

**To: All holders of an electricity distribution licence**

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

**Notice of statutory consultation on a proposal to modify the standard conditions  
of all electricity distribution licences**

1. The Gas and Electricity Markets Authority (the Authority)<sup>1</sup> proposes to modify the standard conditions of all electricity distribution licences granted or treated as granted under section 6(1)(c) of the Electricity Act 1989 (the Act) by amending the following standard licence conditions (SLCs) under section 11A(1)(b) of the Act:

- Condition 1. Definitions for the standard conditions

The proposed modification is set out in Schedule 1 to this Notice.

2. Pursuant to the Authority's Switching Significant Code Review (SCR), version 3.0 of the dual-fuel Retail Energy Code (REC) will introduce the necessary code requirements to enable faster, more reliable switching of energy supplier by consumers (the Switching Programme). Version 3.0 of the REC builds on version 2.0, which came into effect on 1 September 2021.
3. The reason why the Authority is proposing to make this SLC modification is in order that changes arising out of the new policy arrangements aimed at making the customer switching process more reliable, and requiring suppliers to complete switches within five working days, are properly reflected in the electricity distribution SLCs.
4. In summary, the effect of this proposed modification is to make clear that "Metering Point Administration Services" (MPAS), which licensees are required to operate and maintain in accordance with the requirements of standard condition 18 (Provision of and charges for Metering Point Administration Services), will be referred to using different names in the different codes. For example, this will include MPAS being referred to as the Supplier Meter Registration Service (SMRS) in the Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC), or the Electricity Retail Data Service (ERDS) in the Retail Energy Code.
5. This proposal is intended to assist licensees in their understanding of their obligations under standard condition 18 of the licence.
6. Any representations with respect to the proposed licence modification must be made on or before **5pm on Monday 21st March 2022** by email to: [switching.programme@ofgem.gov.uk](mailto:switching.programme@ofgem.gov.uk).
7. 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.

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

8. If we decide to make the proposed modification, it will take effect not less than 56 days after the decision is published.



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**Nicola Garland,  
Head of Delivery, Switching Programme**

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

**17th February 2022**

**Schedule 1 to Notice – Draft of proposed modification to the standard conditions (SLCs) of all electricity distribution licences.**

We have included the sections of the electricity distribution SLCs we have proposed to remove or amend below. Deletions are shown in ~~strike-through~~ and new text is double underlined. We have only shown those licence conditions where modifications are proposed.

**Condition 1. Definitions for the standard conditions**

**Metering Point Administration Services**

means the service of that name that the licensee must operate and maintain in accordance with the requirements of standard condition 18 (Provision of and charges for Metering Point Administration Services) for the purpose of providing Metering Point Administration Services.

For the avoidance of doubt, a Metering Point Administration Service may be referred to by a name other than Metering Point Administration Service in any industry code, for example the 'Supplier Meter Registration Service' (SRMS) in the Balancing and Settlement Code, or the 'Electricity Retail Data Service' (ERDS) in the Retail Energy Code.