



# BENEFITS OF THE NATIONAL SMART METERING PROGRAMME

As part of the National Climate Action Plan, ESB Networks is upgrading every electricity meter between now and 2024. Every home, farm and business will receive a new smart meter free of charge which, from 2021, will bring benefits to customers, the environment and the economy.



## A Greener, More Sustainable Ireland

Every smart meter will help us all become more energy efficient and environmentally friendly as we work towards a low-carbon future. Smart meters will facilitate the development of Ireland's growing renewable generation, smart grids and support the electrification of transport and heat.

## Better Information

Smart meters will provide you with greater access to accurate information on your energy usage, giving you greater control over your energy consumption. In trials, consumers reduced consumption by up to 3% and peak demand by 8%.



## Reduced Need for Estimated Bills

Smart meters will enable more accurate billing, significantly reducing the need for manual meter readings and estimated bills.

## Improved Customer Service

The new smart meters will allow ESB Networks to find faults quicker and manage the network more efficiently. It will also enable you to switch electricity supplier and move premises more easily.



## Smart Services

Electricity supply companies will begin to offer new smart products and services, giving you more choice and enabling you to move some of your consumption to times of the day when electricity is cheaper.

There is no additional charge for upgrading your meter. Like other meter upgrades, the cost is included in your existing charges for use of the electricity network.