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# **Change of Supplier** project

Smarter Markets Coordination Group 16 May 2013



#### Aim of meeting

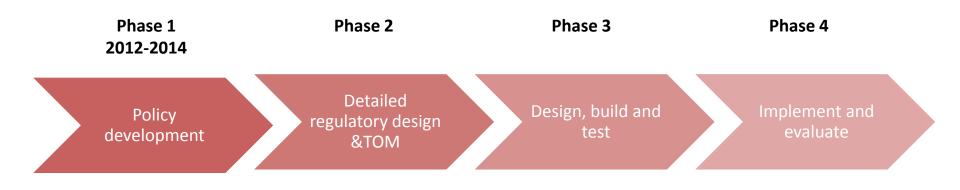
- Review core features and requirements of a future change of supplier process (15 mins)
- Review reform areas to be examined with Change of Supplier Expert Group (CoSEG) (10 mins)
- Review terms of reference for CoSEG (5 mins)



### **Change of supplier project - recap**

Our longer-term objective is for a fast, reliable and cost effective change of supplier process that will facilitate competition & build consumer confidence

- Industry workgroups from May to Sept 2013
- Consultation Q1 2014 on high-level policy





## **Key challenges**

- We want to challenge ourselves and the industry to achieve the full benefits of this significant opportunity to redesign the CoS process from the platform of smart metering
  - What are the core features/building blocks and assumptions for a successful CoS process?
  - What must the CoS process deliver in an evolving market?
  - How can we ensure that the future CoS process and our project structure does not unnecessarily constrain outcomes?



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Core feature 1: Record of metering points and responsibility (including for settlement and network charges)



Core feature 2: Customer decides to switch supplier



Core feature 3: Gaining supplier drives request for transfer



Core feature 4:

Losing supplier is notified of transfer request (and can block if permitted)



Core feature 5: Records updated to reflect change of supplier



Core feature 6:

CoS meter read obtained and used for customer billing, settlements and network charging



#### **Core assumptions**

- One supplier per metering point
- Unique MPxN
- Timing of transfer linked to a specific settlement period
- Facilitate metering market



#### **Questions for discussion**

Have we correctly identified the core features, assumptions for a future CoS process?

Are there new business models/ways of working that the CoS process should complement/facilitate?



#### **Categorisation of reform areas**

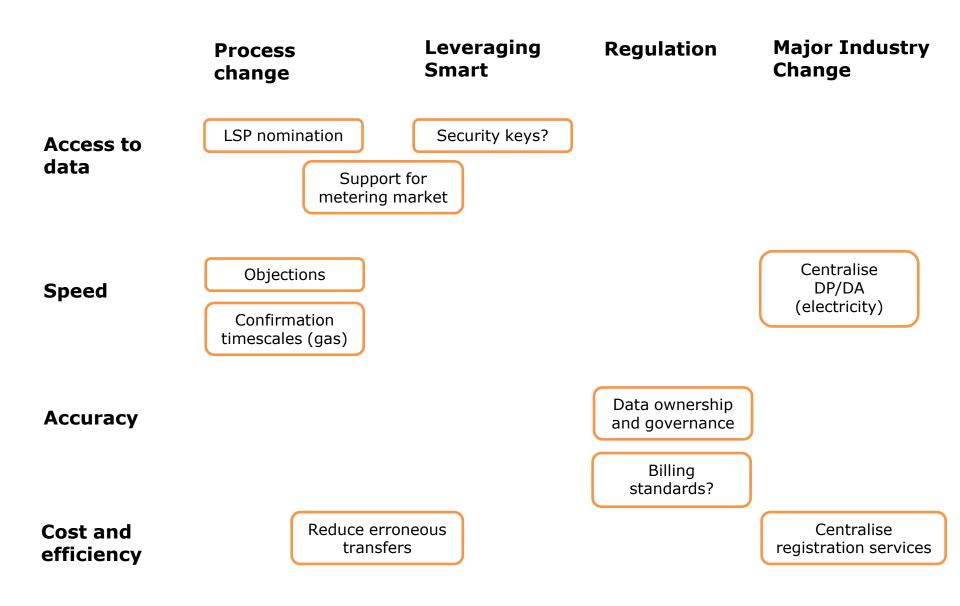
**Process change** 

Leveraging emerging smart

Regulation

Centralisation/major change

#### **Potential reform areas**





#### **Question for discussion**

Will focusing on these reform areas deliver our longerterm objective?



# Role of CoSEG

- Advise Ofgem on reform options and their evaluation for Q1 2014 consultation
  - Identify the main reform areas
  - Evaluate options presented by Ofgem
  - Identify and evaluate further options
  - Identify links and dependencies
  - Identify and evaluate end-to-end proposals



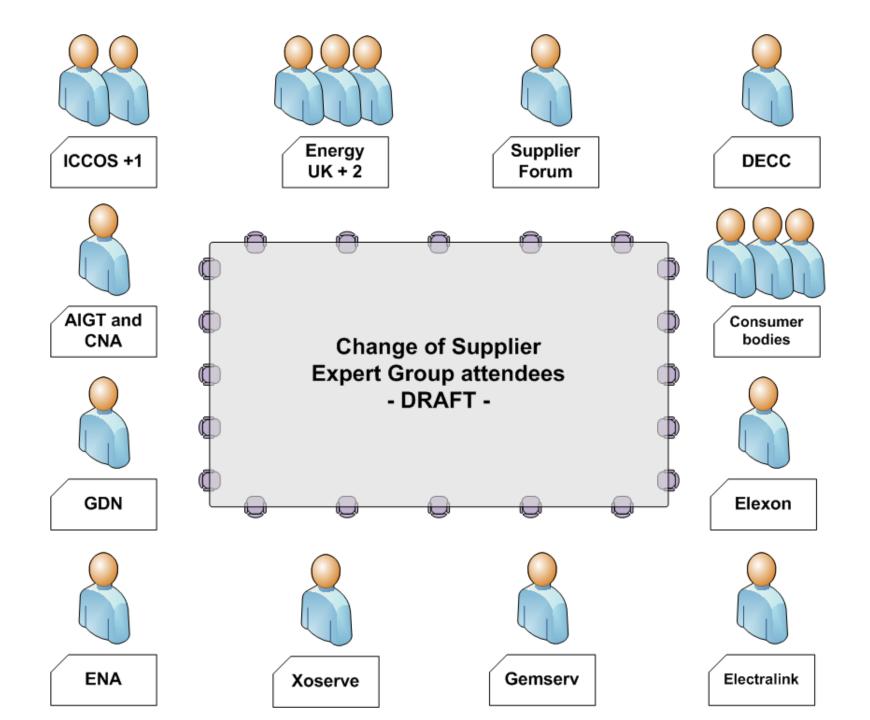
# Methodology

- Ofgem to present options papers
- COSEG members to review with constituents
- Agreed evaluation criteria
- Review at future COSEG meeting
- Ofgem to minute discussion and publish on website



## Membership and meetings

- Ofgem invitation only expert group
  - Membership linked to supplier and network trade associations, industry code experts, consumer representatives and government
  - Named membership and named alternates
- Meetings every three weeks starting 20 May
- Held at London and Glasgow offices





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