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Re: **CEER / ERGEG 2010 Work Programme**

Dear Sir or Madam,

The European Smart Metering Industry Group (ESMIG) is the European industry association that provides knowledge and expertise on Smart Metering and related communications at a European level. ESMIG's members are the leading companies in the European Smart Metering market: meter manufacturers, IT companies, and system integrators. ESMIG covers all aspects of Smart Metering including electricity, gas, water and heat measurement. Member companies cover the entire value chain from meter manufacturing, software, installation and consulting to communications and system integration.

Therefore, ESMIG noted with great interest that the CEER/ERGEG work programme for 2010 addresses the issue of Smart Metering and Smart Grids. ESMIG whole-heartedly supports the regulators' groups in these endeavours and stands by ready to assist in word and deed.

Our particular attention concerns deliverable #8: ERGEG Advice on intelligent energy networks (smart grids) and especially, deliverable #22: ERGEG Guidelines of Good Practice on regulatory aspects of smart metering for electricity and gas.

ESMIG would, however, like to see a more pro-active and consultative approach on deliverable #22. The CEER/ERGEG work programme foresees a public consultation in Q2 of 2010 and the finalisation of the ERGEG Guidelines in Q4. A public hearing or workshop would be appropriate, for example, in Q3 2010, between the public consultation and the finalisation of the Guidelines. This would provide CEER/ERGEG the opportunity to receive more extensive information from the industry and other stakeholders prior to the formulation of the Guidelines.

In all of these steps, ESMIG is ready and willing to help in any way possible.

Sincerely,

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Vice President, Chairman of the Regulation and Policy Group