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For the attention of: Steve Rowe

Dear Steve

Re: Installation Codes of Practice

SBGI, on behalf of our Metering Services Group Members, is seeking clarity on the position that Ofgem intends to take with respect to the status of the existing industry registration schemes following commencement of the smart meter roll out.

The registration schemes which may be impacted would be MAMCoP, MACOPA and OAMI. The DCCG work stream of the DECC Smart Meter Programme addresses the requirements of a Smart Energy Code within Working Group 2. A draft for a Smart Meter Installer Code of Practice has been created by the ERA under the auspices of Sub Group B, Roles and responsibilities at the consumer premises. This code covers the responsibilities of the participants immediately prior to the installation of the equipment and for a period of 6 months after the equipment has been installed. It is then understood that the asset management and service processes would revert back to a "Business as Usual" position. The authors of the SMICoP have made it clear that there is no intention of rewriting or replacing the existing CoPs.

As the work of Sub Group C, Consequential amendments to codes and other regulatory instruments, is due to commence on the 8th of September and as Ofgem are the stewards of the existing codes and schemes our members feel it is important to understand what Ofgem's views are for the following questions.

1. What do Ofgem believe their role will be with respect to industry codes of practice and registration schemes after the commencement of the Smart Meter Roll Out?
2. What impact will the introduction of the Smart Energy Code have on Ofgem's current role?

3. Do Ofgem believe that the existing codes and registration schemes are suitable for the Smart Meter era? Should the industry take this opportunity to simplify and rationalise the codes to ensure cross utility standardisation going forward?

Yours sincerely



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