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Theft of Gas – Development of a National Revenue Protection Service (NRPS)

This letter is to inform Ofgem that the Gas Forum has recently voted by majority in favour of progressing work in support of a National Revenue Protection Service.

The Gas Forum has done this to ensure that this model can be progressed promptly, in the event that Ofgem decides that this model is to be mandated for all gas suppliers to implement. The Gas Forum recognizes that this model is one of a number of models that are currently being developed by the industry and at this stage has expressed no preference other than to ensure that energy theft is tackled effectively.

The impact of theft from Suppliers' gas metering equipment and Gas Transporters' pipes is ultimately an increase in costs to gas consumers. The Gas Forum therefore welcomes the engagement of Ofgem and Consumer Focus in the various industry discussions that are attempting to address this difficult issue.

In order to progress the NRPS option the Gas Forum is arranging a number of meetings and workshops. This first of these has been arranged on the 19th of July (1pm) at Ofgem, 9 Millbank, London SW1P3GE. The intention is that these meetings will be open to any interested party but we would like to encourage the full participation of Ofgem and Consumer Focus in these meetings, as we believe this will help to ensure that the NRPS model is an implementable option that can be fully considered.

The Gas Forum Executive has decided that these meetings will be chaired by Collette Baldwin of EON. The Gas Forum would encourage any interested parties to contact Collette via the Gas Forum (gasforum@gemserv.com) to be added to the attendance list of the meetings.

Many thanks,

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