

This is a response to Baroness Verma of Leicester Open letter consultation on NON-DOMESTIC MARKET: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ROLL-OUT LICENCE CONDITIONS published in June 2013 from TMA Data Management Ltd.

DECC: whether any arrangements should apply in the same way to both electricity and gas meters

TMA: No Comment

DECC-if it should be extended, whether it should be extended to:

***April 2015;**

***April 2016; or**

***a date that would be designated in due course with an appropriate notice period (for example, six or twelve months)**

TMA: The ability to install Advanced Metering in Small non Domestic sites should be extended past April 2014 as the Smart Meter Roll out has been delayed and SMETS compliant meters are not readily and widely available. That will provide Suppliers (in particular small Suppliers) with an option to offer their customers some benefits of advanced technology without having to wait for SMET2 meters to be available. Advanced metering is delivering and has already delivered benefits to Suppliers and Customers, stopping their installation in March 2014 would stop the momentum.

The benefits of Advanced metering should not be neglected even if they are seen as lesser than the ones provided by Smart Meters. Advanced meters are available now and delivering benefits now. Rather than date based, it should be extended until the SMET2 meters are commercially available in large scale, with an appropriate period notice in case there is a further delay in starting the mass roll out. A period notice of 6 months should be sufficient to wind down the installation schedules.

DECC: 19. The Government would welcome views on this proposal.

TMA: We agree that the Roll Out licence condition permitting continued installation of advanced metering should be modified to clarify that the contractual relationship must be one that directly involves the customer in order to protect customer's interests.

DECC: The Government would welcome views on the appropriateness of amending the definition of non-domestic premises to mean all non-domestic sites in Profile Classes 1-4.

TMA: We would welcome a change to the Electricity Roll out licence condition to include all non-domestic sites in profiles classes 1-4 rather than rely only on the BSC defined profile class categories to define a non-domestic site to ensure that all Suppliers can service their customers appropriately and offer all concerned customers the relevant advanced metering.

DECC: The Government would welcome views on incorporating this minimum requirement for information provision in the definition of a Smart Metering System at designated premises in the roll-out licence conditions.

TMA: The customer minimum right to data access (Half-Hourly data for electricity and hourly data for gas) for advanced metering should be included in the advanced meter roll-out licence conditions to ensure Customer's access to data regarding their usage and consumption if any behavioural changes are expected.