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We think a licence condition is probably not the right approach, preferring that any interoperability arrangements are contained in the smart energy code, which all relevant parties - suppliers, DNOs, GDNs and IGTs would be signatory to.

Therefore, perhaps a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), potentially along the lines of the existing PrePayment Meter Infrastructure Provider condition in the electricity supply licence might be the best way forward, signed by all suppliers, domestic and non-domestic up to the AMR threshold.

It could simply say: "Where the licensee supplies or offers to supply a system of services ("smart metering and related services") to its customers the licensee must, if any other supplier requests it to do so, offer to enter into or procure an agreement for the provision of smart metering and related services for that supplier on non-discriminatory terms. "

Arguably, one of the existing industry bodies could then pick up the day to day arrangements.

Just as an aside; the MOU approach is used in the telecomms industry to secure the Office of Telecomms Adjudicator scheme which enables governance of sorts in an industry where participants are not licensed as they are in energy.

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