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Dear Smart Metering Team,

Smart Metering Implementation Programme – BABT Response to Prospectus questions requiring answers by 28th October 2010

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to questions from the Smart Metering Prospectus. Please find below BABT responses to Questions 8;9;10 & 13.

Question 8: Do you have any comments on the proposals that energy suppliers should be responsible for purchasing, installing and, where appropriate, maintaining all customer premises equipment? (*Deadline for response: 28 October*)

Q8 - BABT Response – Care of End User Metering equipment to be of particular focus and priority. There will be a need for End User Meters to be subject to contract with each owning supplier taking responsibility for the management and maintenance of said Meters and related data. There will also need to be a focus on the efficient handover of the responsibility for End User Meters to new owning suppliers in event of change of providers. Cease and re-provision of service related to End User Meters is another area where efficiency of process will need to be evaluated.

Question 9: Do you have any comments on the proposal that the scope of activities of the central data and communications function should be limited initially to those functions that are essential for the effective transfer of smart metering data, such as data access and scheduled data retrieval? (*Deadline for response: 28 October*)

Q9 - BABT Response – There will need to be a real focus to establish that End User data matches the Supplier data. If the data does not match, procedures should be put in place to address the reasons why and implement corrective action.

Question 10: Do you have any comments on the proposal to establish DCC as a procurement and contract management entity that will procure communications and data services competitively? (*Deadline for response: 28 October*)



Q 10- BABT Response – There will need to be a particular focus on proper regulation and accountability.

There could, perhaps, be a third party responsible for carrying out assessments to confirm, impartiality, fairness and fitness for purpose of the management procedures of all procurement and contracts.

Question 13: Do you agree with the proposal for a Smart Energy Code to govern the operation of smart metering? *(Deadline for response: 28 October)*

Q 13- BABT Response – Yes we agree with the proposal for a Smart Energy Code. However, implementation will be a key factor. There will need to be a level of comfort that all those required to follow the code actually do so, otherwise respect for the Code will be compromise.

Perhaps a third party could be introduced to raise the profile of the Code and act as a date keeper to ensure that the Code is being appropriately followed.

I hope the comments are found to be useful and look forward to the steady progress of the Smart Metering Implementation Programme

Yours sincerely,

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