Question 47

Local Authority Forum

Electrical Best Practice

Department of Energy & Climate Change
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Dear Sirs

SMART METERING IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMME CONSULTATION ON THE DETAILED POLICY DESIGN OF THE REGULATORY AND COMMERCIAL FRAMEWORK FOR DCC REFERENCE NUMBER 11D/868

Following the appraisal of the paper produced by the Electrical Safety Council on "The case for providing a means of isolation in smart meters", the Forum would strongly endorse the position of the leading electrical bodies and the recommendations of the Electrical Safety Council in support of Options A & B.

Local Authorities have experienced difficulties for some time in this area with costs that could have resulted in reinvestment into local assets of a significant value rather than fund the inclusion on an isolator switch.