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Our ref:

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Dear Geoff,

Smart Meters Programme

Technolog Ltd thanks DECC for the opportunity to participate on the Smart Meters Programme proposal as defined in the DECC communication of June 2013.

As a leading UK provider of AMR services in the Gas and Water markets, we are fully committed to the aims and objectives of the SMP and the benefits that they will bring to the UK energy market and customers alike.

We have set out below our responses to the questions raised within the document but point out that Technolog Ltd do not currently provide AMR services in Electricity market and consequently, responses are provided for the gas market only:

16. In reaching a final decision, the Government would welcome views on:

- Q. Whether the period during which advanced meters can be installed should be extended.
- A. Technolog Ltd support extending the period during which advanced meters may be installed.
- Q. The impact on the non-domestic metering market if the exception period were not extended.
- A. We believe that a failure to extend the installation period will result in a loss of choice for customers and a hiatus in the continued advance towards a full Smart Metering rollout.
- Q. What effects any extension would have on the operation of the supply market.
- A. The extension would allow all industry participants to fully plan and develop strategies for the Smart metering programme and deliver a stability to the market.
- Q. Whether any arrangements should apply in the same way to both electricity and gas meters.
- A. Technolog as a Gas and Water AMR service provider have no view on the arrangements for electricity metering except that there should be a synergy in the two markets.

- Q. 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)
- A. Our view is that the date should be extended to the latter of either April 2016 or twelve months' notice whichever is the longer.

If you require any further information or clarification of our position, I will be happy to oblige.

Yours sincerely,

Commercial Director