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Decision and Direction on amendments to Data Assurance Guidance (DAG) and associated reporting templates for Electricity and Gas Transmission, Electricity and Gas Distribution, Electricity System Operator and Gas System Planner Licensees

Introduction

On 9 December 2024, we issued a consultation¹ seeking views on proposed amendments to the data assurance requirements for Electricity and Gas Transmission, Electricity and Gas Distribution, Electricity System Operator and Gas System Planner licensees.

The proposed changes were set out in tracked versions of the Data Assurance Guidance (DAG) and associated reporting templates. This letter sets out our decision to modify the DAG, following our consideration of all responses received to that consultation.

Consultation Responses

We received responses to the consultation from licensees to which these data assurance requirements will apply. We have summarised respondents' substantive comments and issues raised, along with our responses to them, in the Appendix to this letter. In addition, where respondents identified DAG submission list updates, typographical or other minor errors, we have made the appropriate corrections in tracked versions of the

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relevant documents included in this publication, but these are not included in the Appendix.

Direction to amend the DAG

We have carefully considered the consultation responses in reaching our final decision. The background to this decision is derived from the consultation documents published on 9 December 2023 and in the Appendix.

This letter serves as a direction to amend the DAG under paragraph 7 of Standard Condition B23 of the Electricity Transmission Licence, paragraph 7 of Standard Special Condition A55 of the Gas Transporter Licence, paragraph 10 of Standard Condition 45 of the Electricity Distribution Licence, Standard Condition D5.5 of the Electricity System Operator licence and Standard Condition D4.5 of the Gas System Planner Licence. This decision will take effect from today, 30 January 2025.

As a result of this direction, the DAG consists of the updated documents listed below:

1. DAG Guidance Document (version 2.4)
2. Risk Assessment Template (version 2.4)
3. Network Data Assurance Report (NetDAR) Template (version 2.4)
4. Exceptional Submission Assurance Template (version 2.4)

In accordance with paragraph 8 of Standard Condition B23 of the Electricity Transmission Licence, paragraph 8 of Standard Special Condition A55 of the Gas Transporter Licence, paragraph 11 of Standard Condition 45 of the Electricity Distribution Licence, Standard Condition D5.6 of the Electricity System Operator licence and Standard Condition D4.6 of the Gas System Planner Licence we will publish on our website the above documents alongside this decision.

This letter constitutes notice stating the reasons for the decision for the purposes of section 38A of the Gas Act 1986 and section 49A of the Electricity Act 1989.

Yours faithfully,

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Appendix – Summary of consultation responses

| Document | Feedback Received | Ofgem Response |
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| Risk Assessment Template (National Energy System Operator) | <p>National Energy System Operator (NESO) was established on 1 October 2024.</p> <p>The new NESO Regulatory Reporting Pack (RRP) tables are not yet defined, we propose completing an overall assessment of RRP as a single line entry which would then be expanded in future once the individual tables are agreed upon.</p> | <p>The DAG review period covers two years data submissions i.e. the past year (1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025) and future year (1 April 2025 – 31 March 2026).</p> <p>We have worked with NESO and agreed on below.</p> <p><u>Past Year (first half)</u> 1 April 2024 – 30 September 2024 this covers the former Electricity System Operator (ESO) the assessment will consist of the data submissions contained in the old ESO RRP.</p> <p><u>Past Year (second half) and future year</u> NESO will risk assess and submit the non-RRP element of their data requirements for March 2025 DAG submission.</p> <p>A full DAG assessment will be completed based on the new RRP tables and included with their annual RRP submission in July 2025.</p> |
| Data Assurance Guidance Document | <p>The document title is "Data Assurance Guidance for Electricity and Gas Network Companies".</p> <p>Elsewhere in the document, tracked changes indicate that "Network Companies" has changed to "Licensees" so there is a tacit acknowledgement that NESO is not a Network Company. We suggest that</p> | <p>We agree with this proposal.</p> <p>The document title has been changed to "Data Assurance Guidance for Electricity and Gas Network Companies and National Energy System Operator.</p> |

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| | the title of the document is updated to "Data Assurance Guidance". | |
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