

To:

All holders of an electricity distribution licence

Electricity Act 1989
Section 11A(1)(b)

Modification of the Standard Conditions of the Electricity Distribution Licences

1. Each of the licensees to whom this document is addressed is the holder of an Electricity Distribution Licence ('the Licence') granted or treated as granted under section 6(1)(c) of the Electricity Act 1989 ('the Act').
2. Under section 11A(2) of the Act the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority ('the Authority')¹ gave notice² ('the Notice') on 2 November 2023 that we propose to modify the Licence to correct a number of errors that have been identified and to improve the clarity of the licence.
3. We stated that any representations to the modification proposals must be made on or before 30 November 2023. We extended the consultation period until 29 December 2023 to ensure Independent Distribution Network Operators were offered adequate opportunity to respond.
4. A copy of the Notice was sent to the Secretary of State in accordance with section 11A(4)(b) of the Act, and we have not received directions that the changes should not be made.
5. We received six responses to our consultation, which we carefully considered. We have placed all non-confidential responses on our website. Our response to these comments is published alongside this notice in an 'issue log' which is published in support of the final decision document.

¹ The terms "the Authority", "we", and "us" are used interchangeably in this document.

² [Notice of modification of the Standard Conditions of the Distribution Licence \(ofgem.gov.uk\)](https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/notice-of-modification-of-the-standard-conditions-of-the-distribution-licence)

6. It is necessary to make a number of minor alterations to the modifications as set out in the Notice. These alterations make further amendments to numbering and formatting and correct minor typographical errors, and they also address issues raised in specific feedback received through our consultation. These alterations are shown as tracked changes and highlighted yellow in the licences published alongside this notice.
7. The reason for modifying the Standard Conditions in accordance with the Notice and for including the additional modifications following the consultation, is to clarify and, where necessary, correct and remedy, the Standard Licence Conditions that were implemented for the electricity distribution network companies to give effect to our RIIO-ED2 settlement. Further details on these licence changes are set out in the document below:
 - a. [Statutory Consultation on Modifications to the Standard and Special Conditions of the Electricity Distribution Licence | Ofgem](#)
8. The effect of this modification is to produce Standard Conditions of the Licence which are clearer and corrects errors.
9. Where an application for permission to appeal our decision is made to the Competition and Markets Authority under section 11C of the Act, Rule 5.6 of the Energy Licence Modification Appeals: Competition and Markets Authority Rules³ requires that the appellant must send to any relevant licence holders who are not parties to the appeal a non-sensitive notice setting out the matters required in Rule 5.2(a). Section 11A(10) of the Act sets out the meaning of 'relevant licence holder' and Annex 1 to this notice provides a list of the relevant licence holders in relation to this set of modifications.

Under the powers set out in section 11A(1)(b) of the Act, we hereby modify the Standard Conditions of the Electricity Distribution licence of the licensees in the manner specified on our website. This decision will take effect from 09 April 2024.

This document is notice of the reasons for the decision to modify the electricity distribution Standard Licence Conditions as required by section 49A(2) of the Act.

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Steve McMahon

Duly authorised on behalf of the

Gas and Electricity Markets Authority

13 February 2024

³ CMA70

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1113629/Energy_Rules.pdf

Annex 1: Relevant licence holders

Electricity Distribution
Eastern Power Networks Plc
Electricity North West Ltd.
London Power Networks Plc
National Grid Electricity Distribution (East Midlands) Plc
National Grid Electricity Distribution (South Wales) Plc
National Grid Electricity Distribution (South West) Plc
National Grid Electricity Distribution (West Midlands) Plc
Northern Powergrid (Northeast) Plc
Northern Powergrid (Yorkshire) Plc
Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution Plc
South Eastern Power Networks Plc
Southern Electric Power Distribution Plc
SP Distribution Plc
SP Manweb Plc
Advanced Electricity Networks Ltd.
Aidien Ltd
Eclipse Power Networks Ltd.
Energy Assets Networks Ltd.
ESP Electricity Ltd.
Fulcrum Electricity Assets Ltd.
Harlaxton Energy Networks Ltd.
Independent Distribution Connection Specialists Ltd
Independent Power Networks Ltd.
Indigo Power Ltd.
Last Mile Electricity Ltd.
Leep Electricity Networks Ltd.
Mua Electricity Ltd.
Optimal Power Networks Ltd.
Squire Energy Metering Ltd.
The Electricity Network Company Ltd.
UK Power Distribution Ltd.
Utility Assets Ltd.
Vattenfall Networks Ltd.