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*Dear Arlene,*

**ENERGY EFFICIENCY DIRECTIVE: HEAT NETWORK (METERING AND BILLING)  
REGULATIONS 2014: AMENDMENT**

I am writing to advise you of an amendment to the above regulations which apply on a UK-wide basis.

My officials have been working closely with your own and with the enforcing authority – the National Measurement Office - during the implementation of the regulations.

The amending instrument will revise the deadline for notifications by heat suppliers from 30 April 2015 to 31 December 2015 (or the date of commencing operation if later). This change is being made following evidence from those in the supply chain about a lack of capacity to complete the notifications, particularly amongst smaller operators, by the end of April. Recent information provided by a range of stakeholders is that the information required for notifications may not be readily available. We have concluded that it may be unnecessarily onerous for some operators to leave this date unchanged and that we should extend it to the end of 2015. This will allow heat suppliers more time to submit their notifications. It will also allow data gathering to be scheduled or commissioned as part of other work being undertaken by the heat supplier which will reduce the administrative burden.

Your officials have indicated that they support this amendment. We are seeking to lay the amending instrument before the end of the Parliamentary session.

I am copying this letter to the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

Yours sincerely,

**AMBER RUDD**