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Arqiva's response to the Smart Meter Implementation Programme Prospectus

Dear Margaret

Arqiva is pleased to submit its consultation response for the Smart Metering Implementation Programme Prospectus.

Arqiva has consulted widely across the industry in responding to the prospectus and have shared our views openly with a view to building consensus among stakeholders so that the optimal solution for Great Britain is delivered.

This document contains Arqiva's overall recommendations as well as direct responses to the specific questions posed. In section 2, we also present the findings of financial modelling we undertook for different prospectus options and scenarios. We welcome the opportunity to share these results with your team in more detail at an appropriate time.

We also recognise that this programme is a complex undertaking, requiring best of breed service providers to work together to design, build and operate a solution that will endure for the lifetime of the meters.

In response to this challenge, BT, Arqiva and Detica announced in July 2010 a collaboration to offer a universal, dedicated, secure and resilient nationwide communications network for smart meters and subsequent smart grid applications and smart water. This group brings together significant expertise in delivery of nationwide communications systems, technology expertise, as well as leading edge security solutions.

In reaching our recommendations, we have collaborated closely with BT and Detica, and the responses submitted in Section 3 (only) of this document are identical to those submitted by BT and Detica.

We have also included a number of responses to questions ahead of the 28 October deadline. We shall update and complete our answers to the October questions in next month's response.

We trust our response will be helpful. We stand ready to offer further support as needed.

Yours sincerely

