

ESTA RESPONSE TO:



Non-Domestic Market: Proposed amendments to roll-out licence conditions
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ESTA is engaged with UK Government policies on Energy and Climate Change, The Green Deal, Energy Performance of Building Directive, Part L Building Regulations, Display Energy Certificates, Carbon Reduction Commitment, Energy Efficiency Directive and the rollout of smart and advanced meters. It also provides UK input to developing international energy management standards and Chairs several BSI committees.

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Our response is a majority consensus of the members involved. Where ESTA members respond directly, they may offer differing opinions on some issues, which we respect as expressing their own definitive view.

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ESTA welcomes the opportunity to respond to this open letter into extending the cut-off date for advanced metering and continues to provide its support for government incentives creating a more transparent and level playing field in the interests of consumers and the demand side market place.

We agree that there should be an extension to the period during which advanced meters can be installed.

It is ESTA's view that the development and innovation already seen in the non-domestic metering market continues in that vein and is therefore imperative that SMETS2 compliant meters and third party access to data at both DCC and Home Area Network level is established in the marketplace prior to any cut-off date.

In order to provide market certainty we would recommend that the cut-off date should be April 2016, but with an appropriate notice period of 12 months where certain criteria is met i.e. availability of SMETS2 meters and third party data access.

Should SMETS2 not be widely available by June 2015 we would recommend Government to re-visit the cut-off date, to ensure a smooth transition from advanced to smart in this scenario.

ESTA's expertise in the non-domestic metering and monitoring market is unrivalled and we would welcome further engagement with DECC to ensure the best possible outcome.