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## **RE: SONI Consultation on Advanced Meter Reconciliation process**

Dear Industry and Stakeholders,

This modification is proposed to utilise the enhanced technical capabilities of the SONI Central Data Collection System to realise efficiency savings and increased accuracy of the Advanced Meter Reconciliation data collection processes. At present the Meter Code process is based on manual, physical reading of meter registers and makes no provision for advancements in meter technologies, communications systems and data acquisition systems.

The Meter Code contains well established requirements for Advanced Meter Reconciliation but given the increasing number, wider geographical distribution of generation sites and variability of generation technology types, for which the TSO is the Meter Data Provider, the current process must be updated to meet future needs. SONI would also like to take this opportunity to ensure the process is fit for purpose across all generation technology types in Northern Ireland.

In Northern Ireland the inspection and maintenance of Energy Meters are the responsibility of NIE, the TO in Northern Ireland. The Advanced Meter Reconciliation process needs to reflect the allocation of responsibilities to ensure that all parties meet their obligations under the Meter Code.

The proposed amended texts of the Meter Code, with redlined versions showing all tracked changes made to the existing version can be found on the SONI website. SONI would welcome comments from Users on any aspect of these amendments.

The consultation period will run for 4 weeks and all responses must be received by close of business on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017. Please send responses to gridcode@soni.ltd.uk.

Yours Sincerely,

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