

Response from Utilita to Open Letter Consultation on dates for entry into force of section H15 of the Smart Energy Code (SEC) and incorporation of the DCC Gateway Connection into the SEC.

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These documents underline the unnecessary complexity being introduced into the market by the DCC. The terms being put forwarded, although consulted on previously, are being dictated to a number of suppliers that may have disagreed previously (or simply did not have the workforce to reply to the plethora of consultations) but did not form the majority, thereby underlining the issues of creating a monopoly. The consultation even attempts to answer its own question by suggesting that a small time frame for response is required so this can be introduced as soon as possible as *'it is important that Parties can order Gateway Connections as soon as reasonably possible'*. This statement reinforces the feeling that this consultation is just step in the process and that the voice of a small supplier will not be heard even if their experience in SMETS is far greater than a majority of other suppliers.

Therefore we believe that section H15 should not be brought into effect and the DCC Gateway Connection Code of Connection should not be designated. Instead a review of the entire solution should take place before pushing on any further.'