

**To: All holders of an electricity transmission and distribution licence and the holder of the electricity system operator licence, and other interested parties**

**Electricity Act 1989  
Section 11A(2)**

**Notice of statutory consultation on a proposal to modify the standard conditions of all electricity transmission, distribution and system operator licences**

1. The Gas and Electricity Markets Authority ('the Authority')<sup>1</sup> proposes to modify the standard conditions of all electricity transmission, distribution and system operator licences granted or treated as granted under 6(1)(b), 6(1)(c) and 6(da) of the Electricity Act 1989 by amending and adding:

a. Electricity System Operator Licence

- i. Condition A1: Definitions
- ii. Condition B3: Conduct of ISOP Business
- iii. Condition C11: Requirement of a Connect and Manage Connection
- iv. Condition E2: Connection and Use of System Code (CUSC)
- v. Condition E12: Requirement to offer terms
- vi. Condition E15: Gate 2 Methodology (new)
- vii. Condition E16: Connection Network Design Methodology (new)
- viii. Condition E17: Project Designation Methodology (new)

b. Transmission Standard Licence Conditions

- i. Condition D1: Interpretation of Section D
- ii. Condition D4A Obligations in relation to offers for connection etc. (Transmission Owners)
- iii. Condition D16: Requirement of a connection and manage connection
- iv. Condition D18: Requirements to comply with connection network design methodology for Use of System and connect (Transmission Owners) (new)
- v. Condition E17: Obligations in relation to offers for connection etc. (Offshore Transmission Owners)
- vi. Condition E25: Requirements to comply with Connection Network Design Methodology for Use of System and connection (Offshore Transmission Owners) (new)

c. Distribution Standard Licence Conditions

- i. Condition 1: Definitions for the standard conditions
- ii. Condition 4: No abuse of the licensee's special position
- iii. Condition 12: Requirement to offer terms for Use of System and connection
- iv. Condition 12A: Requirement to progress User applications into Gated Window process (new)
- v. Condition 19: Prohibition of discrimination under Chapters 4 and 5
- vi. Condition 20: Compliance with Core Industry Documents

2. We are proposing these modifications to ensure the licencing regulatory regime embeds the changes required by the TMO4+ reform package.

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

3. The effect of these proposed modifications is to give the electricity system operator (the National Energy System Operator) more powers to manage connection queues. It also obligates transmission and distribution licence holders and the electricity system operator to perform their licenced duties in line with the reform intent and new mechanisms created.
4. More details on the proposed modifications referred to in this Notice are contained within the statutory consultation document published on our website ([www.ofgem.gov.uk](http://www.ofgem.gov.uk)). Alternatively, they are available from [information.rights@ofgem.gov.uk](mailto:information.rights@ofgem.gov.uk).
5. Any representations with respect to the proposed licence modifications must be made on or before 14 March 2025 to: The Electricity Connections Team, Office of Gas and Electricity Markets, 10 South Colonnade, Canary Wharf, London, E14 4PU or by email to [connections@ofgem.gov.uk](mailto:connections@ofgem.gov.uk).
6. We normally publish all responses on our website. However, if you do not wish your response to be made public then please clearly mark it as not for publication. We prefer to receive responses in an electronic form so they can be placed easily on our website.
7. If we decide to make the proposed modifications and additions, they will take effect not less than 56 days after the decision is published.

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**Duly authorised on behalf of the**  
**Gas and Electricity Markets Authority**

**14 February 2025**