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## **Ecotricity Response to Consultation on Project Nexus – Consultation on options for a successful implementation**

Dear Jon Dixon,

Ecotricity is an independent renewable energy generator and supplier, with around 180,000 gas and electricity customers and 81.6MW of renewable capacity including 71 turbines and the country's first large scale solar park. We currently have around 74MW of consented capacity and 240MW in the planning process.

We at Ecotricity understand the importance of a smooth and successful implementation plan and below is our response to this consultation, inviting our views on PwC's recommendation of "continue with a programmed delay"

***Do you agree that the Authority should re-plan the approach to go-live and agree to "continue with a programmed delay", with a new implementation date between 1 February 2017 and 1 April 2017?"***

We at Ecotricity agree that the Authority should re-plan the approach to go-live and agree that they should "continue with a programmed delay", with a new implementation date for between 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017 and 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017.

Although we do agree that "continue with a programmed delay" is the most appropriate scenario, ideally, we would like to see Nexus implemented as soon as practically possible. This is due the fact that we will incur more costs the longer that this is delayed.

With Scenario A, we feel that the risk is too great and will not allow enough time for the appropriate amount of testing to be completed to ensure of a low risk implementation on 01/10/2016.

With Scenario B, we feel that this will simply delay the inevitable. With this in mind, rather than waiting for the delay to occur and then revise the target go live date, the best way to plan for this will be to continue on with the current approach, but extend the target go live date as per Scenario C.

With Scenario D, although this does seem quite a feasible option, we feel that this can have the potential to allow participants to take their 'foot of the gas' and lose momentum.

## **Conclusion**

After considering the potential scenarios, we feel that Scenario C will strike the best balance for both the consumer and the industry.

Ecotricity welcomes the opportunity to respond and hope you take our comments on board. We also welcome any further contact in response to this submission. Please contact Joshua Phelps on 01453 840637 or [joshua.phelps@ecotricity.co.uk](mailto:joshua.phelps@ecotricity.co.uk).

Yours sincerely,



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