

Smart Meters Bill

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After Clause 1

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Insert the following new Clause—

“National Plan for Smart Metering

- (1) Within one month of the passing of this Act, the Secretary of State must publish a National Plan for Smart Metering.
- (2) The National Plan must show clearly how all the objectives of the smart metering implementation programme will be delivered, and must specify an appropriate termination date.
- (3) When preparing the National Plan, the Secretary of State must consult—
 - (a) OFGEM;
 - (b) District Network Operators (DNOs);
 - (c) Data Communications Company;
 - (d) energy suppliers;
 - (e) consumer interests bodies;
 - (f) Smart Energy GB;
 - (g) the National Audit Office; and
 - (h) such other relevant bodies as may seem appropriate.
- (4) The National Plan must respond to key findings and recommendations made by annual NAO reports on the smart metering programme and outline how the Secretary of State plans to respond to recommendations made by the NAO including but not limited to—
 - (a) measures to reduce costs of the smart metering implementation programme;
 - (b) measures to maximise the likelihood that smart meters will achieve their intended long-term benefits;
 - (c) measures for improving the take-up of smart meters.

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- (5) The National Plan for Smart Metering must set out the progress made to carry out obligations undertaken by the licensed energy suppliers and their associated organisations to deliver all the objectives of the smart metering programme and must include, but is not limited to—
 - (a) a detailed specification for the functionality and performance required in each meter, so as to ensure reliable service life, ease of installation and maintenance, appropriate inter-operability, future upgrading capacity, and removal and safe disposal of obsolescent equipment;
 - (b) an assessment of the future developments thought feasible and desirable for the smart meter programme, including monitoring of customer activity so as to deliver least cost tariff benefits combined with the maximum ability to engage with future appliance applications, inter-operability, compatibility with smart phones and tablets, and the encouragement of self-generated capacity in the home;
 - (c) an assessment of the potential of smart meters to be the gateway to additional domestic energy efficiency measures;
 - (d) an analysis of technical developments to provide alternative solutions for Home Area Network (HAN) connections where premises are not able to access the HAN using existing connection arrangements;
 - (e) an assessment of the most effective way of dealing with the inclusion in the programme of hard-to-reach premises and multiple-occupancy dwellings;
 - (f) an assessment of alternative delivery arrangements as between energy suppliers and DNOs which might increase the effectiveness of roll out solutions over time.
- (6) The National Plan for Smart Metering must set out detailed targets for each quarter of each year for each energy supplier in pursuit of the objective of complete roll out of smart meters by an agreed termination date.
- (7) If by 31 December 2018 fewer than 500,000 SMETS 2 are in operation in homes and small businesses across the United Kingdom, the planned roll-out of smart meters must be halted until such time as the Secretary of State has considered the effectiveness and efficiency of the plan, its realistic completion date and the costs required to complete the plan, and has made a statement to Parliament together with a revised programme for the completion of the roll out.
- (8) The Secretary of State must publish the National Plan for Smart Metering by 31 December 2018.
- (9) After due consideration and consultation, the Secretary of State must in regulations made by statutory instrument specify the final version of the National Plan for Smart Metering.
- (10) A statutory instrument containing regulations under this section may not be made unless a draft of that instrument has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament.
- (11) The Secretary of State must report annually on the extent to which the National Plan for Smart Metering is being delivered, in line with the termination date.

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