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Smart Metering Implementation Programme

Smart Metering Summary Plan

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The Government's vision is for every home and smaller businesses in Great Britain to have smart electricity and gas meters. The programme aims to replace 53 million meters with smart electricity and gas meters in all domestic properties, and smart or advanced meters in smaller non-domestic sites, impacting approximately 30 million premises.

Smart meters are the next generation of gas and electricity meters and they can offer a range of intelligent functions. Consumers will have near real time information on their energy consumption to help them control and manage their energy use, save money and reduce emissions. Smart meters will also provide consumers with more accurate information and bring an end to estimated billing. More detailed information on the Smart Meter Implementation Programme can be found in the [Second Annual Report on the Roll-out of Smart Meters](#).

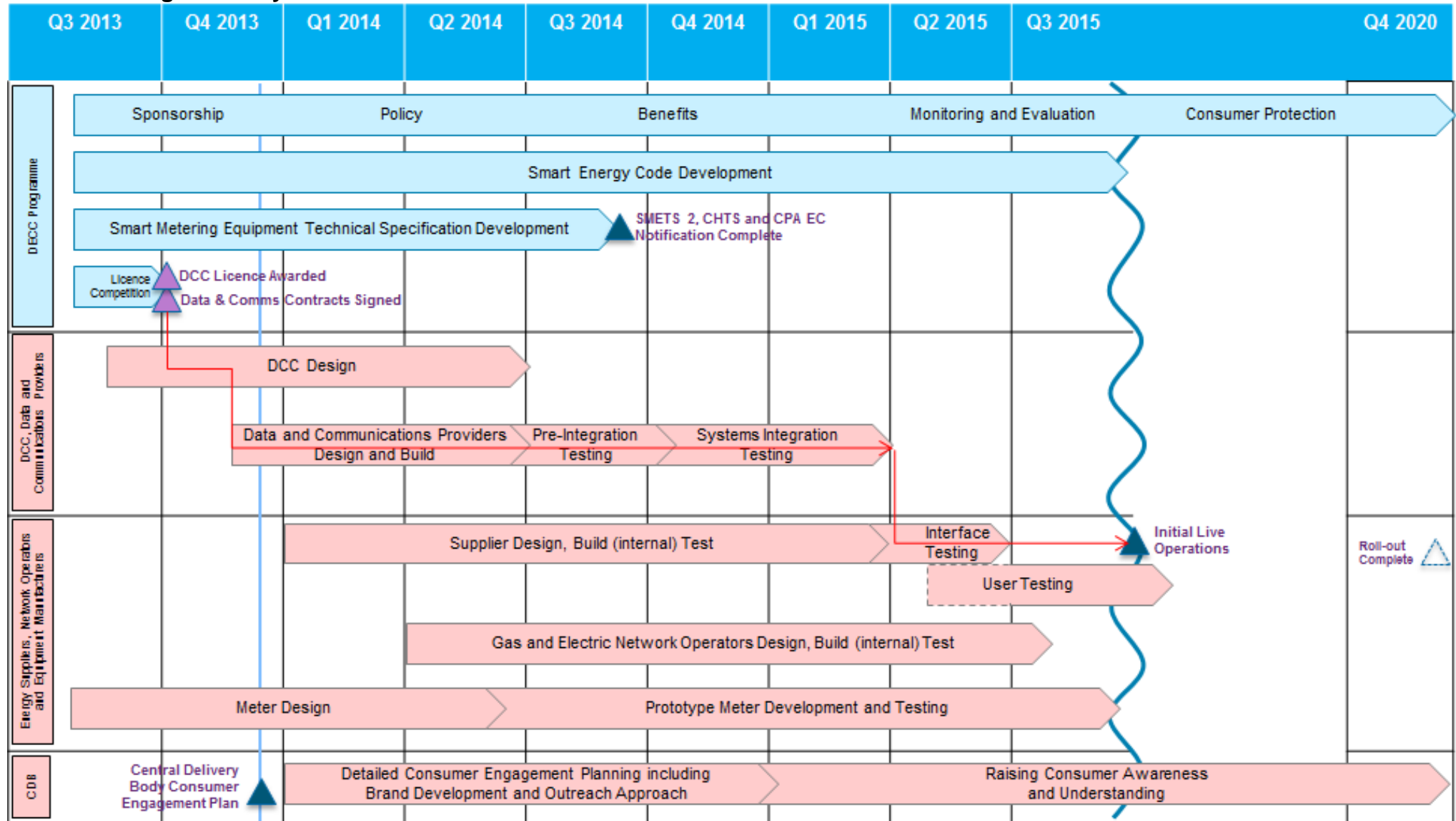
An updated plan was published in December 2012, with a commitment to review the plan again during the first half of 2013. During our discussions with applicants for the Data and Communications Company (DCC) licence and bidders for the data and communications service provider contracts, and with the energy industry, we tested the time needed for the design, build and test phases of their programmes. As a result, in May 2013, the Government announced that all major energy suppliers will now be expected to be able to use the shared infrastructure provided by the DCC by autumn 2015 and to complete their smart meter roll-outs by 2020.

Good progress has been made since May, including:

- In June:
 - new regulatory protections for consumers came into effect, including an Installation Code of Practice and rules on data access
 - completion of the EU notification for the second version of the technical specifications for smart gas and electricity meters and other smart metering equipment
 - the establishment of the Central Delivery Body (CDB).
- In September:
 - the designation of the Smart Energy Code (SEC) and the establishment of the SEC Panel, supported by a contract for the related administrative and secretariat (SECAS) service
 - successful completion of the DCC licensing competition and procurement of the data and communications service providers.

Following the establishment of the DCC in September 2013, the period between now and autumn 2015 will see the delivery of the smart metering infrastructure begin in earnest. We are now seeing the widening of responsibility, with delivery functions being shared between DECC, industry and the DCC, with regulatory oversight by Ofgem. The revised plan can be found overleaf.

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