LCN Fund Full Submission

Supplementary Answer Form

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Project code:	NPGT202/1	Question Number	NPG026
Question date	27/09/12	Answer date	02/10/12
Submission section question relates to	Section 2		
Topic	Project Description		
Question	Have you considered involving another Supplier(s) in the project in a more formal way?		
Notes on question			
Answer	British Gas is engaged, committed and able to provide customer DSR in our region over the project timeline. Selecting British Gas as the supplier made sense, based on our experience of working together on the CLNR project and the fact that British Gas is a leader in the area of smart meter rollout. We will ensure that the benefits of this project do not just fall to one supplier. This can be achieved by involvement of other suppliers in the project and through dissemination of the outputs of the project. **Involvement of further suppliers** We made a decision to incorporate only one supplier as a partner in the GBFM Project. The inclusion of another energy supplier in addition to British Gas was considered. The advantages would be potential increased learning with a wider variety of participants. The disadvantages would be increased project complexity leading to increased risks to deliverability. Based on this, the project concluded that the benefits of the additional learning would be outweighed by the additional complexity and that British Gas would adequately represent the supplier category. However, we note the expert panel's point that gaining the input of		

	additional suppliers in the design stage of the multi-party market could both help ensure the market is optimally designed, and that the supply sector is bought into the final set of market rules. In our revised full submission, we will therefore include a process for engaging more widely with suppliers throughout the project, and particularly during the design phase. **Dissemination of the outputs** As in the CLNR project, we expect to produce a range of material that is relevant to suppliers. All of this learning relevant will be shared with the supply sector as a whole.
Attachments	
Verbal Clarifications (Consultants)	