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Smart Meters Programme

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Background

On 30 March 2011, the Government with Ofgem jointly published the Government's Response to the Smart Meter Prospectus. This set out a number of key dates relating to the rollout of smart meters in Great Britain.

An updated plan was published in December 2012, with a commitment to review the plan again during the first half of 2013 taking into account information expected from bidders and applicants for the data and communication services.

Joint working by DECC, the energy industry and stakeholders during the Foundation Stage of the Programme has enabled good progress to be made. This includes:

- the process for procuring the data and communications services, with bidders currently in the Invitation to Submit Final Tender phase;
- the process for procuring the DCC licence holder, with bidders currently in the Best and Final Offers phase;
- completion of the first and second EU notification of the technical specifications for smart gas and electricity meters and IHDs;
- establishment of the high level regulatory framework for roll-out, including regulations focused on consumer engagement and protection.

As part of the procurement process, DECC has tested with bidders for DCC service provider contracts, and with the energy industry, the time needed for the design, build and test phases of their programmes. The consistent message was that more time was needed if the mass roll-out was to get off to the best possible start.

We therefore expect suppliers to be ready to start their full scale roll-out by autumn 2015. Reflecting the extended period to build and test the systems required by industry, the end of mass roll-out will be moved from end 2019 to end 2020.

An updated high level view of the Smart Meters delivery plan will be published later in 2013 to reflect this and other changes as the programme shifts towards implementation across the industry.

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