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Date: 17 January 2025

Dear Jon,

Consent given by the Gas and Electricity Markets (the "Authority") pursuant to Licence Condition 19 Part D (Procedure for amending any of the Service Charges) of the Smart Meter Communication Licence to Smart DCC Ltd.

Smart DCC Ltd (DCC) has requested for a reduced Notice period in respect of an additional amendment to the Charging Statement for Regulatory Year ending 31 March 2025 (RY2024/25) to reduce the monthly Fixed Charges.

In accordance with Licence Condition 19 Part D, DCC is obliged to give the Authority Notice which is no less than three months before the date on which it proposes to amend its Service Charges.

DCC is due to return £12.4m to its customers. To do this, DCC proposes to reduce Fixed Charges to their customers during the remainder of RY2024/25, so that the savings would be effectively returned in full to DCC customers by the end of 2025.

We consent to the reduced Notice period of 2 weeks, on the basis that DCC is proposing to reduce the Fixed Charges in order to return £12.4m to its customers, and so DCC

customers benefit from the proposed amendments to the Charging Statement as they receive the money earlier than had DCC followed the standard correction factor process.

This is an exception to the obligations set out in the Smart Metering Communication Licence, in particular Part D of Licence Condition 19; and is for the benefit of DCC customers. We expect and encourage DCC to comply with the Licence requirements and to provide us no less than three months' notice ahead of any proposed amendments to the Charging Statement envisaged to take effect.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ay' followed by a stylized flourish.

Ayena Gupta

Head of DCC Oversight and Regulatory Review

Duly Authorised on behalf of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority