# Managed Services

Delivered by the Calisen Group

Firmware Image Service and Smart Commissioning Overview











# Managed Services

The Calisen Group is introducing a Managed Services programme.

Our Managed Services programme aims to help energy suppliers to:

- ✓ Maximise the volume of your meters operating in smart mode.
- ✓ Reduce the effort involved in managing smart meters to enable you to concentrate on core business functions.
- ✓ Use our scale and experience of working with different manufacturers, energy suppliers, installers and DCC adapters to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of your smart meter roll-out.





# Managed Services



#### Why Trust Us?

- In 2002, Calvin Capital pioneered the concept of Meter Asset Provision (MAP) and is committed to supporting the national rollout of smart meters.
- Lowri Beck has been providing metering services to energy suppliers since 1996.
- In 2019, both companies were brought together under the Calisen Group to provide combined expertise across all aspects of metering.
- Our interests are aligned with energy suppliers we want to support an efficient roll-out and ensure smart meters remain installed for their whole lifespan.
- Between Calvin Capital and Lowri Beck, we provide services to most British energy suppliers including British Gas, Bulb, EDF, Octopus to name just a few.
- To date, Calvin owns and manages over 7m smart meters, which is continually increasing to support Energy Suppliers reach their targets.
- Lowri Beck have installed over 1 million smart meters to date.
- We have strong working relationships with all leading meter manufacturers.



# Firmware Image Service

### The Firmware Image Service is the first solution in the programme we've developed to support your business.

- All energy suppliers are individually responsible for updating firmware on meters they supply.
- Keeping firmware up to date can help to reduce customer-facing issues and keep meters connected to the network.

#### The Challenge

- Customer churn is around 18-20% per annum, meaning a rapid increase in 'unfamiliar' meters.
- It can be difficult to set up contractual relationships with meter manufacturers.
- Securely transferring firmware images and information may also be difficult.
- Complex portfolio management across a variety of meter variants and manufacturers.





# E470 100mm



#### **Our Solution**

We will take the pain out of accessing and maintaining firmware data.

Calvin Capital's Firmware Image Service solution (web portal):

- Allows energy suppliers to download Firmware Images and documents for multiple meter manufacturers.
- Free of charge service.
- Compliant with ISO27001 and auditable.
- Access is controlled by Calvin and secured with multi-factor authentication.
- All parties to agree to terms of use before being given access.
- Only manufacturers are able to amend uploaded data.
- Data is held in a library giving energy suppliers the ability to search and download.
- We are currently working with L&G and Honeywell to provide this data. Other manufacturers will be added soon.



# Establishing Smart Communications

#### The Challenge

- A common industry issue is that some smart meters cannot be communicated with, either because they were not successfully commissioned or have lost connection to the Home Area Network.
- This causes significant problems for you and your customers:
  - Increased costs due to the requirement to read meters manually.
  - Your customers will no longer see real time energy usage on their IHD or Smart devices.
  - Customers need to provide manual meter readings for smart meters.
  - Reduced smart meter reads impact reads performance and settlement.
  - Reflects negatively on smart metering perception.





# Establishing Smart Communications



#### **Our Solution**

- Our solution is to send a field support services operative to your customer's home to establish communication with the meter by:
  - Verifying the assets on site and their status
  - Carrying out commissioning steps
  - 'Power cycling' communications hubs
  - Exchanging batteries
- A recent trial has delivered a success rate of over 80%.
- You can avoid the cost of sending out a Smart dual fuel trained engineer, allowing them to focus on new and replacement installations.
- Lowri Beck will manage the end-to-end customer booking journey for you.
- Lowri Beck's trained operatives will manage the onsite experience with your customers. They will call your back office to initiate the commissioning process if required.
- Collect accurate information to enable commissionings, such as device GUIDs, serial numbers, location, and obstructions.



## Managed Services Summary

#### **MAP Data Portal Services**

#### Firmware Image Service

A central portal to access firmware images and upgrade paths for multiple manufacturers

#### Asset Information & Technical Data

l echnical meter data and usage instructions in one place

#### Invoices, Backing Data & Rate Card

you need to verify and manage meter rental payments

#### Installation Code Sharing

Access to installation codes to allow you to commission inherited meters

#### Performance Insight and Benchmarking

Understand how your performance compares to other suppliers

#### **Field Support Services**

#### Meter Commissioning/ Pairing

A physical presence in customers home: to pair devices and manually operate meters

#### Battery Replacements, Wind-ons

Exchange batteries following alerts or issues raised by customers. Conduct wind-ons

#### Batch Failure/ Recall Management

out replacements, managing return and triaging of meters

#### Face-to-Face Installation Bookings

Use our field force to generate smart meter appointments

#### Smart Device Dispatch and Commissioning

Manage logistics and commissioning of IHDs, CADs and PPMIDs to meet customer requests



## Keep In Touch

- This is just the first step. We've got many more services specifically designed to help you coming soon.
- Get in touch with Joe, our Commercial Director for more info at joe.unsworth@calvincapital.com









