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NATIONAL OFFICERS DEPARTMENT

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8th October 2008

To: **Regional Officer and Metering Activity Team Delegate
Named in address**

Dear Colleague,

**ELECTRICITY SUPPLY INDUSTRY – METERING ACTIVITY TEAM MEETING ESHER
PLACE – 1ST OCTOBER 2008**

Further to my letter of 22nd August 2008, I write to give you a report on the discussion that took place at our meeting on Wednesday 1st October 2008 (list of attendees attached).

I can advise that all Delegates gave reports and contributions were made by various Regional Officers. A discussion took place on franchising companies who are trying to get into the Smart Metering market in terms of picking up contracts to carry out work; dual fuel training was taking place in a number of companies and also enhanced payments were being negotiated for same, however there was evidence that job losses would occur if a substantial programme of introducing Smart Meters by a company took place. This would initially mean a peak of work probably using contractors and then as the work ceased there would inevitably be redundancies.

After very lengthy discussion it was agreed that as a matter of urgency we should arrange a meeting with our sub group and senior officials from BERR.

I would advise that there was also a discussion regarding the refusal of the Electrical Retail Association to meet with us and it was agreed that we should make a further attempt in the next few weeks to contact them with a view of asking them to change their stance.

It was also agreed that our Research Officer, Neal Evans, prepare an initial list of questions we would want to ask senior officials from BERR and this would be circulated to delegates in order that they could add to or amend same.

In the meantime I would appreciate it if you would bring this correspondence to the attention of our members.

Thanking you in anticipation of your co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dougie Rooney". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

DOUGIE ROONEY
National Officer