

DECC
Smart Metering Regulation Team



By email

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Dear Sirs

**Further consultation: provisions in the Smart Energy Code concerning
financing of communications hubs and consequential changes to the DCC
Licence**

We read with interest your response to the consultation on DCC financing proposals contained within SEC2. Thank you for clarifying the points that we raised.

At this time, we have no comments on the subsequent changes to the DCC's licence obligations as proposed.

We are still concerned principally about the potential implications of the transfer of liabilities between the current CSPs and their successors, and the efficient alignment of replacement activity across comms hubs and our own smart meters. We recognise that there is time to address these concerns, and look forward to the opportunity to do so, in collaboration with DCC and industry.

Yours faithfully