



## ***E.ON Response to DCC Consultation; Updated proposal to amend DCC Implementation Milestones***

### ***General Comments***

We are relatively comfortable with the proposals in this latest consultation. We however again question the references to external dependencies and impacts on plan and the Data Communications Company (DCC) ability to deliver. We recognise the DCC has reliance on its service providers and wider external parties to deliver, but this is exactly the role it is employed, to ensure services are delivered as required in order that the smart meter rollout can succeed.

Our preference is that the DCC should strive to deliver to the agreed industry milestones, at the first attempt, rather than having further means to incentivise its delivery. However, we recognise the recovery mechanism is an already agreed approach.

#### ***Q1: Do you agree with our proposal to update IM9?***

Yes, this seems reasonable.

#### ***Q2: Do you agree with our proposal to update IM10?***

Yes this is reasonable.

#### ***Q3: Do you have a preference between the two options for updating the recovery mechanism proposal?***

No. Our preference is for DCC to deliver the services it is required on the agreed dates. Failure to do so, leaves industry with an even greater task to deliver the full smart meter rollout by 2020.