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Supplementary Answer Form

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Question:	What is the risk and impact of the 20,000 smart meters not being rolled out in time? We note that the smart metering project manager is involved in the process – but have you identified any additional measures to manage the consequences if this is behind schedule?

Answer:	Delays to the roll-out of smart meters would delay our smart metering research agenda (see appendix 5 for more details). However, there are a number of contingencies: • Continued negotiations with other retailers to ensure we have a maximum number of retailers involved committed to deploying the smart meters • We are able to push back the smart metering aspects of the research agenda given the project timeline • The capacity to deliver research activities with only a subset of the 20K meters We are confident that the first retailer to sign up (E.ON) will deliver the smart metering elements of our project in line with the project plan.

Attachments:	