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Date: 3 February 2022

Dear Network Companies,

**Direction under Part B of Special Condition 9.4 (Re-opener Guidance and Application Requirements Document) to amend the Re-opener Guidance and Application Requirements Document**

1. Each of the companies to whom this direction is addressed is the holder of a licence granted or treated as granted under section 6(1)(b) of the Electricity Act 1989 or section 7 of the Gas Act 1986.
2. In accordance with paragraph 9.4.8 of Special Condition 9.4 (Re-opener Guidance and Application Requirements Document), on 15 December 2021 the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority ("the Authority")<sup>1</sup> published on its website the text of an amended version of the Re-opener Guidance and Application Requirements Document, first published on 26 February 2021, and stated that representations must be made on or before 18 January 2022.
  1. We received 5 responses, which we have carefully considered. We have placed all non-confidential responses on our website. Our response to these comments is set out in the Issues Log, on our website<sup>2</sup>, alternatively they are available from [foi@ofgem.gov.uk](mailto:foi@ofgem.gov.uk).
  3. We have made a number of changes to the proposed text as a result of consultation responses. The full text of the amended Re-opener Guidance and Application Requirements Document Version 2 as well as a track changed version compared with that published on 26 February 2021 is available on our website at:  
  
<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/riio2-re-opener-guidance-and-application-requirements-version-2>
  4. The reason for this direction is to give effect to Version 2 of the Re-opener Guidance And Application Document, which must be complied with from 3 February 2022

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

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/decision-proposed-modifications-riio-2-transmission-gas-distribution-and-electricity-system-operator-licence-conditions-1-april-2022>

when preparing any applications for Re-openers, as required by Part A of Special Condition 9.4.

5. This direction constitutes notice of our reasons for the purposes of section 49A of the Electricity Act 1989 and section 38A of the Gas Act 1986.
6. Pursuant to Part B of Special Condition 9.4, the Authority hereby directs that the Re-opener Guidance and Application Requirements Document Version 2 will have effect from 3 February 2022.

For more information regarding this Direction you should contact Graham Craig, Graham.Craig@ofgem.gov.uk.

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

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