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Dear Colleague

National Grid Metering 2012 Pricing Consultation Stakeholder Launch

On 19th September 2012, National Grid launched its stakeholder consultation process. Engage Consulting will establish stakeholder workshops to gather views with respect to certain consultation topics identified to date in consultation with Ofgem.

We consider that it is important that the process for taking forward this review is informed by active stakeholder engagement as this will a) form the basis for National Grid's consultation and b) help shape their proposals which will be submitted to Ofgem for approval.

The workshop dates and topics are listed below. Further information available from Tom Hainey (Principal Consultant) at ngm.consultation@engage-consulting.co.uk

Workshop 1 (2nd October 2012) will cover:

- National Metering Manager (NMM) and Backstop Meter Provider of Last Resort (BMPOLR) obligations and durations
- Asset transfer from GDNs to NMM
- Sunset assumptions
- Links to smart timeframe and duration of control period
- Traditional meter displacement rates
- Assessment of future workloads.

Workshop 2 (3rd October 2012) will cover:

- RAV assessment and allocation
- Rate of return
- Derivation of tariff caps
- Revenue requirement equation.

Workshop 3 (9th October 2012) will cover:

- Future for Industrial & Commercial
- Requirements for additional services (query handling, complaint handling, contact management, uncertainty treatment).

Workshop 4 (10th October 2012) is a contingency session (discuss any issues/topics that were not covered in first three sessions or deemed to require additional discussion).

The National Grid Approach and Pricing Model document, which is part of the National Grid Metering 2012 Pricing Consultation, is available on their website.¹

We are prepared to accept information on behalf of respondents to the above consultation if they have reservations with regards to confidentiality between Engage Consultants and National Grid.

Yours faithfully

Colin Sausman
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¹ www.nationalgrid.com/uk/metering/pricingconsultation/documents