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Dear Rob

Smart Energy Code Consultation

BEAMA has reviewed the consultation and in the main feels that it is a positive development and receives our support. There is one area however where we would like to provide some suggestions on the Code panel and its membership.

In the Executive Summary describing the purpose of the proposed industry code, it is stated '...It will also set out other detailed provisions relating to smart metering systems that are considered necessary to ensure that the arrangements for smart metering are managed in a consistent and holistic manner across both the gas and electricity sectors where required...'. A key part of the delivery of smart metering across the UK is the provision of smart metering equipment.

It is estimated that over 100 million smart metering products will need to be delivered and installed by 2019, which as described by many observers is a very significant undertaking. As a result it is essential that the manufacturing industry tasked with the delivery of this equipment has representation in the ongoing management of the programme. BEAMA represents all the electricity meter manufacturers active in the UK, and many of these are also the leading gas meter manufacturers. In addition 11 companies providing In Home Displays are in the BEAMA group CEDIG, and BEAMA is currently recruiting additional members that are in the communications box and related equipment areas.

Given the vital role of smart metering system suppliers in the successful delivery of the programme including testing and certification, BEAMA suggests that consideration should be given to a representative from BEAMA having a place on the Smart Energy Code panel. A smart metering system representative would complement the other panel members from the utility companies, consumer groups and Government. Without this involvement the many issues relating to the smart metering products would be difficult if not impossible to handle.

I would be happy to describe these plans in greater details at a convenient time.

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