
SCHEDULE 1

Interpretation Schedule

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Domestic Suppliers	Mandatory
Non-Domestic Suppliers	Mandatory
Gas Transporters	Mandatory
Distribution Network Operators	Mandatory
DCC	Mandatory

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1 General Interpretation

1.1 In this Code, unless the context requires otherwise, any reference to:

- (a) a “person” includes a reference to an individual, a body corporate, an association, a partnership or a Competent Authority;
- (b) the singular includes the plural, and vice versa;
- (c) a gender includes every gender;
- (d) a Clause is a reference to the clause of the main body of this Code which bears the relevant number;
- (e) a Paragraph is a reference to the paragraph of the REC Schedule in which such reference occurs;
- (f) a Condition is a reference to a licence condition in an Energy Licence (and, where applicable, is a reference to the standard licence conditions of that Energy Licence);
- (g) writing (or similar) includes all methods of reproducing words in a legible and non-transitory form (including email);
- (h) a document includes spreadsheets, models, digital repositories, and other graphical and/or lexical representations of data;
- (i) a day, week or month is a reference (respectively) to a calendar day, a week starting on a Monday, or a calendar month;
- (j) a time is a reference to that time in the UK;
- (k) any statute or statutory provision includes any subordinate legislation made under it, any provision which it has modified or re-enacted, and any provision which subsequently supersedes or re-enacts it (with or without modification);
- (l) an agreement, code, licence or other document is to such agreement, code, licence or other document as amended, supplemented, novated or replaced from time to time;
- (m) a Party shall include reference to that Party’s respective successors, and (as the context permits) reference to the respective persons to whom that Party may sub-contract or otherwise delegate its rights and/or obligations under this Code;

- (n) any Systems of a person shall include references to the Systems of that person's service providers and contractors to the extent relevant to this Code;
- (o) any premises of a Party shall include references to any premises owned or occupied by that Party and (as the context permits) by the respective persons to whom that Party may sub-contract or otherwise delegate its rights and/or obligations under this Code; and
- (p) a Competent Authority or other public organisation includes a reference to its successors, or to any organisation to which some or all of its functions and responsibilities have been transferred.

1.2 The headings in this Code are for ease of reference only and shall not affect its interpretation.

1.3 In this Code, the words preceding “include”, “including” or “in particular” are to be construed without limitation to the generality of the words following those expressions.

1.4 Except where expressly stated to the contrary, in the event of any conflict between the provisions of this Code, the following order of precedence shall apply: (a) the main body of this Agreement; (b) then the REC Schedules; and (c) then the Technical Specification.

1.5 Where no time period is specified for performance of any obligation under this Code, the obligation shall be performed as soon as reasonably practicable.

2 Responsibility for Persons who are not Parties

2.1 The Gas Retail Data Agent is not a Party under this Code. Where this Code places an obligation on the Gas Retail Data Agent, each Gas Transporter shall ensure that the Gas Retail Data Agent shall comply with the obligations expressed to be placed on the Gas Retail Data Agent. Each Gas Transporter shall be jointly and severally liable for any failure by the Gas Retail Data Agent to comply with the obligations expressed to be placed on the Gas Retail Data Agent under this Code.

2.2 The Electricity Retail Data Agents are not Parties under this Code. Where this Code places an obligation on an Electricity Retail Data Agent, each Distribution Network Operator shall ensure that its Electricity Retail Data Agent shall comply with the obligations expressed to be placed on an Electricity Retail Data Agent. Where an Electricity Retail Data Agent acts for more than one Distribution Network Operator, each such Distribution Network Operator shall be jointly and severally liable for any failure by such Electricity Retail Data Agent to comply with the obligations expressed to be placed on the Electricity Retail Data Agents under this Code.

- 2.3 The gas Market Intelligence Agent is not a Party under this Code. Where this Code places an obligation on the gas Market Intelligence Agent, each Gas Transporter shall ensure that the gas Market Intelligence Agent shall comply with the obligations expressed to be placed on the gas Market Intelligence Agent. Each Gas Transporter shall be jointly and severally liable for any failure by the gas Market Intelligence Agent to comply with the obligations expressed to be placed on the gas Market Intelligence Agent under this Code.
- 2.4 The electricity Market Intelligence Agent is not a Party under this Code. Where this Code places an obligation on the electricity Market Intelligence Agent, each Distribution Network Operator and each Electricity Supplier shall ensure that the electricity Market Intelligence Agent shall comply with the obligations expressed to be placed on the electricity Market Intelligence Agent. Each Distribution Network Operator and each Electricity Supplier shall be jointly and severally liable for any failure by the electricity Market Intelligence Agent to comply with the obligations expressed to be placed on the electricity Market Intelligence Agent under this Code.
- 2.5 Shippers, Supplier Agents and Meter Asset Providers are not obliged to become Parties under this Code. Where this Code places an obligation on one or more Shippers, Supplier Agents or Meter Asset Providers, then:
- (a) in the case of obligations which apply by reference to a particular RMP, the Registered Supplier for that RMP shall ensure that the Shipper, Supplier Agents and Meter Asset Provider registered in the Central Switching Service in respect of that RMP perform those obligations; and
 - (b) in the case of obligations which apply without reference to a particular RMP, each Energy Supplier shall ensure that the Shippers, Supplier Agents and Meter Asset Providers registered in the Central Switching Service in respect of any or all the RMPs for which the Energy Supplier is the Registered Supplier at the relevant time perform those obligations.

3 Definitions

- 3.1 In this Code, unless the context requires otherwise, the following words shall have the following meanings:

Term	Acronym	Definition
Accession Agreement		means an agreement by which a Party (other than the Original Parties) agrees to be bound by this Code, in the form set out in the Accession Agreement Schedule.

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Accession Agreement Schedule		means REC Schedule 3.
Affected Party		means a Party which is unable to carry out its obligations under this Code due to circumstance of Force Majeure.
Affiliate		means, in relation to a person, any group undertaking of that person from time to time (and the expression "group undertaking" shall have the meaning given to that expression in section 1161 of the Companies Act 2006).
Authority		means the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority as established under section 1 of the Utilities Act 2000.
Balancing and Settlement Code	BSC	means the Balancing and Settlement Code, as defined in the Electricity Supply Licences.
Central Switching Service	CSS	means the Systems and processes that are to be provided or procured by the CSS Provider pursuant to the Switching Programme.
Change Proposal		means a proposal to change this Code made in accordance with Clause 11 of the main body of this Code.
Code		means this Retail Energy Code, including its REC Schedules and the Technical Specification.
Code Administration Code of Practice		means the document of that name as approved by the Authority from time to time.
Code Administration Code of Practice Principles		means the principles set out as such in the Code Administration Code of Practice.
Code Manager		means the person described in Clause 7 of the main body of this Code.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Competent Authority		means the Authority, and any local, regional, national or supra-national agency, authority, department, inspectorate, minister, ministry, official or public or statutory person having (in each case) jurisdiction over the relevant Party, this Code or its subject matter.
Confidential Information		means, in relation to a Party, all data or other information supplied or otherwise made available by that Party under or pursuant to this Code.
Consumer		means any person supplied (or seeking a supply) of Energy at an RMP (whether or not that person also exports or is seeking to export electricity at an RMP).
Contract Manager		means, for each Party, the individual appointed as such from time to time under Clause 24 of the main body of this Code.
Core Systems Assurance Provider		means the Systems assurance function provided or procured by the CSS Provider.
Core Systems Assurance Requirements		means the document or documents produced by the CSS Provider, as amended from time to time in accordance with the procedure for its amendment developed under the Switching Programme.
Corporate Governance Schedule		means REC Schedule 4.
CSS Data Migration Plan		means the document produced by the CSS Provider reflecting the principles set out in the E2E Data Migration Plan, approved by the Authority from time to time, as amended from time to time in accordance with the procedure for its amendment developed under the Switching Programme.

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CSS Provider		means the DCC when performing functions under or in relation to this Code (but always excluding its functions under the Smart Energy Code and its roles as CSS Systems Integrator, SI Provider and Switching Operator), including in respect of the Central Switching Service and including in effecting the design, build and testing of any System that will allow it to perform functions under this Code after Go-Live. This role is the CSS Procurer and Manager function as described in the E2E Data Migration Plan, E2E Integration Plan, E2E Post Implementation Plan, E2E Testing Plan, E2E Transition Plan: Implementation Approach and E2E Transition Plan: In-Flight Switches Approach.
CSS Systems Integrator		means the system integration function provided or procured by the DCC. The DCC shall be responsible for ensuring that the CSS Systems Integrator complies with the obligations imposed on the CSS Systems Integrator under this Code.
Data Aggregator	DA	means the person appointed by an Electricity Supplier to aggregate consumption data for an RMP as further described in the Balancing and Settlement Code.
Data Collector	DC	means the person appointed by an Electricity Supplier to collect and process meter readings for an RMP as further described in the Balancing and Settlement Code.
Data Communications Company	DCC	means the person holding the DCC Licence.
Data Enquiry Service	DES	means the service of that name pursuant to the UNC which allows authorised users to access Gas Retail Data.
Data Migration and Transition Testing		has the meaning given in Paragraph 4.25 of the Transition Schedule.
Data Model		means the document or documents designated as such by the Authority from time to time, as amended from time to time in accordance with the procedure for its amendment developed under the Switching Programme.

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Data Protection Legislation		means the Data Protection Act 2018; and EU Regulation 2016/679 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, which is known as the General Data Protection Regulation.
Data Transfer Network	DTN	has the meaning given to that expression in the MRA (in relation to electricity RMPs) or the SPAA (in relation to gas RMPs).
Database Remedy Document		means the document named "Data Improvement Address Database Remedy 1" designated by the Authority from time to time, as amended from time to time in accordance with the procedure for its amendment developed under the Switching Programme.
DCC Licence		means the licences granted under section 6(1A) of the Electricity Act and section 7AB (2) of the Gas Act.
Default Interest Rate		means the interest rate provided for in the Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998.
Defaulting Party		has the meaning given in Clause 16.1 of the main body of this Code.
Defect Management Plan		means the document or documents to be produced pursuant to the Transition Schedule and approved by the Authority, as amended from time to time in accordance with the procedure for its amendment developed under the Switching Programme.
Design Products		means the design products designated as such by the Authority from time to time as amended from time to time.
Design, Build and Test Phase		means the period commencing pursuant to the Transition Schedule and ending on the Go-Live Date.
Disclose		means disclose, reveal, report, publish or transfer. " Disclosed " and " Disclosure " shall be construed accordingly.
Dispute Resolution		means the document or documents designated as such by the Authority from time to time, as amended

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Procedure Document		from time to time in accordance with the procedure for its amendment developed under the Switching Programme.
Distribution Network Operator	DNO	means a person holding an Electricity Distribution Licence.
Domestic Premises		means a premises at which a supply of Energy is (or will be) taken wholly or mainly for domestic purposes, which is to be interpreted in accordance with the Energy Supply Licences.
Domestic Supplier		means an Energy Supplier which is authorised by its Energy Supply Licence to supply Domestic Premises.
E2E Data Architecture and Data Governance Model		means the document or documents designated as such by the Authority from time to time, as amended from time to time in accordance with the procedure for its amendment developed under the Switching Programme.
E2E Data Migration Plan		means the document or documents designated as such by the Authority from time to time, as amended from time to time in accordance with the procedures for its amendments developed under the Switching Programme.
E2E Design Products		means the design products designated as such by the Authority from time to time which at the date of this Code include the E2E Non-Functional Requirements, E2E Solution Architecture, E2E Operational Choreography, E2E Service Management Strategy, E2E Detailed Design, and E2E Data Architecture and Data Governance Model.
E2E Detailed Design		means the document or documents designated as such by the Authority from time to time, as amended from time to time in accordance with the procedure for its amendment developed under the Switching Programme.
E2E Integration Plan		means the document or documents designated as such by the Authority from time to time, as amended from time to time in accordance with the procedure for its amendment developed under the Switching Programme.

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E2E Non-Functional Requirements		means the document or documents designated as such by the Authority from time to time, as amended from time to time in accordance with the procedure for its amendment developed under the Switching Programme.
E2E Operational Choreography		means the document or documents designated as such by the Authority from time to time, as amended from time to time in accordance with the procedure for its amendment developed under the Switching Programme.
E2E Post Implementation Plan		means the document or documents designated as such by the Authority from time to time, as amended from time to time in accordance with the procedures for its amendments developed under the Switching Programme.
E2E Service Management Strategy		means the document or documents designated as such by the Authority from time to time, as amended from time to time in accordance with the procedure for its amendment developed under the Switching Programme.
E2E Solution Architecture		means the document or documents designated as such by the Authority from time to time, as amended from time to time in accordance with the procedure for its amendment developed under the Switching Programme.
E2E Testing Plan		means the document or documents designated as such by the Authority from time to time, as amended from time to time in accordance with the procedure for its amendment developed under the Switching Programme.
E2E Transition Plan		means the document or documents designated by the Authority from time to time, as amended from time to time in accordance with its provisions.
E2E Transition Plan: Implementation Approach		means the document or documents designated as such by the Authority from time to time, as amended from time to time in accordance with the procedure for its amendment developed under the Switching Programme.

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E2E Transition Plan: In-Flight Switches Approach		means the document or documents designated as such by the Authority from time to time, as amended from time to time in accordance with the procedure for its amendment developed under the Switching Programme.
Electricity Act		means the Electricity Act 1989.
Electricity Central Online Enquiry Service	ECOES	means the service of that name pursuant to the MRA which allows authorised users to access Electricity Retail Data.
Electricity Distribution Licence		means an electricity distribution licence under the Electricity Act.
Electricity Retail Data		means the technical and other data necessary to facilitate the supply by any Electricity Supplier to all Retail Energy Locations, as recorded in the Metering Point Administration Service.
Electricity Retail Data Agent		means a provider of a DNO's Metering Point Administration Service.
Electricity Supplier		means a person holding an Electricity Supply Licence.
Electricity Supply Licence		means an electricity supply licence under the Electricity Act.
End-to-End Testing		means the activity described as such in the E2E Testing Plan.
Energy		means gas and/or electricity.
Energy Code		means a multilateral code or agreement maintained pursuant to one or more of the Energy Licences.
Energy Licence		means a licence under the Electricity Act or the Gas Act.

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Energy Supplier		means a person which is either or both an Electricity Supplier and/or a Gas Supplier.
Energy Supply Licence		means an Electricity Supply Licence or a Gas Supply Licence.
Event of Default		has the meaning given in Clause 16.1 of the main body of this Code.
Financial Year		means 1 April to 31 March (inclusive) each year.
Force Majeure		means, in respect of an Affected Party, any event or circumstance which is beyond the reasonable control of the Affected Party, but only to the extent such event or circumstance (or its consequences) could not have been prevented or avoided had the Affected Party acted in accordance with Good Industry Practice. Neither lack of funds nor strikes or other industrial disturbances affecting only the employees of the Affected Party and/or its contractors shall be interpreted as an event or circumstance beyond the Affected Party's control.
Gas Act		means the Gas Act 1986.
Gas Retail Data		means the technical and other data necessary to facilitate the supply by any Gas Supplier (and shipping by its Shipper) to all Retail Energy Locations, as recorded in UK Link.
Gas Retail Data Agent		means the 'Central Data Service Provider' appointed by Gas Transporters pursuant to standard special condition A15A (Central Data Service Provider) of the Gas Transporter Licences.
Gas Supplier		means a person holding a Gas Supply Licence.
Gas Supply Licence		means a gas supply licence under the Gas Act.
Gas Transporter	GT	means a person holding a Gas Transporter Licence which requires that person to become a party to this Code.
Gas Transporter Licence		means a gas transporter licence under the Gas Act.

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Go-Live Date		means the time and date designated as such by the Authority.
Good Industry Practice		means, in respect of a person, the exercise of that degree of skill, diligence, prudence and foresight which would reasonably and ordinarily be expected from a skilled and experienced organisation engaged in a similar type of undertaking as that person under the same or similar circumstances.
Independent Gas Transporter Uniform Network Code	IGT UNC	means the code of that name established under the Gas Transporter Licences.
Individual Programme Plan		has the meaning given in Paragraph 2.5 of the Transition Schedule.
In-Flight Switch		means a Switch defined as such under the In-Flight Switches Implementation Plan.
In-Flight Switches Implementation Plan		means the document or documents designated as such by the Authority from time to time, as amended from time to time in accordance with its the procedure for its amendment developed under the Switching Programme.
Integration Help Desk		means the help desk facility to be made available by the SI Provider for testing and issue resolution purposes as further described in the E2E Integration Plan and SI Requirements Document.
Integration Memorandum of Understanding		means a non-binding document to be prepared in accordance with the E2E Integration Plan and approved by the Authority which will set out ways in which the CSS Provider, each other Switching Data Service Provider and the SI Provider will work together to support systems and service integration testing required by the E2E Integration Plan.
Intellectual Property Rights		means patents, trademarks, trade names, service marks, rights in designs, copyright (including rights in computer software), logos, rights in internet domain names, and moral rights, database rights, rights in know-how, and other intellectual property rights (in each case, whether registered or unregistered or subject to an application for registration, and includes any and all rights or forms of protection having

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		equivalent or similar effect anywhere in the world).
Interfaces		means those System components and interfaces required to enable a User to connect to the Central Switching Service in accordance with this Code.
Interfacing System		means those System components and interfaces required to enable a User to access the Central Switching Service, and to send data to and receive data from the Central Switching Service, in accordance with this Code; but excluding the System components and interfaces of Switching Data Service Providers.
Interpretation Schedule		means this REC Schedule 1.
Large Supplier		means an Energy Supplier which, at the time it is necessary to assess its status, supplies electricity and/or gas to more than 250,000 RMPs.
Law		means any law (including the common law), statute, statutory instrument, regulation, instruction, direction, rule, condition or requirement (in each case) of any Competent Authority (or of any authorisation, licence, consent, permit or approval of any Competent Authority).
Licensed Party Assurance Provider		means the assurance function provided or procured by the Authority to provide assurance on the activities of Suppliers, Shippers, Gas Transporters, and Electricity Distribution Network Operators.
Live Proving		has the meaning given in Paragraph 4.27 of the Transition Schedule.
Mandatory		means, in respect of a REC Schedule and a Party Category, that compliance with the REC Schedule is mandatory for Parties in that Party Category, as further described in Clause 4 of the main body of this Code.
Market Intelligence Agent	MIS-DES MIS-ECOES	means the person operating DES or ECOES.
Master Registration Agreement	MRA	means the Master Registration Agreement referred to in the Electricity Supply Licences.

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Meter Asset Provider	MAP	means the person that makes the Metering Equipment Assets for an RMP available for use by the Registered Supplier and the Consumer.
Meter Point		is the generic term used to refer to a Metering Point or a Supply Meter Point.
Metering Point Administration Service	MPAS	means the service of that name which each DNO is required to provide under its Electricity Distribution Licence.
Metering Equipment Asset		means a meter and associated devices utilised in Energy measurement, data storage, communications or ancillary functions (including data display and load management).
Metering Equipment Manager	MEM	means, as applicable, either: (a) for electricity, the 'Meter Operator Agent' appointed by an Electricity Supplier under the BSC; or (b) for gas, the 'Meter Asset Manager' appointed by the Gas Supplier under the SPAA.
Metering Point		means the point at which an electricity service enters or exits a Location, as further described in the MRA.
MRA Service Company	MRASCo	means the person responsible under the MRA for providing ECOES.
New Party		means a person that has agreed to be bound by this Code in accordance with an Accession Agreement.
Non-Domestic Premises		means a premises at which a supply of Energy is (or will be) taken wholly or mainly for non-domestic purposes, which is to be interpreted in accordance with the Energy Supply Licences.
Non-Domestic Supplier		means an Energy Supplier which is not authorised by its Energy Supply Licence to supply Domestic Premises.
Operational Testing		has the meaning given in Paragraph 4.26 of the Transition Schedule.
Original Accession Agreement		means the agreement equivalent to an Accession Agreement, in the form designated by the Authority.

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Original Party		means a person that agreed to be bound by this Code in accordance with the Original Accession Agreement.
Party		means, from time to time, an Original Party or a New Party that has not at that time ceased to be a Party in accordance with Clause 17 of the main body of this Code.
Party Category		means one of the following categories of Party: (a) the DCC; (b) Domestic Suppliers; (c) Non-Domestic Suppliers; (d) Gas Transporters; and (e) Distribution Network Operators.
Party Details		means, for each Party, its name, jurisdiction of incorporation (if applicable), company number (if applicable), addresses for receipt of notices, Contract Manager, and (if it is resident or incorporated outside of the UK) an address in the UK for service of process.
Post Implementation Period		means the period commencing on the Go-Live Date and ending on the Steady State Commencement Date.
Pre-Integration Testing	PIT	means the testing described in Paragraph 4.13 of the Transition Schedule.
Production Interface		means the permanent interface that will be used in the live environment (and staging during the transition process) during the Design, Build and Test Phase.
Programme Co-ordinator		means the person appointed as such by the Authority from time to time.
Programme Co-ordinator Requirements Document		means the document or documents designated as such by the Authority from time to time, as amended from time to time in accordance with the procedure for its amendment developed under the Switching Programme.
Programme Management and Reporting Framework		means the management and performance framework produced by the SI Provider from time to time.
Programme Plan		means the document or documents designated as such by the Authority from time to time, as amended

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		from time to time in accordance with the procedure for its amendment developed under the Switching Programme.
Programme Systems		means any System produced by a Testing Participant which is necessary for that Testing Participant to participate in the arrangements created by the Switching Programme after the Go-Live Date.
REC Board		means the board of directors for RECCo.
REC Objectives		means the objectives set out as such in condition [TBC] of the Electricity Supply Licences and condition [TBC] of the Gas Supply Licences.
REC Materials		means the materials described in Clause 13.1 of the main body of this Code.
REC Panel		means the panel established as such under Clause 5 of the main body of this Code.
REC Performance Assurance Board	REC PAB	means the performance assurance board for this Code, as from time to time established under Clause 15 of the main body of this Code (which is a Sub-Committee).
REC Schedule		means a schedule forming part of this Code.
RECCo		means the company established under Clause 6 of the main body of this Code.
Registered Supplier		means, in respect of an RMP and at any time, the Energy Supplier recorded against that RMP in the relevant Switching Data Service at that time with an active registration status (or, in respect of a period of time, the Energy Supplier that had, has or will have an active registration status in respect of that RMP during that period).
Registrable Measurement Point	RMP	means a Meter Point.

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Registrations		means the record in the Central Switching Service for each RMP identifying the Energy Supplier (and, in the case of a gas RMP, the Shipper) which is registered in respect of that RMP, and the Registration Status of each such registration.
Services IPR		means the Intellectual Property Rights described in Clause 13.5 of the main body of this Code.
Shipper		means a person holding a Shipper Licence.
Shipper Licence		means a gas shipper licence under the Gas Act.
SI Provider		means the system integration function provided or procured by the DCC. The DCC shall be responsible for ensuring that the SI Provider complies with the obligations imposed on the SI Provider under this Code.
SI Requirements Document		means the document or documents designated as such by the Authority from time to time, as amended from time to time in accordance with the procedure for its amendment developed under the Switching Programme.
Smart Energy Code	SEC	means the code of that name maintained pursuant to the DCC Licence.
Smart Meter Comms Service	CSP	means the communications services provided by the DCC pursuant to the Smart Energy Code to manage the transmission of commands and data between the DCC and Smart Meters.
Smart Meter Data Service	DSP	means the data services provided by the DCC pursuant to the Smart Energy Code to manage the transfer of service requests and data between DCC and service users.
Steady State Commencement Date		means the time and date designated by the Authority when all exit criteria have been met and handover to steady state governance has taken place.
Sub-Committee		means a sub-committee of the REC Panel established from time to time in accordance with Clause 5 of the main body of this Code.

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Supplier Agent		means a Data Aggregator, a Data Collector or a Meter Equipment Manager.
Supply Meter Point		means the point at which a gas service enters a Location, as further described in the UNC.
Supply Point Administration Agreement	SPAA	means the Supply Point Administration Agreement, as defined in the Gas Supply Licences.
Switching Data Services		means each of the Central Switching Service, the UK Link Service, the Metering Point Administration Service, the Smart Meter Data Service, the Smart Meter Comms Service, the Electricity Central Online Enquiry Service and the Data Enquiry Service.
Switching Data Service Providers		means the CSS Provider, the DCC (in respect of the services provided under the Smart Energy Code), the Gas Retail Data Agent, the Electricity Retail Data Agents, and the Market Intelligence Agents.
Switching Network		means the communications networks and other Systems which are used to transfer data between Market Participants and the CSS Provider and between the CSS Provider and other Switching Data Service Providers, as further defined in the Technical Specification.
Switching Network Service Providers		means the providers of the Switching Network.
Switching Operator		means the DCC in performing the role of managing the co-ordination of the CSS Provider, the other Switching Data Service Providers and the Switching Network Service Providers, including the mechanisms for Users to report incidents and access service management support.
Switching Programme		means the programme established by the Authority to implement new switching arrangements in retail energy markets.
System		means a system for generating, sending, receiving, storing (including for the purposes of back-up), manipulating or otherwise processing electronic communications, including all hardware, software, firmware

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		and data associated with such activities.
Systems Integration Testing	SIT	means the testing described in Paragraph 4.16 of the Transition Schedule.
Technical Specification		means the technical documents to be developed pursuant to the Switching Programme and incorporated into this Code. No such technical documents will form part of this Code until formally incorporated into it.
Test Data		means data to be used for testing purposes during a Test Phase, as further described in the relevant Test Plan for that Test Phase.
Test Environments		means the testing environments as described in the E2E Testing Plan.
Test Phase		has the meaning given to that expression in Paragraph 4.1 of the Transition Schedule.
Test Plan		has the meaning given in Paragraph 4.3 of the Transition Schedule.
Test Tools		means the testing tools and simulators as described in the E2E Testing Plan.
Testing Artefacts		means the artefacts to be made available by the SI Provider for testing and issue resolution purposes as further described in the SI Requirements Document.
Testing Participant		means, in respect of each Test Phase, the Users required to participate in that Test Phase, or eligible to participate in that Test Phase and which elect to do so, as (in each case) further described in the Test Plan for that Test Phase.
Transition Schedule		means REC Schedule 2.
UK Link		means the System used by the Gas Retail Data Agent in its capacity as such.
UK Link Service		means the service of providing UK Link.

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Uniform Network Code	UNC	means the Uniform Network Code established under the Gas Transporter Licences.
User		means each Party, Switching Data Service Provider (other than the CSS Provider), Shipper, Supplier Agent, and Meter Asset Provider that uses the Central Switching Service.
User Entry Process Testing		means the user entry process testing which Users must undertake before they can use the Central Switching Service, as described in the E2E Testing Plan.
User Integration Testing	UIT	means the testing described in Paragraph 4.19 of the Transition Schedule.
Voluntary		means, in respect of a REC Schedule and a Party Category, that the REC Schedule is not legally binding on Parties in that Party Category, as further described in Clause 4 of the main body of this Code.
Website		means the website for this Code maintained by the Code Manager.
Working Day	WD	means any day other than a Saturday, a Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday or a day that is a bank holiday within the meaning of the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971.