To licensee:

Smart DCC Limited

Date: 14 January 2026

Notice of modification of the conditions of the Smart Meter Communication Licence under Gas Act 1986 Section 23 (1)(a) and Electricity Act 1989 Section 11A (1A)

1. The Gas and Electricity Markets Authority (the Authority)[1] issues this direction, modifying the following Licence Conditions to put into effect to the obligation to follow Data Best Practice Guidance under the Licences listed below.

Licence Condition	Associated Document	Industry Sector
Relevant SMC Licence Condition Part B, paragraph 6.7 and 6.17	• Data Best Practice Guidance • Digitalisation Strategy and Action Plan Guidance	DCC

1. The company to whom this direction is addressed is the holder of a smart meter communication licence granted of treated as granted under section 7AB(2) and (4) of the Gas Act 1986 and section 6(1A) and (1C) of the Electricity Act 1989

2. On 30 June 2025, as part of the consultation on Data Best Practice as a Code Obligation, the Authority published on its website the text of the proposed expansion of Data Best Practice (DBP) Guidance and Digitalisation Strategy and Action Plan (DSAP) Guidance as a Code Obligation and stated that representations must be made on or before 11 August 2025.

[1] The terms “the Authority”, “we” and “us” are used interchangeably in this document.

3. We received twenty-seven representations, which we have carefully considered.

4. We have published all non-confidential representations received on our website. Our response to these representations is set out in our decision document which can be found in the zip file located alongside the published consultation documents.

5. We have made changes to the proposed text of the Smart Meter Communication Licence as a result of the consultation responses, which are detailed in full in our decision document and can be found alongside the published decision document. We have also stated a proposed timeframe for the expansion of Data Best Practice to all energy codes. The full text of DBP Guidance can be found alongside the published guidance documents.

6. The reason for this direction is to expand the obligation to follow Data Best Practice as an obligation by Smart DCC Ltd to follow DBP Guidance.

7. Our reasons for the obligation to follow Data Best Practice are set out in our consultation document[2] and decision document.

8. This direction is our notice of reasons for the purposes of section 49A of the Electricity Act 1989 and section 38A of the Gas Act 1986.

9. Now the Authority, pursuant to the provisions of the licence conditions set out in paragraph 1, hereby directs that the change to the licence condition to follow Data Best Practice Guidance are issued and will have effect from 2 April 2026.

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Duly authorised for and on behalf of the Authority:

[2] Data Best Practice as a Code Obligation | Ofgem

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