

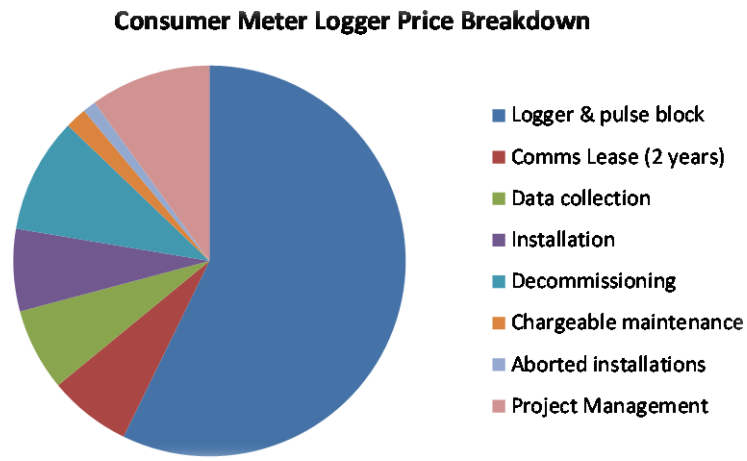
*Gas Network Innovation Competition Full Submission*  
**Supplementary Answer Form**

**Project: \_Real-Time Networks\_\_\_\_\_**

Tick if this answer has been provided verbally: ☐

Project code	SGN_GN_03	Question Number	1
Question date	25/08/2015	Answer date	27/08/2015
Submission section question relates to	2.4		
Topic			
Question	Cost of [REDACTED] for consumer meter logging installation seems high. What is the basis for this cost?		
Notes on question			
Answer	<p>The price for consumer meter logging was obtained from leading gas industry suppliers of such technology. The logger will be a battery-operated pulse output reader and meter readings will be transmitted to a data centre at predetermined intervals. The units will include tamper detection and communicate using SMS or GPRS. The price for 1200 loggers comprises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meter logger and pulse block</li><li>• Communications charge per annum</li><li>• Data collection and export via FTP</li><li>• Customer contact and installation</li><li>• Decommissioning and removal of logger at end of trial period</li></ul> <p>An allowance has also been made for 10% aborted installation visits and chargeable maintenance. The supplier will be expected to hold the price for smaller quantities of loggers should other consumer data options become available to the project.</p> <p>The price will also include project management costs to oversee and monitor the contract to ensure compliance with Ofgem and SGN requirements for</p>		

customer engagement. An indicative breakdown of the costs is shown in the pie chart below.



If the NIC contract is awarded a procurement activity will be carried out to ensure value for money; this will also investigate whether a meter logger buy-back scheme could be included to return funds to the GB gas consumer at the end of the project.

Attachments	None
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