

May 22, 2014

Dear Sir,

Consultation on changes to equipment installation requirements and the governance arrangements for technical specifications

Please find Co-Operative Energy's response to the above consultation below.

Question 1: Do you agree with our proposed approach and legal drafting for meeting our policy intention of requiring energy suppliers to install DCC provided communications hubs with SMETS 2 meters at domestic premises, and requiring the DCC to provide energy suppliers with CHTS-compliant communications hubs?

Yes, we believe the requirement to install a standardised, DCC provided communications hub along with a SMETS 2 meter will avoid any unnecessary variation in equipment which might be likely to deter customer switching due to compatibility issues and thus negatively affect competition.

Question 2: Do you agree with the proposed approach and legal drafting in relation to requirements to comply with the technical specifications for PPMIDs and HCALCS where such devices are installed?

We agree that requirements for the technical specifications of these need to be defined in order to allow suppliers to make use of these.

Question 3: Do you agree with the proposed approach and legal drafting to allow that more than one version of SMETS can be extant in the future?

We believe that it is appropriate to allow for more than one version of SMETS to be extant in cases such as the overlap between SMETS 1 and SMETS 2 for the period where SMETS 1 installations will count towards suppliers' roll out targets.

As early as possible, the exact details of the declared end date for SMETS1 allowable meter sets needs to be made clear to suppliers to ensure that credible commercial future planning can be confirmed. This should also clarify what constitutes a "new installation" i.e. would replacement of a damaged SMETS1 meter, with a significant period of remaining commercial commitment, require replacement with a SMETS2 meter?

Question 4: Do you agree with our proposed approach and legal drafting concerning the incorporation of the SMETS into the SEC?



We agree that it is appropriate for the SMETS to be incorporated into the SEC once the Government is of the view that this is practicable. This will then allow modifications to be progressed through the already established SEC process.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or require any further information.

Yours faithfully,