

28th March 2013

For the Attention of:
stephen.jones@ofcom.org.uk

Dear Stephen,

RE: Consultation on 870-876 MHz and 915-921MHz Update and Way Forward

Utilita Energy fully support Energy UK's consultation response regarding the use of the 870 – 876 MHz for GB smart metering HAN (Home Area Network) applications.

We agree that 870-876 MHz should be released for SRDs and 915-921 MHz for RFIDs, as we see great value in the use of 870 – 876 MHz bands and believe the rollout of smart metering would be more effective as a result.

There would be benefits in improved customer experience and reduced cost through:

- More first time successful installations
- Fewer revisits to install, maintain or upgrade equipment
- A better proportion of provision of full functionality to consumers
- Potentially fewer comms hubs installed or replaced and
- Less need to develop and deploy potentially expensive alternative solution sets to close the smart metering HAN gap

The 870-876 MHz band could provide greatly improved coverage, capacity and interference immunity for the Home Area Network system if it were made available in the right timescales and with the right spectrum access rules.

Yours faithfully,

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