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ICoSS Response regarding SMICOP

The Industrial and Commercial Shippers and Suppliers (ICoSS) group represents all the major non-domestic industrial and commercial (I&C) suppliers in the GB energy market, supplying 65% of the gas needs of the non-domestic sector; a number of our members also supply electricity to their customers¹.

As you are aware ICoSS was heavily involved in developing the Smart Metering Installation Code of Practice. ICoSS dedicated time and resources to this work because we believe it is important that any such code of practice should not jeopardize the workings of the competitive market and be proportionate to the needs of that market.

We wish to put on public record our view regarding training standards as set out in section 2.6. We have consistently opposed the references to a specific entity's standards as this forces all meter installers to use a single company's products to maintain their business activities. As NSAP is not a body referenced in statute (such as Gas Safe), we believe that such a restrictive requirement could be successfully challenged to the detriment of the efficacy of SMICOP. We would therefore have serious concerns if the requirement to obtain accreditation only from NSAP as set out in the domestic sector was imposed on non-domestic installers. It is our view that the current wording contained in 2.6.3 to ensure appropriate training ensures appropriate standards and addresses these concerns.

Please note that as a non-domestic supplier trade body that we are not expressing a view on the suitability of this requirement as currently applied in the domestic sector.

Yours sincerely

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¹ Current Membership: Corona Energy, ENI, First Utility (associate), Gazprom Energy, GDF Suez Energy UK, Statoil UK, Total Gas & Power, Wingas UK.



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