

## OVERVIEW OF THE UK METERING FORUM (UKMF)

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UKMF was originally formed in 1997 under the auspices of the then Electricity Association. The forum is a trade association open to owners and operators of electricity and gas metering assets trading as Meter Service Providers (MSPs). It is primarily concerned with representing Members' interests and communicating with UK and European legal metrology and regulatory bodies, industry working groups, data communications bodies, trade associations and standards bodies on technical and political matters. It differs from, but in many ways is complementary to, the Association of Meter Operators (AMO).

The purpose of the Forum is to:

- 1) provide an opportunity for the discussion of matters relating to metering with a view to represent and pursue these interests as agreed by Members;
- 2) provide spokespersons to represent Members' interests to relevant bodies;
- 3) provide opportunities for the exchange of information on technical, operational, safety or regulatory issues impacting metering business; and
- 4) promote or sponsor meetings, seminars, publications or other such activities as agreed by Members.

The secretariat of the UKMF and the services of a consultant are retained to assist Members in meeting these objectives.

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### MEMBERSHIP

Current UKMF Members are: Amey, E.ON, EDF, British Gas, Macquarie Energy Leasing, Lowri-Beck, Calvin Capital, Dataserve UK, Siemens, npower, Northern Powergrid, SGN Smart and SSE Metering.

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### ACTIVITIES

Current UKMF work includes:

- Collaborating with Ofgem, The Department of Business, Environment and Industry Strategy (BEIS), the Data Communications Company (DCC), National Measurements Office (NMO) and similar bodies on metrology and other metering-relevant regulations and issues such as In-Service Testing;
- Consultation with the European Commission (EC) and European and International metrology bodies for example, WELMEC;

- Management of UK involvement in metering standards work and participation at the British, European and International level, including work on smart meter communication and security;
  - Facilitation of British standards such as BS 8567:2012 and BS 7856:2017 and producing UK 'in-house' specifications on Electricity, Gas and Smart Meter identification;
  - Production of 'in-house' directives such as the *UKMF Smart Meter Procurement Guidelines for the Specification of 'Normal Operating Conditions' for Electricity Metering Equipment*;
  - Liaising as necessary with manufacturers and their trade associations, namely BEMCA (part of the British Electrotechnical and Allied Manufacturers Association (BEAMA)) in the UK and The European Smart Energy Industry Group (ESMIG) in Europe;
  - Sharing of knowledge and expertise on meters and metering issues; and
  - Responding as necessary to Ofgem, BEIS or NMO public consultations affecting or potentially impacting metering.
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## FUTURE PLANS

UKMF activities are being reviewed to reflect changing MSP activities which may include:

- Technical and other aspects of ancillary equipment associated with smart meters;
  - Increased involvement with BEIS and the DCC in smart metering specifications, installation practices and communication issues; and
  - More interaction with wider representative groups such as consumer bodies in relation to the smart meter roll-out, issues and replacements.
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