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Dear SMIP team

**Consultation on dates for entry into force of Section H15 of the Smart Energy Code (SEC) and incorporation of the DCC Gateway Connection Code of Connection in to SEC**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the timing for incorporation and bringing in to force Section H15 of the SEC.

The overall Smart Metering Eco System as proposed will be a complex system which has challenging implementation timescales. One of the key elements to the overall successful implementation will be the robust testing phases which will commence, from a DCC User perspective with the DCC during Quarter 3 2015, with informal testing in the form of Pre User Integration Testing or testing via the use of the DSP Sandpit Environment (as specified in the DCC re-planning consultation and discussed at TDEG).

In order to take advantage of this early testing opportunity, npower (or any DCC User) will need the DCC Gateway Connection to be in place.

Hence, considering the lead time required to secure this Gateway connection as laid out within the SEC and in discussion with DCC, in order to utilise the Pre-UIT informal testing phase, npower believes that the section H15 should be made effective from the 19<sup>th</sup> of January 2015 as proposed by the Government.

Yours sincerely

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