Smarter markets programme

Update for the Smarter Markets Coordination Group (SMCG), 3 November 2014

Programme areas

Change of supplier

- We are developing our plan to deliver faster switching, following our consultation in June this year.
- In particular we are developing our approach to project governance and a draft Target Operating Model which will describe at a high level how our policy proposals will work.
- We will provide more details on this work in the SMCG meeting.

Electricity settlement

- Decision on BSC Modification P272 published, along with changes to distribution charges.
- We have held six out of the seven scheduled expert group meetings to develop options for using half-hourly data in electricity settlement.
- We are also seeking views on the priority areas of work to take forward in the next stage of the project.
- We will provide more details of this work in the SMCG meeting.

Consumer empowerment and protection

- Following the presentation at the last SMCG meeting, we are progressing our work on smart billing and smart prepayment.
- Three stakeholder meetings have been scheduled for November to initiate our detailed work in these areas.

Demand-side response (DSR)

We are working with distribution networks policy colleagues to put together a work programme that will deliver a framework for DSR. We are also working closely with key parties through the Smart Grid Forum Workstream 6 group and related subgroups. We have focused on:

- The value of DSR across the supply chain
- Understanding the impact of relevant policies eg the Electricity Market Reform capacity mechanism, Retail Market Review measures.

Forthcoming milestones

November

• Consumer Empowerment and Protection: Stakeholder meetings set up. Focus will be on smart billing (domestic and micro businesses) and smart prepayment.

December

 Electricity Settlement: Open letter summarising expert group discussions and describing next steps for 2015

Early 2015

- Change of supplier: decision document and draft target operating model to be published
- Demand-side response: update on work programme to be published