

## DCC NOTICE

# Update on Consultation on the Initial Enrolment Project Feasibility Report

### Purpose of notice

In compliance with the Smart Energy Code Section N, the Data and Communications Company (DCC) is analysing the feasibility and cost of options for initial enrolment of SMETS1 meters. As part of that process, DCC is required to consult on the Initial Enrolment Project Feasibility Report (IEPFR) as stated at SEC N4.5.

*N4.5 Before submitting the Initial Enrolment Project Feasibility Report to the Secretary of State, the DCC shall produce a draft report and consult with the Panel, the Parties and other interested persons concerning the content of such draft. The DCC shall ensure that a reasonable period of time is allowed for consultation responses to be made, which period may not be less than two months.*

### Headlines

- The revised timeline for the start of consultation on the IEPFR is Autumn 2016, previously July 2016
- The reason for change is to allow DCC to complete further commercial due diligence to inform the consultation and subsequent DECC policy decision
- The overall timeline for delivery of a DCC SMETS1 service is not altered by the change in timing of consultation
- The consultation period will be not less than two months

### Rescheduling the IEPFR consultation

The DCC Enrolment and Adoption (E&A) Feasibility project has collated and analysed a significant body of data relating to SMETS1 technical and commercial environments. This data underpins the draft IEPFR currently in production.

In order to refine our understanding of this data and better inform the consultation and subsequent DECC policy decision on Enrolment and Adoption, DCC has decided to undertake further study of the commercial arrangements through tiers of the SMETS1 industry. The output of this further work is a more robust view of the commercial feasibility of the E&A programme as a whole.

Whilst the planned date for consultation on the IEPFR has moved, DCC has considered the impact of this work on the overall delivery timescales for a SMETS1 service and concluded it has no material impact. This more detailed evidence gathering would have otherwise been undertaken following the submission of the IEPFR.

Further detail on the consultation process, including specific dates will, be published closer to the time. As per the requirement in Section N4.5 of the SEC, the consultation period will be not less than two months.