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Dear Colin

**Consultation on extending the existing smart meter framework for data access and privacy to Smart-Type Meters and Advanced Meters**

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the above consultation. This letter should be treated as a consolidated response on behalf of UK Power Networks' three distribution licence holding companies: Eastern Power Networks plc, London Power Networks plc, and South Eastern Power Networks plc. Our comments are not confidential and can be published via the Ofgem website.

While we are supportive of Ofgem's proposals, we note that many of the questions in the consultation document are supplier-focused; therefore, we have only provided views in respect of question 8 (please see the appendix to this letter).

We hope that you will find our response helpful. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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## **Appendix: UK Power Networks' answers to the consultation questions**

### **Chapter Four**

*Question 8: Do you agree with our proposal to not extend the existing data access and privacy arrangements that apply to network companies for premises with smart meters to network companies for premises with Smart-Type Meters?*

We agree with the proposal to not extend the network operator arrangements for smart meters to Smart-Type meters. As explained in the consultation document, network operators can only access data from Smart-Type meters via the relevant suppliers, so the supplier arrangements and associated customer consents would apply in such cases. The main situations in which network operators are interested in Smart-Type meters are trial situations; these are adequately covered in the existing supplier arrangements.

We also note DECC's plans for the future adoption of SMETS1 Smart-Type meters into the DCC system. We assume that upon adoption, such meters would become smart meters (if they are not already) and thus be covered by the smart meter arrangements.