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Modifications to Section L of the Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC) and the relevant BSC Codes of Practice (CoP)

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4. Notification Number

2009/0313/UK - I10

5. Title

Modifications to Section L of the Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC) and the relevant BSC Codes of Practice (CoP)

6. Products Concerned

Advanced electricity meters for non-domestic premises and services associated with electricity meters

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

Licensed electricity suppliers operating in Great Britain who charge customers according to the amount of electricity they consume must provide an appropriate meter to record the amount of electricity consumed as a basis for calculating customers' bills (unless, exceptionally, customers provide their own appropriate meters). Meters are "appropriate" if they meet the standards of accuracy laid down in the Measuring Instruments Directive (2004/22/EC) or pre-existing national type-approval requirements which the Directive permits to continue in force until 2016.

New conditions have been introduced into the Electricity Supply Licence which impose additional requirements in respect of meters supplied to business customers in what are known as user profile classes 5 to 8, i.e. with an average annual consumption of between 96,000 and 137,000 kWh/year. They do not include businesses which use very large amounts of electricity, or small businesses whose usage has more in common with domestic patterns of consumption.

The licence changes require suppliers to ensure that, within five years, all meters through which they supply customers in user profile 5 to 8 are capable, either on their own or with an ancillary device, of providing measured electricity consumption data for multiple time periods, and providing suppliers with remote access to such data. Such meters are known as "smart" or "advanced" meters.

All licensed suppliers must be signatories to the Balancing and Settlement Code. The draft regulation seeks to mandate the use of certain BSC Code of Practices in those circumstances where Suppliers are obliged to use advanced metering by the Electricity Supply Licence. This will ensure consistency of metering requirements and mitigate issues surrounding interoperability of advanced meters in the market.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Smart metering technology provides consumers with much more detailed, accurate and intelligible information about their consumption than a traditional meter. It has been shown to reduce energy use, benefiting consumers and the environment.

However, the introduction of smart meters into UK has highlighted certain concerns about the interoperability of metering in the market. The issues must be addressed in order to maintain a consistent approach to advanced metering within the market. The draft regulation will address these concerns by ensuring that only advanced meters which are compliant with certain codes of practice are installed into premises affected by the licence changes for the purposes of ensuring interoperability. For the purpose of this draft regulation, the objective of



interoperability is to limit the need for a change of metering equipment (and consequent site visit) in the event that the Change of Supplier process is invoked by a customer.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

a) The proposed P230 Final Modification Report (Enabling Interoperability through the use of CoP10 and CoP5 Metering).

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

No

15. Impact assessment

Impact assessment not available but a summary of P230 benefit analysis can be found on page 10 of the P230 Final Modification Report.

16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT Aspect

No

The draft does not have a significant effect on international trade.

SPS Aspect

No

The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure in the sense of Annex A of the SPS Agreement.

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