Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum Keynote Seminar: Smart metering
Date: 23rd March 2010
Venue: Sixty One Whitehall, London SW1A 2ET

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8.45 - 9.00 Registration

9.00 - 9.05 Chairman's opening remarks
Paddy Tipping MP, Chair, Parliamentary Group for Energy Studies

9.05 - 9.25 Smart meters: the background
Themes: What are smart meters? Why are they needed? What information can they supply? What are the projected savings from reduced energy usage due to the deployment of smart meters? What is the record of smart metering elsewhere in the world? Are there alternative technologies that could help meet the energy reductions required?
Simon Higgins, Smart Meter Solution Architect, Arqiva
Questions and comments from the floor

9.25 - 10.15 Smart metering in homes and businesses: design, technology and functionality
Themes: What information should smart meters in the UK produce? How might information provided by smart meters differ for larger and smaller businesses, and householders? What information and even training might householders and businesses need to effectively use smart meters? How and for what purposes will the information produced by smart meters be used by local authorities and businesses? What concerns regarding privacy emerge about the use of such information?
Dafydd Elis, Consultant, Poyry Energy Consulting
Jon Bentley, Partner, Innovation, Energy & Environment and Leader, Climate Change Centre of Excellence, IBM Global Business Services
Ian Rainbow, Senior Consultant, Irridian (UK)
Ian Stevens, Partner, Technology and Sourcing, CMS Cameron McKenna
Questions and comments from the floor

10.15 - 11.05 The impact of smart metering on UK energy consumption
Themes: What might be the savings to the UK's energy use? Has the deployment of smart metering in other countries led to a significant change in household energy consumption? What will be the impact on energy suppliers and others in the energy supply chain? Will there be an effect on energy prices? Will projected reductions in domestic and commercial energy consumption divert the need for a sector shift to renewable energies in the UK?
Dr Sarah Darby, Research Fellow, Environmental Change Institute, University of Oxford
Paul Isgar, Lead Director for Smart World, Scottish and Southern Energy
Dr Gill Owen, Senior Research Fellow, Warwick Business School, University of Warwick
Zoe McLeod, Principal Policy Advocate, Consumer Focus
Questions and comments from the floor

11.05 - 11.10 Chairman's closing remarks
Paddy Tipping MP, Chair, Parliamentary Group for Energy Studies

11.10 - 11.35 Coffee break

11.35 - 11.40 Chairman's opening remarks
Christopher Chope MP, Member, Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology

11.40 - 12.10 Latest on the roll-out plans
Themes: Key issues from the consultation on smart metering. Latest on discussions with stakeholders on the implementation plan.
Eleanor Brooks, Smart Meters Team, Department of Energy and Climate Change
Neil Barnes, Head of Smart Metering Policy, Ofgem
Questions and comments from the floor

12.10 - 12.55 The practicalities of roll-out: funding and co-ordination
Themes: What public service information and education will be required for effective rollout? What are the chief responsibilities to be discharged and where should those responsibilities lie? How should all the activities be co-ordinated? The Government has pledged that every UK home will have operational smart meter by 2020: is this target achievable? How should rollout be paid for? How should the Government and the UK's utility companies interplay in the roll-out of smart meters? What lessons can we learn from the large scale Enel SpA roll out model in Italy?
Ben Castle, Strategy Manager, Energy Saving Trust
Jason Brogden, Director, Engage Consulting and Smart Metering Programme Manager, Energy Retail Association
Duncan Southgate, Business Development Manager for Smart Metering, Siemens UK
Questions and comments from the floor

12.55 - 13.00 Chairman's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks
Christopher Chope MP, Member, Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology
Peter van Gelder, Director, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum