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Consultation on the enrolment of Secure SMETS1 meters in the Data Communications Company (DCC)

We welcome the opportunity to comment on the above consultation document on the enrolment of Secure SMETS1 meters in the DCC.

As you are aware, ELEXON (as 'BSCCo') is the Code Administrator for the Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC). We are responsible for managing and delivering the end-to-end services set out in the BSC, for which we provide Code Manager, Delivery Body and Policy Delivery support. In addition, through our subsidiary, EMR Settlements Ltd, we are the EMR Settlement Services Provider, acting as Settlement Agent for the Contract for Difference and Capacity Market.

ELEXON is currently leading the work for Ofgem on the design of the end-to-end settlement process, (known as the Target Operating Model ([TOM](#))), for Market-wide Half-Hourly Settlement (MHHS). This is part of Ofgem's Significant Code Review on Electricity Settlement Reform and seeks to unlock the benefits of functionality of smart meters (e.g. recording energy in half-hourly time periods).

There are key interactions within the TOM for accessing SMETS Meter data via the DCC. ELEXON believe it is essential to ensure all SMETS variants can have Half-Hourly (HH) meter data collected via the DCC. This includes the Secure SMETS1 Meters as well as those already identified for adoption. Furthermore, any SMETS Meters remaining that cannot be adopted by the DCC should be replaced with DCC compatible SMETS Meters, ideally SMETS2 or greater. This approach will ensure the future market model is the most efficient and effective and will not have to be adapted (at cost and time) to source HH meter data from smart meters via additional routes.

The views expressed in this response are those of ELEXON Ltd alone, and do not seek to represent those of the BSC Panel or Parties to the BSC. If you would like to discuss any aspects of our response, please do not hesitate to contact me at kevin.spencer@elxon.co.uk, or on 0207 380 4115.

Yours sincerely,

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