



Secretary of State, Holders of Gas and Electricity Supply Licences, consumers and their representatives, consumer bodies and other interested parties

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Dear Colleagues,

Designation of the Smart Metering Installation Code of Practice

On 8 February 2013, Ofgem issued a consultation on the Smart Metering Installation Code of Practice (SMICOP)¹. The consultation closed on 8 March 2013 and I am now writing to inform you of the latest position.

As a result of our consultation exercise, we have made a limited number of changes to the draft SMICOP submitted to us for approval. In particular, **we have strengthened the requirements that suppliers must meet when seeking to market goods and services** to domestic customers. We believe that these changes, along with the other limited changes we have made, will bolster the consumer protections already set out in the SMICOP. We have also made a number of minor drafting adjustments.

We will shortly publish further details regarding the changes we have made. However we are publishing this letter now so that the SMICOP can be designated at the earliest opportunity, giving suppliers and other interested parties the maximum time to prepare in advance of the SMICOP taking effect.

In accordance with the conditions of the supply licence², the Authority hereby designates the SMICOP for use by all domestic and micro-business suppliers. The SMICOP will take effect from **1 June 2013**. The SMICOP, as designated, is published alongside this letter.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Jonathan Blagrove jonathan.blagrove@ofgem.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

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¹ <http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Pages/MoreInformation.aspx?docid=259&refer=Sustainability/SocAction/Publications>

² Standard Conditions 41.5 and 42.4 (Electricity) and Standard Conditions 35.5 and 36.4 (Gas).