Derogation Application

Originator Details	
Companies	British Gas Trading Limited
Originator's Name	(Intentionally left blank)
Email Address	(Intentionally left blank)
Telephone Number	(Intentionally left blank)
Details of obligation(s) to which you are seeking a derogation, quoting relevant DCUSA clause(s)	
Paragraph	Schedule 30 – The Electricity Theft Detection Incentive Scheme
Obligation	2020/21 Electricity Theft Detection Incentive Scheme

Reason Derogation Sought - details of the justification for seeking this derogation

As a result of the current operational restrictions imposed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic British Gas Trading Limited is requesting a time limited derogation against Schedule 30 of the DCUSA "The Electricity Theft Detection Incentive Scheme".

Conditions – description of the conditions of this derogation (i.e. the extent to a derogation is requested / whether a less onerous obligation will be met for the period of the derogation)

British Gas Trading Limited is requesting a derogation from participating in the electricity theft detection scheme year, due to commence on 1st June 2020, until 1st August 2020. We intend to work closely with Ofgem and other Suppliers via the Theft Issues Group and if necessary, may request a further derogation in due course should operating restrictions make participating in the electricity theft detection scheme on 1st August impracticable.

Ofgem has recently issued an open letter to Suppliers setting out an enabling framework for regulatory flexibility. As a result, many Suppliers are having to de-prioritise non-safety related theft detection activity. We believe therefore a derogation from participating in the 2020/21 incentive scheme year until 1st August is a pragmatic way forward and would be happy for the Panel to consider applying this derogation to all electricity Suppliers who would be participating in the 2020/21 scheme year.

Impact - details of the anticipated impact on the costs and operations of other parties:

As the COVID-19 restrictions impact all parties we would be happy for the panel to consider applying this derogation to all Suppliers participating in the 2020/21 scheme year.

Action Being Taken - details of the action you will take to become compliant with the obligation including dates of any key milestones associated with these actions:

It is currently proposed that this derogation is in place until 1st August 2020. This may need to be extended if the current operational restrictions imposed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic are still in place.
Timescales - period of time for which the derogation is sought
1st June 2020, until 1st August 2020. As stated above, this may need to be extended.

Associated Derogations – details of any previous or current derogations which are related to this one	
A similar derogation request has been submitted to the SPAA to cover the gas theft detection incentive scheme	
To be completed by Panel Secretary	
Date Application received	20 April 2020
Date Application presented to DCUSA Panel	12th May 2020
Outcome	

Responses, or any part thereof, can be provided in confidence. Parties are asked to clearly indicate any parts of a response that are to be treated confidentially.