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Dear Bart,

Smart Prepayment for a Smarter Market: Our Proposals

The Electricity Prepayment Metering Forum (PPMF) welcomes this opportunity to respond to Ofgem's consultation regarding smart prepayment metering. PPMF is a membership organisation established to provide a forum for the exchange of, and discussion on, matters relating to all types of electricity prepayment meters. The Forum exists to provide expertise in technical, operational and regulatory issues that impact the operation of prepayment meter supply businesses. In addition, the Forum recently convened a Smart Prepayment Metering Forum in order to provide the industry with a platform to discuss the implementation of smart meters, the associated governance and the technical and operational issues that may occur.

We believe that we are in a position to add value to the discussions regarding the phasing out of traditional prepayment metering infrastructure. The Forum supports the transition away from legacy metering and the vision for a smarter energy market. The transition presents a number of issues, namely the commercial unsustainability for some parties to operate legacy metering post smart metering roll out. In turn this may impact existing industry processes and governance.

We are committed to working with the industry and with Ofgem to mitigate the associated risks to parties and consumers during the period of phasing out traditional prepayment meters. As such, please do not hesitate to contact us if we can help further and we look forward to further engagement with Ofgem's Consumer Empowerment and Protection project.

Yours sincerely

Paul Rocke
PPMF Chairman