

## **Informal Testing Direction**

- 1 This designation and direction is made for the purposes of the smart energy code (the **Code**) designated by the Secretary of State pursuant to the smart meter communication licences granted under the Electricity Act 1989 and the Gas Act 1986. Words and expressions used in this document shall be interpreted in accordance with Section A (Definitions and Interpretation) of the Code.
- 2 This designation and direction is being made so as to allow the DCC to provide a limited form of testing in respect of Devices and User Systems.
- 3 Pursuant to Section X3.1 (Effective Dates), it is hereby designated that Section H14.31 (Device and User System Tests) shall have effect from [*DATE*] 2015, and that all the following provisions of Section H14 (Testing Services) shall have effect from the same date insofar as they relate to the testing services provided pursuant to such Section H14.31: Sections H14.2(a), H14.5, H14.6, H14.7, H14.11 and H14.32.
- 4 Pursuant to Section X3.6 (Provisions to be Effective Subject to Variations), it is hereby directed that the application of Section H14.31 shall be subject to the following variations:
  - (a) subject to the remaining provisions of this direction: Section H14.31(a) and (b) shall apply on the basis that the DCC is obliged to take reasonable steps to provide the Services described in those Sections; and Section H14.31(c) and the paragraph following Section H14.31(c) shall not apply;
  - (b) references to “Communications Hubs”, “Devices”, “DCC User Interface”, “DCC Systems”, “SM WAN” and “User Systems” shall be interpreted as prototypes or simulations of those things, as the DCC may determine from time to time (and the reference to the “Self-Service Interface” shall be ignored);
  - (c) the functionality of such prototypes or simulations that are to be provided by the DCC shall be limited to the functionality that the DCC reasonably

determines from time to time; ~~and~~

(d) the DCC and the Testing Participants undertaking Device and User System Testing must each comply with such supplemental obligations as the DCC may notify to Testing Participants from time to time (provided that such obligations are not inconsistent with the provisions of the Code that are in effect at that time); ~~and~~

~~(d)~~(e) for the avoidance of doubt, the DCC shall not be obliged to provide any additional testing support in understanding the DCC Total System or the results of the Device and User System Tests.