

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

Gas Act 1986
Section 23(1)(a)

**Modification of the standard special conditions of the Gas Transporter licence held
by the licensees listed above**

1. Each of the licensees (the Licensees) to whom this document is addressed has a gas transporter licence which has been granted or treated as granted under section 7 of the Gas Act 1986 (the Act).
2. Under section 23(2) of the Act, the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority (the Authority)¹ gave notice on 17 February 2022 (the Notice) that we proposed to modify standard special condition A31 (Supply Point Information Service) of the gas transporter licence held by the above licensees under section 23(1) of the Act and in the manner set out in Schedule 1 to the Notice.

We stated that any representations with respect to the proposed licence modifications must be made on or before 5pm on 21 March 2022.

3. A copy of the Notice was sent to the Secretary of State in accordance with section 23(4)(b) of the Act, and we have not received a direction that the modifications should not be made.
4. We received four responses to our consultation, all of which we carefully considered. The responses broadly agreed with our proposals. We have published all non-confidential responses on our website.² As a result, we have decided to proceed with making the licence modifications as proposed. More details are provided in our accompanying Decision document, which is available on our website.
5. The reason why the Authority is making these SLC modifications, in summary, is in order that the new policy arrangements aimed at facilitating customer switches within five working days, and consequential changes, are properly reflected in the SSCs (Part A).
6. In summary, the effect of these modifications is to provide clarification that one or more "Supply Point Information Services" (SPIS) as currently listed in SSC A31.2, which licensees are required to provide or arrange provision of as part of their Central Data Service Provider (CDSP) licence obligations in accordance with the requirements of SSC A15, may instead be delivered under an industry code to which the licensee is a party. This is to take effect from the for the "Go Live" date of the new Central Switching Service (CSS).

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

² Link [here](#) to the gas transporter statutory consultation responses

7. A more detailed description of the reasons for and effects of these licence modifications can be found in our accompanying Decision document as well as in the original consultation document.³
8. Where an application for permission to appeal our decision is made to the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) under section 23B of the Act, Rule 5.7 of the Energy Licence Modification Appeals: Competition and Markets Authority Rules⁴ requires that the appellant must send to any relevant licence holders who are not parties to the appeal a non-sensitive notice setting out the matters required in Rule 5.2. The attached Schedule 2 provides a list of the relevant licence holders in relation to this modification. Section 23(10) of the Act sets out the meaning of "relevant licence holder".
9. Under the powers set out in section 23(1)(b) of the Act, we hereby modify the standard special conditions Part A of the NTS Licence (as defined above) and DN Licences (as defined above) in the manner specified in the attached Schedule 1. These modifications will take effect from the 'CSS Go-Live Date', which is the date to be designated by the Authority and which date will be not less than 56 days from the date of publication of our decision in relation to these licence modifications. The 'CSS Go-Live Date' is currently anticipated to be, and will not be earlier than, 18 July 2022.⁵
10. This document is notice of the reasons for the decision to modify the standard special conditions Part A of the NTS Licence (as defined above) and DN Licences (as defined above) as required by section 38A of the Act.



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**Nicola Garland,
Head of Switching Programme**

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

12 May 2022

³ Link [here](#) to the consultation document

⁴ CMA70: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/energy-licence-modification-appeals-rules-cma70>

⁵ Although the 56 day standstill period ends on 7th July, the 'CSS Go-Live Date' date will not be any earlier than 18 July 2022.

Schedule 1 – Modification of the Standard Special Conditions applicable to both NTS and DN Licensees: Part A

We have included the sections of the gas transporter SSCs (Part A) being removed or amended below. Deletions are shown in ~~strike through~~ and new text is double underlined. We have only shown those licence conditions where modifications are being made.

STANDARD SPECIAL CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO BOTH NTS AND DN LICENSEES: PART A

Standard Special Condition A31: Supply Point Information Service

2A. With effect from the CSS Go-Live Date, certain functions referred to in paragraph 2 above may be provided through a separate service under or pursuant to an industry code that the licensee is party to. For the avoidance of doubt, in such a case additional provision of such service(s) by the Central Data Service Provider (as defined by Standard Special Condition A15) will not be required.

8. For the purposes of this condition:

CSS Go-Live Date means the time and date designated as such by the Authority.

Schedule 2 – Relevant licence holders

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