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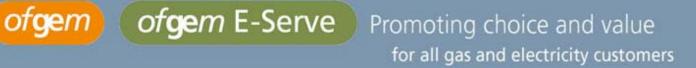
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Smart Metering Implementation Programme

DCC Expert Group

1 September 2010



Data and Communications: Key proposals

Scope

- New single entity covering gas and electricity on a GB-wide basis DCC
- Initial scope secure two-way communications and access control, translation services (head ends) and scheduled data retrieval
- Timing of inclusion of master registration subject to cost/benefit analysis

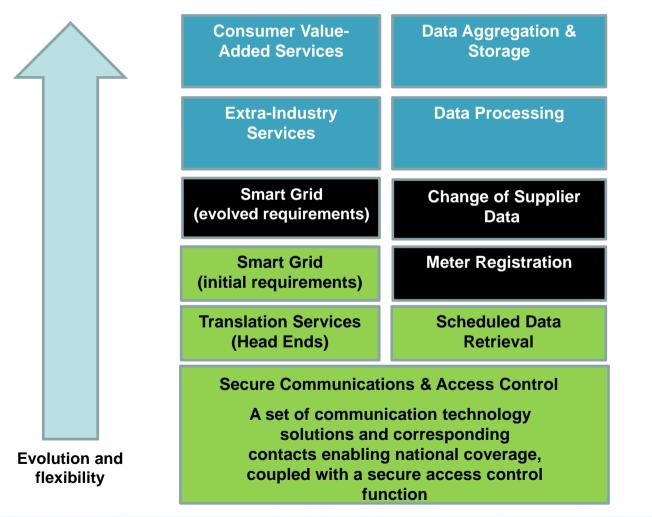
Establishment

- DCC a licensed entity responsible for procurement and contract management, which will be independent from providers of data and communications services
- DCC's licence granted by GEMA following a competitive licence application process
- DCC to procure data and communications services to meet user requirements as these evolve over time

Governance

 DCC regulated through its licence, with details of interfaces with industry and user requirements set out in a new Smart Energy Code ofgem E-Serve Promoting choice and value for all gas and electricity customers

DCC: Scope



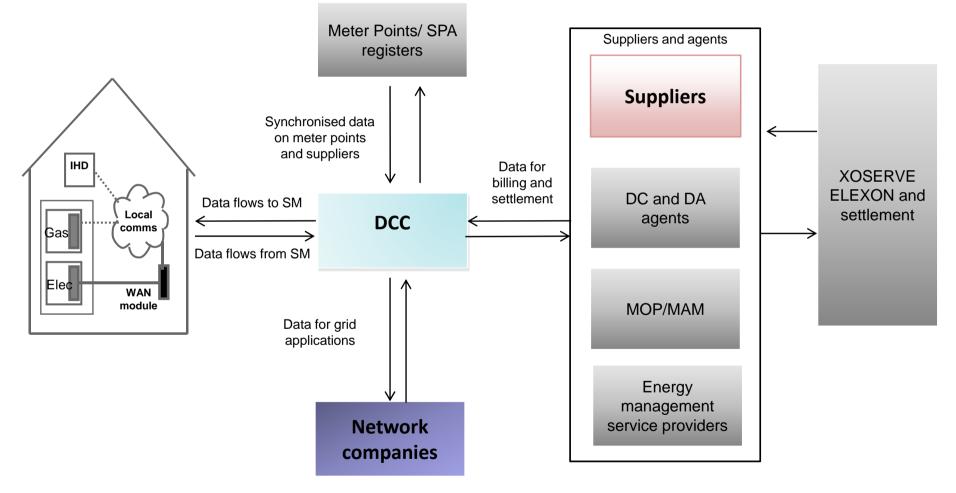
Require further analysis

 Should be enabled over time

Proposed Initial Scope

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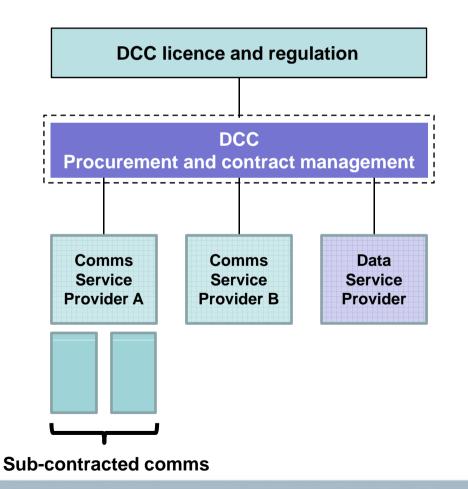
Initial Scope of DCC if registration not included



DCC: Establishment and governance

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- DCC regulated under a new licence
- DCC will act as procurement and contract management entity
- DCC to procure data and communications service providers
- Providers may subcontract for services

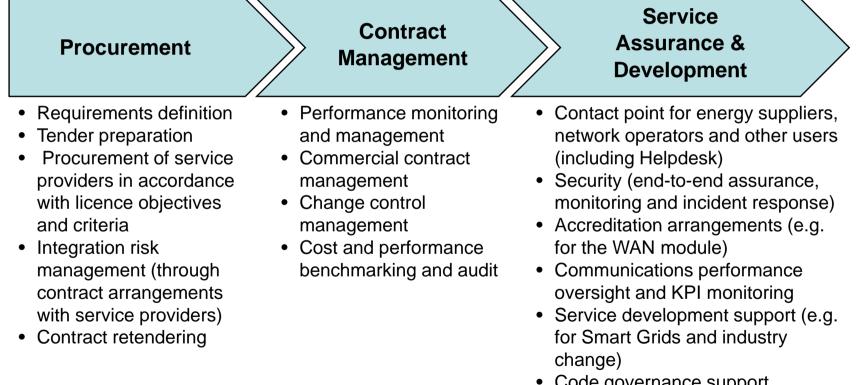
Ongoing activities of DCC

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• Code governance support (technical and admin support)



DCC: Benefits of proposed approach

• Scope

o Initial scope - timely set-up while delivering majority of benefits

Establishment

- o Flexibility for evolution
- o Builds on existing industry models
- Independence of procurement and contract management function from service providers
 - o Scope for effective competition

• Governance

o Licensed entity - certainty to all stakeholders



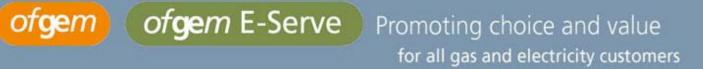
Data Privacy and Security: Key proposals

• Data privacy:

- Consumers are at the heart of the decision-making process
- The consumer shall choose in which way consumption data shall be used and by whom, with the exception of data required to fulfil regulatory duties

• Security:

- End-to-end security is being built-in from the start
- A full Impact Assessment will be developed
- The DCG actively identifying any security and data privacy issues related to each of the aspects covered in the DCG's scope of work

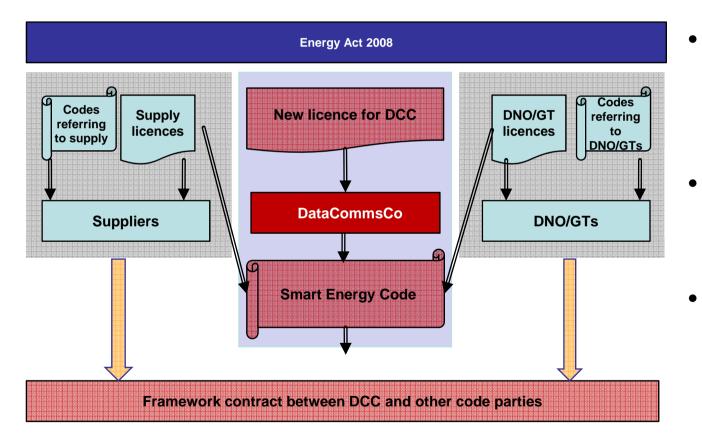


Smaller Non-Domestic Sector: Key proposals

- Use of DCC (smart and advanced)
 - Suppliers or agents not required, but have the flexibility, to use DCC
- DCG
 - Impacts of optional use?
 - o Service offers and limits on services?
 - Broader use of DCC by larger sites?
 - Provision of data for smart grids appropriateness of DCUSA rules, need for new rules/licence conditions?
 - Interim interoperability work lessons for non-domestic sector?

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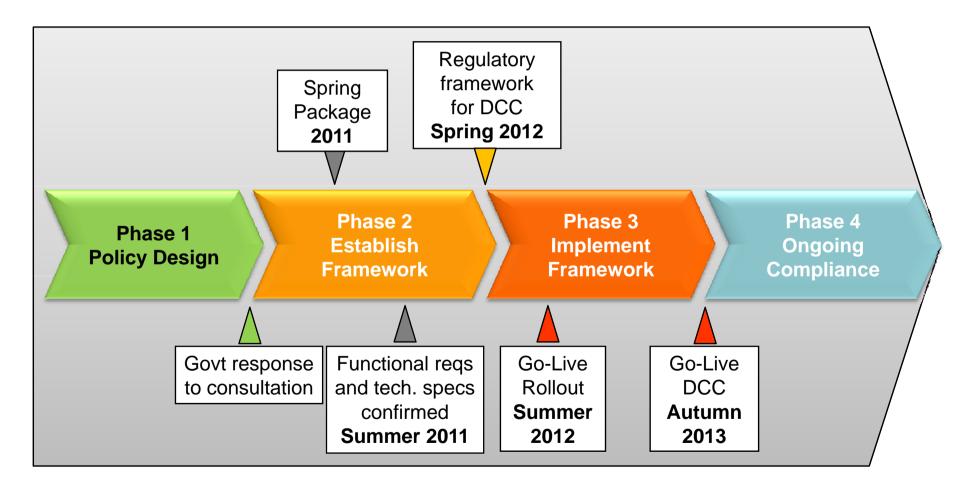
Regulatory and Commercial Framework

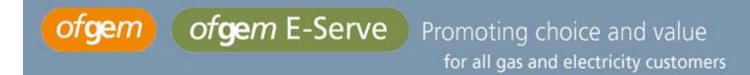


- Amendments to existing regulatory framework
- Proposed new regulatory instruments
- New contract to give force to provisions of the Smart Energy Code



Implementation timetable





Implementation Strategy: Key proposals and features

• Set timetable

- Certainty to individual participants
- Staged approach to implementation
 - Early benefits to consumers and managed risk for DCC establishment
- Maintain competitive energy markets and consumer protection
- Establishment of two expert groups, an Implementation Coordination Group and wider engagement activities



Consultation and transparency

- Two response dates:
 - 28 September: Priority questions *asterisked* in Appendix 1 of Prospectus:
 - Statement of Design Requirements
 - Implementation Strategy
 - Rollout Strategy

- 28 October:
- All other questions

- Transparency
 - Expert group material will be published on the website





Stakeholder Engagement: Existing and new

Existing engagement (maintain and develop):

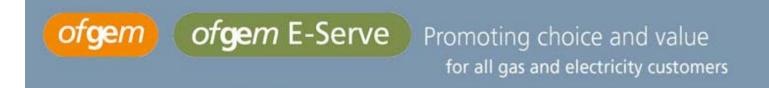
- Consumer Advisory Group (CAG)
- PSAG, SMUG, Disability Advisory Forum
- Workshops
- Bilateral meetings

New engagement:

- Smart Metering Design Group (SMDG)
- Data and Communications Group (DCG) _

Including Communities

- Implementation Coordination Group (ICG)
- Consumer and rollout workshops



This Phase

- Continue and extend our engagement with stakeholders, including though the establishment of two expert groups
- Analysis and evaluation of Prospectus proposals
- Input into the Government Response
 - Along with responses to prospectus
- Next level of detail
 - Preparatory activity that feeds into the next phase of the Smart Metering Programme

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Workstreams

Smart Metering Design	Data and Communications	Smart Metering Rollout
 Critique the Smart Metering System Services, Critique the Functional Requirements Catalogue, Evaluate and analyse existing smart metering (or other relevant) standards and specifications, Consider options and existing technological solutions for assuring security, Identify technical issues related to smart meter installation and propose solution options, Identify any priority areas for pilot trials, Consider the proposed governance arrangements for the Functional Requirements Catalogue and Technical Specifications, 	 Assessment of the user requirements related to DCC's proposed communication and data services, Assessment of the impact of the proposed DCC scope options on existing regulatory and commercial frameworks, and industry processes, Cost-benefit analysis of DCC scope proposals, Assessment of options arrangements to facilitate the proposed staged implementation approach of the programme, Assessment of proposed implementation timeframes for establishment of DCC and its services; Assessment of options with respect to key aspects of the establishment and operation of DCC, Assessment of options with respect to roles and responsibilities for smart metering equipment at the customer premises. Critique of proposals for a Smart Energy Code, including proposed contents and governance arrangements 	 Assessment of an appropriate rollout profile for the completion of the smart meter rollout, Consideration of the nature of supplier licence obligations, Consideration of the review process to be used to assess progress with the rollout, Facilitate development of codes of practice around the installation visit, Investigate initiatives to promote consumer engagement

DCG membership (=23)

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Stakeholder	Category
Consumer Focus	Consumer Organisations
First Utility	Suppliers - Small
Utilita	Suppliers - Small
ICOSS	Suppliers - I&C Mkt
British Gas	Suppliers - Big 6
EDF Energy	Suppliers - Big 6
EON UK	Suppliers - Big 6
RWE Npower	Suppliers - Big 6
Scottish and Southern Energy	Suppliers - Big 6
ScottishPower	Suppliers - Big 6
Energy Retail Association (ERA)	Suppliers - Big 6

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Stakeholder	Category	
Energy Networks Association (ENA)	Network Operators	
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Association of Independent Gas Transporter (AIGT)	Independent Network Operators - Gas	
Energy Services and Technology Association (ESTA)	Energy Services/ Management Companies	
Association of Meter Operators (AMO)	Meter Operators/ Owners/Finance Companies	
Intellect UK	Comms	
SBGI	Metering / Data and comms	
Electralink	Central Body	
Elexon	Central Body	
Gemserv	Central Body	
xoserve	Central Body	
Ofcom	Regulators	

DCC Expert Group (DCG) - Subgroups

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• Subgroup 1

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Assessment of the user requirements related to DCC's proposed communication services

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- Assessment of the impact of the proposed DCC scope options on existing regulatory and commercial frameworks, and industry processes
- Cost-benefit analysis of DCC scope proposals
- Subgroup 2
 - Assessment of options arrangements to facilitate the proposed staged implementation approach of the programme
- Subgroup 3
 - Assessment of options with respect to roles and responsibilities for smart metering equipment at the customer premises
 - Assessment of options with respect to key aspects of the establishment and operation of DCC
 - Critique of proposals for a Smart Energy Code, including governance arrangements

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DCG – Community of Technical Experts

- Companies invited to express an interest in having the opportunity to respond to DCG's information requests
- Expected information requests
 - Subgroup 1
 - Costs/benefits and timeframes of a number of scenarios for the user requirements related to DCC's communication services – Early October
 - Cost/benefits and timeframes of scenarios for DCC scope of data activities – Mid October
 - Subgroup 2
 - Analysis of options to facilitate interim interoperability