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Dear Sir or Madam,

**Consultation on proposed dates for the designation of Section H15 and entering into force of the DCC Gateway Connection Code of Connection.**

We welcome the opportunity to respond to this consultation.

Despite recent proposals to reset the DCC's implementation plan, it is important that Parties remain able to press ahead with testing their own solution deployments. As SEC H15 is one of two key instruments we need to have in place before Parties can establish gateway connections, necessary for such purposes, we agree that this section should be designated at the earliest practicable opportunity. The Government has identified this as 19<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

While the other instrument, the DCC Gateway Connection Code of Connection, is expected to be designated within the same timeframe, we note that the Secretary of State has not yet confirmed this. Nonetheless, the flexible arrangements proposed in the consultation offer a pragmatic means of addressing any delay to this designation schedule.

Should you wish to discuss any aspect of this response please do not hesitate to contact