transition and Migration Approach Document (TMAD) and sets out the detailed technical and procedural requirements of the Migration approach.

In this document DCC proposes changes to the TMAD in support of SMETS1 service delivery. This consultation covers one change to the TMAD and proposes that the existing expiry date in the TMAD is changed from 31 March 2024 to 31 December 2024.

## 2. Extension to the TMAD Expiry Date

Clause 1.3 of the TMAD sets out that the entire TMAD will cease to apply on 31 March 2024. It is proposed by DCC that the expiry date in Clause 1.3 is changed to be 31 December 2024. This extension to the expiry date is required as Migration of SMETS1 Installations will not be materially complete within the current TMAD period. In addition, the process for closure of a Migration service (as set out in Clause 7 of the TMAD) needs to extend for a period beyond closure of the final cohort, for example providing rights and obligations around undertaking audits as per Clause 7 of the TMAD.

DCC has made substantial progress with Migrating SMETS1 Installations and the closure of some cohorts. At the time of publication over 7 million SMETS1 Installations (containing over 12 million meters) have been Migrated and three cohorts have been closed via the decommissioning of the relevant Requesting Party for each cohort<sup>2</sup>. However, for the remaining cohorts, certain Energy Suppliers with SMETS1 Installations containing Active Meters have signalled to DCC and the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (the Department) an expected demand for Migration services through to the summer of 2024. DCC will of course be working with Energy Suppliers to support completing their SMETS1 enrolment as soon as possible and will continue to make available capacity to support these Migrations.

DCC will seek to close Migration services promptly in energy consumers best interests and when economically efficient to do so. Based on the information provided by Energy Suppliers, DCC expects that it should be possible to close the remaining cohorts by 30 September 2024. To do this, DCC will plan to consult on the respective RP Decommissioning Timetables (as prescribed in Clause 7 of the TMAD) in spring 2024 (or earlier if there is prompt progress on remaining Migrations). On this basis, and the need to build in a period beyond the final cohort closure (for example providing rights and obligations around undertaking audits as per Clause 7 of the TMAD), the TMAD expiry date is proposed to move to 31 December 2024.

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Do you agree with DCC's proposal to amend Clause 1.3 to extend the expiry of the TMAD until 31 December 2024? Do you have any detailed comments on the relevant change to the legal drafting? Please provide a rationale for your views.

<sup>1</sup> The current version of the SEC is available from <https://smartenergycodecompany.co.uk/the-smart-energy-code-2/>.

<sup>2</sup> The MOC (MDS) cohort closed on Sunday 23 October 2022 (<https://www.smartdcc.co.uk/consultations/smets1-publication-final-rp-decommissioning-timetable-for-moc-mds/>). The FOC (NP) cohort closed on Sunday 9 April 2023 (<https://www.smartdcc.co.uk/consultations/smets1-publication-final-rp-decommissioning-timetable-for-foc-np/>). The IOC Cohort closed on Sunday 28 May 2023 (<https://www.smartdcc.co.uk/consultations/smets1-publication-final-rp-decommissioning-timetable-for-ioc/>).

### 3. 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 an amended version of the TMAD that it considers suitable for re-designation by the Secretary of State.

DCC aims to conclude on this consultation on 8 December 2023 and to provide the Department with a conclusions report related to the TMAD re-designation covering the proposed amendment.

DCC has discussed the re-designation of the TMAD with the Department and it is proposed that, subject to timely receipt of DCC's report, copies of relevant stakeholder responses to this consultation, and the outcome of the consultation exercise, the Secretary of State will re-designate the TMAD on 18 December 2023 or as soon as reasonably practicable within one month thereafter.

To expedite the re-designation of the TMAD, DCC is also seeking views on behalf of the Department on the proposed dates for re-designation of the TMAD 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 18 December 2023 (or within one month thereafter i.e. in the period between 18 December 2023 and 18 January 2024) for the update to the TMAD within the scope of this consultation? Please provide a rationale for your views.

### 4. How to Respond

Please provide responses in the attached template by noon on 30 November 2023 to DCC at [consultations@smartdcc.co.uk](mailto:consultations@smartdcc.co.uk). This template may be submitted in PDF or similar format rather than Microsoft Word format if preferred.

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 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, please contact DCC via [consultations@smartdcc.co.uk](mailto:consultations@smartdcc.co.uk).

## 5. Attachments

| Attachment / Title                           |
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| 1. Draft Notification Text for TMAD          |
| 2. Response Template                         |
| 3. TMAD v28.EXT Draft Redlined against V27.0 |

Table 1 - Attachments

## Attachment 1

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

### **TMAD Draft Direction Text**

*This direction is made for the purposes of the smart meter communications 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 (TMAD) 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 the continuing effectiveness of anything done in 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.*