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Unmetered Supplies Stakeholders

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Dear Stakeholder,

REVIEW OF GUIDANCE ON THE ELECTRICITY (UNMETERED SUPPLY) REGULATIONS 2001 (SI 2001/3263)

Following requests from industry stakeholders, the National Measurement Office (NMO), an Executive Agency of the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, published guidance on the Electricity (Unmetered Supply) Regulations, 2001 (SI 2001/3263) ('the Regulations') in 2012:

www.bis.gov.uk/nmo/gas-and-electricity-meters/Unmetered-supplies-of-electricity

At the time of publication it was agreed NMO would conduct a review of the guidance after one year of utilisation. This open letter invites your responses to the following questions and any other comments or suggested amendments to the guidance.

1. Regulation 3(1)(b)(i) does not define where the 500 W limit is to be measured although the guidance has interpreted this as being measured at the "load point" (i.e. the point at which the load of the equipment consumes electrical energy). It has been suggested that this opens the way for unlimited sizes of unmetered connection and that the 500 W limit should be measured at the "supply point" (i.e. the point of connection to the authorised distributor's network). Do you believe the 500 W limit should be measured at the supply point or the load point?
2. NMO has been advised there may be operational challenges if the 500 W limit is measured at the load point as the maximum load of a connection will be limited by the cable size and the cut-out provided. NMO believes there is sufficient scope in the Regulations for a flexible interpretation of the 500 W limit. However measurement at the load point should not lead to unreasonable demands for unmetered supplies and the following addition to the guidance is suggested:

"Multiple connections may be granted subject to good engineering practice, where the size of the cut-out and maximum capacity of the connection is considered".

Do you agree with this suggestion or do you have an alternative proposal?
3. Are there any aspects of the guidance you believe require further clarification?



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4. Can you suggest any changes to the Regulations that would provide benefits to your business? Please quantify what savings would such changes bring and would any costs be incurred?
5. Are there any other comments you wish to raise?

Responses should be submitted to unmeteredsupplies@nmo.gov.uk no later than 15th November 2013. NMO are planning to issue the revised version of the guidance by 31st March 2014.

Please forward this letter to any other stakeholders who may have an interest in unmetered supplies of electricity.

Yours faithfully,

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