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Dear Sir/Madam

**Consultation on the consumer engagement strategy supporting the smart meter rollout –
consultation reference: URN 12D/033**

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the above consultation. This response should be regarded as a consolidated response on behalf of UK Power Networks' four electricity distribution licence holding companies – Eastern Power Networks plc, London Power Networks plc, South Eastern Power Networks plc, and UK Power Networks (IDNO) Limited. Please note that this is our interim response which applies to questions 15–18 only. I can confirm that this response is non-confidential and can be published via the Ofgem website.

We have confined our answer to Q18 (*What role, if any, should network companies and communications service providers have in central engagement?*) which is one that specifically affects us as a network operator.

In respect of this question we believe that network operators should have an advisory role to the proposed Central Delivery Body (CDB) as this would ensure that any background network related information published by the CDB is correct and up-to-date.

If you have any questions about our response, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully