

Consultation Response

Intimate Communication Hub Interface Specifications



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1 Introduction

On 28 August 2019, DCC issued a consultation on amendments to the Intimate Communications Hub Interface Specification (ICHIS), which is a specification required under H12.5 of the Smart Energy Code (SEC). The amendments were focussed on extending the period of derogation (the “**Derogation Period**”), from 30 September 2019 to a date between three and six months after the end of the current Derogation Period.

2 Responses to consultation questions

Q1. Do you support the proposed extension of the derogation period to 31 December 2019 and the consequential changes to Parts F5.0, F6.0, F7.0 and F8.0 of ICHIS? Please provide your rationale?

Stakeholders were generally supportive of the proposed extension date. However, some expressed reservations as to whether the proposed date would be sufficient to allow the deployment of existing stocks of “derogation compliant” meters.

Q2. Do you believe an alternative date should be considered or are there any other factors DCC should take into account when considering the extension of the derogation date?

Stakeholders believed that an alternative date should be considered and the majority of respondents suggested 31 March 2020.

DCC response

DCC acknowledges the views of respondents for an extension to the temporary adjustment period beyond 30 September 2019.

DCC notes that extending the temporary derogation period will ensure Suppliers continue the momentum to rollout smart meters. Following a consideration of the responses, DCC has amended the ICHIS, extending the derogation period up to and including 31 March 2020 and it is now published on the website.

3 Next Steps

DCC will respond to wider points raised by stakeholders, in relation to ICHIS by 30 October 2019.