Memo

To	All participants using FTP only
From	Grant Benvenuti
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Subject	Second Reminder: closure of the electricity registry FTP

For your action

As you should be aware, the Authority has been modernising and updating the communication channels between participants and the registry. Web services and the EIEP Exchange hub using Secure File Transfer Protocol (SFTP) are already fully operational and in use by many participants.

However, for the majority of the data interactions with the registry - switching, metering, distributor updates, notifications and other data updates, many participants are using File transfer Protocol (FTP) to send and receive comma separated value (CSV) files.

In 2010, the Authority released a consultation paper on moving these data interactions to a more secure type of transmission channel. After submissions were reviewed, the Authority agreed to implement Secure File Transfer Protocol (SFTP).

Over the past two years, the Authority has been encouraging use of SFTP. In November 2013 FTP was closed to new participants and all existing participants were advised that the Authority will be closing FTP from 31 December 2014. To date, some existing participants have already transferred their transmission channel to SFTP.

Action required

The registry has advised us that your organisation is using FTP for all interactions. All participants need to migrate their registry data files to SFTP by **31 December 2014.** If your company is responsible for multiple participant identifiers please ensure that all of the participant identifiers have converted to SFTP.

The Authority strongly encourages you to migrate earlier than this, preferably before November 2014 so that you have a full clear month of file interchange before the Christmas break.

For further information and assistance with converting to SFTP please contact the Registry Manager at registry.engineer@jadeworld.com

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