



SMETS1 Conclusion DMCT Process – RFI Removal

A SMETS1 conclusion to amend the SMETS1 SVTAD to remove the bi-monthly RFI from the DMCT Process.

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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 an approach for migrating SMETS1 Installations into DCC's systems.

Appendix AK of the Smart Energy Code¹ (SEC) is the SEC Variation Testing Approach Document for SMETS1 Services (SMETS1 SVTAD) and captures the testing requirements for SMETS1 including the requirement for DCC to provide the Migration Test Approach Document (MTAD). In this document DCC concludes on changes to the SMETS1 SVTAD in support of SMETS1 service delivery.

The SMETS1 Consultation – DMCT Process – RFI Removal² was published via DCC's website on 20 December 2023 (with an email notification sent to SEC Parties and other interested stakeholders) with responses due by noon on 25 January 2024. The consultation proposed changes to the SMETS1 SVTAD to replace the bi-monthly process in the SMETS1 SVTAD whereby DCC requests information from energy suppliers on SMETS1 Device Model Combinations (DMCs) that they are planning to enrol / Migrate, with the option for energy suppliers to bring forward proposed DMCs should any arise.

This document provides a response to that consultation consistent with the regulatory requirements for DCC modifying the SMETS1 SVTAD.

2. Stakeholder Engagement

This section details DCC's stakeholder engagement that has taken place in relation to the proposed regulatory changes.

2.1. Questions

The consultation set out two questions and this document provides a response to these two questions. Table 1 below details these questions as presented in the public consultation.

Number	Question
RFI Removal Q1	Do you agree with DCC's proposal to modify the SMETS1 SVTAD to amend the DMCT Process to replace the bimonthly RFI with an ad-hoc arrangement triggered by an energy supplier? Do you have any detailed comments on the relevant changes to the legal drafting? Please provide a rationale for your views.
RFI Removal Q2	Do you agree with the proposed modification date of 14 February 2024 (or within one month thereafter i.e. in the period between 14 February 2024 and 14 March 2024) for the update to the SMETS1 SVTAD within the scope of this consultation? Please provide a rationale for your views.

Table 1 – Consultation Questions – DMCT Process – RFI Removal

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

² <https://www.smartdcc.co.uk/consultations/smets1-consultation-dmct-process-rfi-removal/>

2.2. Responses

Stakeholders were invited to respond to the consultation by noon on 25 January 2024 using the response template³ that was provided.

During this period DCC received a written response from one respondent regarding this consultation. The responder is a large supplier.

Some stakeholders have recently advised DCC that they would generally only respond to DCC's regulatory consultations if they wish to provide specific feedback on or have concerns about the relevant proposals. The number of responses received should be considered in this context.

2.3. Analysis of Responses

DCC reviewed the consultation responses and included a statement on any areas of disagreement as set out in the Sections below.

3. Removal of the RFI (RFI Removal Q1)

DCC proposed to amend Clauses 20.2 and 20.2B of the SMETS1 SVTAD to replace the bimonthly RFI regime within Clause 20 of the SMETS1 SVTAD with an ad-hoc process triggered by an energy supplier. There were also minor consequential drafting amendments to Clause 20.25. These changes were covered by the following question: ***“Do you agree with DCC’s proposal to modify the SMETS1 SVTAD to amend the DMCT Process to replace the bimonthly RFI with an ad-hoc arrangement triggered by an energy supplier? Do you have any detailed comments on the relevant changes to the legal drafting? Please provide a rationale for your views.”***.

3.1. Respondents’ Comments / DCC Analysis / Clarifications

The responder agreed with DCC proposal to modify the SMETS1 SVTAD to amend the DMCT process and replace the bimonthly RFI with an ad-hoc arrangement.

3.2. Summary

The respondent supported the proposal to amend the SMETS1 SVTAD to replace the RFI regime and DCC did not receive any contradictory comments through other means.

4. SMETS1 SVTAD Modification (RFI Removal Q2)

DCC sought views on the schedule to modify the SMETS1 SVTAD in order to implement the changes proposed in this consultation through the following question: ***“Do you agree with the proposed modification date of 14 February 2024 (or within one month thereafter i.e. in the period between 14 February 2024 and 14 March 2024) for the update to the SMETS1 SVTAD within the scope of this consultation? Please provide a rationale for your views.”***.

4.1. Respondents’ Comments / DCC Analysis / Clarifications

The responder agreed with DCC proposal to amend the SMETS1 SVTAD from 14 February (or within one month thereafter).

³ <https://www.smartdcc.co.uk/media/ihfegjz/smets1-consultation-dmct-process-rfi-removal-response-template.docx>

4.2. Areas of Unresolved Disagreement

No further information was provided and no questions or challenge was received. Given the advice to DCC from stakeholders (Section 2.2 above), DCC is confident that the period for re-designating the SVTAD is supported by the consulted stakeholders, as proposed.

4.3. Summary

The responder supported the proposal for DCC to modify the SMETS1 SVTAD between 14 February 2024 and 14 March 2024. DCC did not receive any contradictory comments through other means.

5. Summary of Drafting Changes

There are no changes to the SMETS1 SVTAD arising from the comments received regarding the matters set out in this conclusion document.

6. Conclusions

DCC intends to amend the SMETS1 SVTAD with the changes proposed in this consultation given the responses received.

Consistent with the requirements set out in Clause 4.2 of the SMETS1 SVTAD, DCC is of the view that it has undertaken appropriate consultation with stakeholders in relation to the proposed amendments to the SMETS1 SVTAD.

DCC is confident that the SMETS1 SVTAD submitted to the Secretary of State reflects the requirements for document submission. It is DCC's view that it has met its SEC obligation to consult with parties and that it has met its regulatory obligation as set out in the SEC.

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

DCC considers that:

- the updated SMETS1 SVTAD is defined to a sufficient level of detail for amendment by DCC;
- 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 SMETS1 SVTAD is fit for purpose.

7. Next Steps

DCC submitted this conclusion report to the Secretary of State on 5 February 2024. Subsequently, DCC will publish the report on DCC's website and notify SEC Parties.

DCC considers that, having followed the process in Clause 4.2 of the SMETS1 SVTAD, it is appropriate to amend the SMETS1 SVTAD.

Given this consultation process, DCC notes that the earliest date on which the SMETS1 SVTAD could be modified is 14 February 2024 and the latest date is 14 March 2024 without requiring a further consultation on the modification date.

Subject to the Secretary of State not directing otherwise, DCC plans to issue a notice to modify the SMETS1 SVTAD on 27 February 2024 with the SMETS1 SVTAD being modified on 22 February 2024.

DCC will notify the SEC Administrator and an updated version of the SMETS1 SVTAD to reflect these changes will be available on the SEC website in due course.

8. Attachments

Attachment	Title
1.	SMETS1 SVTAD v12.0 Draft Redlined against V11.0
2.	SMETS1 SVTAD v12.0 draft clean

Table 2 - Attachments