

# Enrolment and Adoption

## Role of the Data and Communications Company

The Data and Communications Company (DCC) is responsible for establishing and managing the infrastructure necessary to maintain the roll out of millions of smart electricity and gas meters to homes and small non-domestic properties across Great Britain. It forms part of the Government's Smart Metering Implementation Programme.

Funded by the energy industry, the infrastructure will connect smart meters to the business systems of energy suppliers, network operators and other authorised service users. It offers a secure, consistent service and avoids the complexity and duplicated costs of energy suppliers installing their own networks.

The network will transform how energy is supplied and give consumers greater control over their energy use.

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The DCC network went live in November 2016 after rigorous testing, allowing energy suppliers to install smart meters based on Smart Metering Equipment Technical Specification version 2 (SMETS2). SMETS2 is a standard developed by the Government.

Some of the first generation smart meters installed are based on an earlier technical specification, the Smart Metering Equipment Technical Specification (SMETS1).

DCC's highly advanced network is being developed to support the enrolment of SMETS1 meters, to ensure ongoing smart functionality when customers switch suppliers, as well as the second generation (SMETS2) meters, allowing both to access the benefits of the new national network.

Adoption of SMETS1 meters takes place when the contracts that energy suppliers have already established to communicate with these meters are transferred to DCC.

The aim is to make sure that consumers have the same positive experience of smart meters, regardless of which type of meter they have. DCC's service is focused on enabling consumer switching and retaining smart functionality.

## About the SMETS1 Consultation

DCC has been working with a range of industry stakeholders since the inception of the SMETS1 programme within DCC in 2015, including detailed engagement with industry and feasibility analysis.

The Initial Enrolment Project Feasibility Report (IEPFR) set out the feasibility, costs and risks of different options for providing this infrastructure.

In November 2016 DCC issued the IEPFR for consultation and following analysis of feedback DCC submitted its final report to Government.

In January 2017 DCC was asked by Government to prepare a plan for the delivery of services to support SMETS1 meters.

DCC has prepared this plan and issued this as a consultation document to SEC Parties and SMETS1 industry stakeholders.

