

To:
Cadent Gas Limited
Northern Gas Networks Limited
Scotland Gas Networks plc
Southern Gas Networks plc
Wales & West Utilities Limited
National Grid Gas plc

Notice of statutory consultation on a proposal to modify the Gas Transporter licence held by the licensees listed above to amend the deadline for submitting Last Resort Supply Payment Claims

1. Each of the companies to which this notice is addressed holds a gas transporter licence granted, or treated as granted, pursuant to section 23(2) of the Gas Act 1986 (the Act).
2. In accordance with section 23 of the Act, the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority (the Authority)¹ gives notice that it proposes to modify the standard special conditions (SSCs) of all gas transporter licences granted or treated as granted under section 7 of the Act by amending Special Standard Condition A48 – Last Resort Supply: Payment Claims.
3. We are proposing this modification to provide further flexibility in the timings for the process for making a claim by extending the deadline for a claim presented to gas transporters each year. A copy of this proposed modification has been published on our website (<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk>). Alternatively, it is available from foi@ofgem.gov.uk.
4. This proposed modification seeks to enable a last resort supply payment claim to be submitted to gas transporters at a later date in a given regulatory year allowing for more SoLRs to receive their LRSPs more swiftly. To facilitate this, we propose further flexibility in the timings for the process for making a claim by changing the deadline for a claim presented to gas transporters from 31st October to 31st December each year.
5. The envisaged text for the proposed modification is set out in the schedule to this Notice.
6. Any representations with respect to the proposed licence/modifications must be made on or before 27 January to: Andrew Ryan, Office of Gas and Electricity Markets, 10 South Colonnade, Canary Wharf, London, E14 4PU or by email to RegFinance@ofgem.gov.uk.
7. We normally publish all responses on our website. However, if you do not want your response to be made public, then please clearly mark it as not for publication.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.

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

8. Subject to responses to the statutory consultation, if we decide to make the proposed modification it will take effect not less than 56 days after the decision is published.



Simon Wilde

Director, Analysis and Assurance

Duly authorised on behalf of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority

30 December 2021

Schedule

The text of the proposed modification to SSC A48 is set out below with text to be inserted underlined.

Standard Special Condition A48: Last Resort Supply: Payment Claims

“**relevant year**” means, in relation to any valid claim –

- (i) where the claim was received by the licensee by the 31st December ~~October~~ before the beginning of a year, that year; or
- (ii) where the claim was received by the licensee ~~by~~ after the 31st December ~~October~~ before the beginning of a year, the next year;