

National Grid Electricity System Operator Limited, National Grid Gas Plc, and Wales and West Utilities

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Dear Company Secretaries,

September 2022 SIF Funding Direction

The Strategic Innovation Fund (SIF) is a funding mechanism for the Electricity System Operator, Electricity Transmission, Gas Transmission and Gas Distribution sectors, within the RIIO-2¹ network price control.²

As confirmed in our decision on the operational arrangements for the SIF on 25 August 2021, we³ have appointed UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) as our delivery partner on the SIF and are remunerating their costs fulfilling such a role via network charges.4

Following the completion of the SIF's round 1 Discovery Phase Projects by 30 April 2022⁵, the purpose of this SIF Funding Direction⁶ is to implement our recent decisions to distribute SIF Funding to (i) the round 1 Alpha Phase Projects that we

¹ RIIO stands for (Revenue = Incentives + Innovation + Outputs). It is Ofgem's network price control framework. RIIO-2 means the network price control which runs between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2026 for gas transporter and electricity transmission licensees, and between 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2028 for electricity distribution licensees.

² Fuller details regarding the SIF can be found here: https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/energy-policy-and-regulation/policy- and-regulatory-programmes/network-price-controls-2021-2028-riio-2/network-price-controls-2021-2028-riio-2-riio-2-network-innovation-funding/strategic-innovation-fund-sif

The terms 'we', 'us', 'our' refer to the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority. Ofgem is the office of the Authority.

⁴ SIF governance decision here: https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/sif-governance-document While further detail on UKRI's role can be found here: https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/appointmentinnovate-uk-uk-research-innovation-sif-delivery-partner

⁵ Further details on the round 1 Discovery Phase Projects which were awarded SIF Funding can be found here: https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/strategic-innovation-fund-discovery-projects-approved-funding

 $^{^6}$ Capitalised terms not otherwise defined in this document have the meaning given to them in Appendix f 1 of the SIF Governance Document.

awarded funding in July 2022,⁷ and (ii) reconcile any unspent SIF Funding from the round 1 Discovery Phase Projects. Please note that UKRI's costs of operating in the SIF in 2021/22 and 2022/23 were included in the 22 March 2022 Funding Direction⁸ and therefore no UKRI costs are included in this SIF 1 September 2022 Funding Direction. Reconciliation of UKRI's actual costs for 2021/22 and 2022/23 and distribution of UKRI's forecast costs for 2023/24 will be included in a future SIF Funding Direction.

Accordingly, this Funding Direction sets out the amount that National Grid Electricity System Operator Limited (ESO) and National Grid Gas Plc ⁹ will ultimately recover from its customers in relation to the SIF. It also specifies the net amounts to be transferred between ESO and other electricity Funding Parties (ie electricity network licensees); and National Grid Gas Plc and other gas Funding Parties (ie gas network licensees) in relation to their SIF projects.

ESO must transfer funds as set out in Schedule 1 below, and National Grid Gas Plc must transfer funds as set out in Schedule 2 below. ESO and National Grid Gas Plc must transfer funds to the nominated bank account as notified by Funding Parties as per the requirements in the SIF Project Directions. The Funding Party must adhere to requirements regarding project banking arrangements as specified in Chapter 8 of the SIF Governance Document. If Funding Parties anticipate any problems fulfilling these requirements, they should notify Ofgem as soon as possible.

Any unspent SIF Funding from the round 1 Discovery Phase Projects will be applied to the SIF Funding requested for the round 1 Alpha Phase Projects on a per Funding Party. However, as not all Funding Parties have Projects progressing from the Discovery Phase to the Alpha Phase, Schedule 3 to this Funding Direction outlines what SIF Funding must be returned. Table 3 below provides more information on what unspent SIF Funding from the round 1 Discovery Phase Projects is being applied to SIF Funding awarded for the round 1 Alpha Phase and what unspent SIF Funding must be returned.

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⁷ The SIF Alpha Phase Funding Decision was published on 26 July 2022 and can be found here: https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/strategic-innovation-fund
The 22 March 2022 SIF Funding Direction can be found here: https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/direction-distribute-funding-strategic-innovation-fund

⁹ The terms "National Grid Gas Plc" and "NGGT" are used interchangeable in this document and refer to National Grid Gas Plc – National Transmission System.

Background

In line with chapter 7 of SIF Governance Document and pursuant to the following licence conditions detailed in Table 1 below, Ofgem calculates and, by direction, specifies the net amount of SIF Funding (less any SIF Funding Return) that is to be paid to Funding Parties by ESO and NGGT. Ofgem also specifies the manner in which and the times at which ESO and NGGT is required to transfer that SIF Funding.

Table 1 - Network licence conditions

Network Licensee	Licence Condition
National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc (NGET)	Special Condition 9.19
SP Transmission Limited (SPT)	Special Condition 9.19
Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission Plc (SHE)	Special Condition 9.19
National Grid Electricity System Operator Limited	Special Condition 3.4
(NGESO)	
National Grid Gas Plc (NGGT)	Special Condition 5.7
Cadent Gas Limited (Cadent)	Special Condition 9.13
Northern Gas Networks Limited (NGN)	Special Condition 9.13
Scotland Gas Networks plc	Special Condition 9.13
Southern Gas Networks plc (SGN) ¹⁰	Special Condition 9.13
Wales & West Utilities Limited (WWU)	Special Condition 9.13

We below specify values under two headings, which in turn feed into the calculation of the SIFF term within ESO's and NGGT's licence:

- 1. The amount of SIF Funding to be distributed to Funding Parties (ie network licensees) who are leading Projects which we have decided to fund.
- 2. The amount of the funding to be returned (the SIF Funding Return) to customers through the SIF Funding Return Mechanism.

The values in this document align with the SIF Funding Decision published on 26 July 2022. These figures awarded are based upon the forecasts submitted by individual

¹⁰ Please note that all SGN projects were submitted under the licensee Southern Gas Networks.

¹¹The July 26 Alpha Phase Funding Decision can be found here: https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/strategic-innovation-fund-round-1-alpha-projects-approved-funding

Projects. However, we recognise the actual expenditure on Projects may differ from these figures. Accordingly, there will be a 'true-up' of the figures quoted in this SIF Funding Direction against actual expenditure via subsequent SIF Funding Directions.

To minimise cashflow risk, ESO and NGGT have both forecast the value of the SIFF term in advance of this direction.¹² As the Project Phases and the SIF rounds progress, the ESO and NGGT must reconcile their forecast values of the SIFF term against the actual values specified in this direction to ensure the amount of funding ultimately recovered from consumers is accurate.

SIF Funding awarded

As per our SIF Funding Decision published on 26 July 2022, we awarded SIF Funding to 18 Project for the round 1 Alpha Phase of the SIF. The Projects we decided to fund are listed in Table 2 below.

Table 2 – SIF Funding due to Funding Parties for round 1 Alpha Phase Projects

SIF	Project	Sector	Project name	Funding	Total SIF
round	Phase			Party	Funding to be
					distributed
Round	Alpha	Electricity	Network-DC	SHE	£423,476.00
1					
Round	Alpha	Gas	HyNTS Compression	NGGT	£499,898.00
1					
Round	Alpha	Gas	HyNTS Deblending for	NGGT	£313,398.00
1			Transport		
			Applications		
Round	Alpha	Gas	HyNTS Pipeline	NGGT	£454,090.00
1			Dataset		
Round	Alpha	Gas	HyNTS Protection	NGGT	£443,195.00
1					
Round	Alpha	Gas	Gas System of the	SGN	£494,925.00
1			Future – Digital Twin		

¹² The ESO and National Grid Gas Plc are able to input forecast values for the SIFF term when setting network charges for the year ahead. In future years, the ESO and National Grid Gas Plc then reconcile these forecast values against actual values we specify within these SIF Funding Directions.

Round	Alpha	Electricity	INCENTIVE -	SHE	£380,606.00
1			Innovative Control		
			and Energy Storage		
			for Ancillary Services		
			in Offshore Wind		
Round	Alpha	Gas	Thermal Imagery	NGN	£469,356.00
1			Analysis		
Round	Alpha	Electricity	Crowdflex	NGESO	£499,919.00
1					
Round	Alpha	Gas	Intelligent Gas Grid	SGN	£491,075.00
1					
Round	Alpha	Gas	Predictive Safety	SGN	£411,086.00
1			Interventions		
Round	Alpha	Electricity	Eye in the Sky	NGET	£395,769.00
1					
Round	Alpha	Electricity	Predict4Resilience	SPT	£499,999.00
1					
Round	Alpha	Electricity	A Holistic Hydrogen	SPT	£401,864.00
1			Approach to Heavy		
			Duty Transport (H2H)		
Round	Alpha	Electricity	Heat Balance	SPT	£499,116.00
1					
Round	Alpha	Gas	Velocity Design with	SGN	£462,320.00
1			Hydrogen		
Round	Alpha	Gas	Digital Platform for	Cadent	£445,571.00
1			Leakage Analytics		
Round	Alpha	Electricity	SCADENT -	NGET	£449,000.00
1			SuperConducter		
			Applications for		
			Dense Energy		
			Transmission		
Total					£8,034,663.00

The SIF Funding Return

The SIF Funding Return Mechanism is used to return any SIF Funding Return from Funding Parties to National Grid Plc and ESO, and ultimately back to consumers. As detailed in chapter 7 of the SIF Governance Document, this will include unspent SIF Funding, SIF Disallowed Expenditure, SIF Halted Project Revenues, SIF Returned Project Revenues and SIF Returned Royalty Income.

As many Funding Parties have Projects which are progressing from the round 1 Discovery Phase to the Alpha Phase, we have applied any remaining SIF Funding from the round 1 Discovery Phase in Table 3 below against the SIF Funding awarded for the round 1 Alpha Phase on a per Funding Party basis. This aligns with the distribution of the SIF Funding, which is also applied on a per Funding Party basis. As many Funding Parties have Projects which are progressing the round 1 Discovery Phase to the Alpha Phase, this means that many licensees will not be required to use the SIF Funding Return Mechanism and return unspent SIF Funding from round 1 Discovery Phase. Table 3 below provides the SIF Funding remaining from individual Projects which completed the round 1 Discovery Phase.

However, as not all Funding Parties have Projects progressing from the Discovery Phase to the Alpha Phase as part of round 1, Schedule 3 to this Funding Direction outlines what SIF Funding must be returned. Table 3 below also includes a column indicating whether unspent SIF Funding from the round 1 Discovery Phase Projects is being applied to the SIF Funding requested as part of the round 1 Alpha Phase or if the unspent SIF Funding must be returned as part of the SIF Funding Return Mechanism.

For the avoidance of doubt, please note the values in the column 'Total SIF Funding awarded round 1 Discovery Phase' reflect the values set out in each of the round 1 Discovery Phase Project Directions¹³, including any changes to SIF Funding which occurred as a result of an approved change request made during the Discovery Phase¹⁴. As a result, some of these values and the total SIF Funding awarded to

¹³ Further details on the round 1 Discovery Phase Projects which were awarded SIF Funding can be found here: https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/strategic-innovation-fund-discovery-projects-approved-funding

¹⁴ The Projects which had approved change requests during the round 1 Discovery Phase are: ARRC, Crowdflex, HyNTS Deblending, HyNTS Pipeline Dataset, NIMBUS, and Virtual Energy System. For more information please see the updated Project Directions for the Discovery Phase here: https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/updated-sif-project-directions

Funding Direction for the round 1 Discovery Phase.	

Discovery Phase Projects differ to the amounts included in the March 2022 SIF

Table 3 - SIF Funding Returns due from individual round 1 Discovery Phase Projects

SIF	Project	Sector	Project	Funding	Total SIF	Total SIF	Total SIF	Reason	Use of
round	Phase		name	Party	Funding	Funding used	Funding	for	unspent
					awarded for	during the	remaining	return	SIF
					round 1	round 1	following	(eg	Funding
					Discovery	Discovery	round 1	unspent	15
					Phase	Phase	Discovery	SIF	
							Phase	Funding,	
								SIF	
								Disallowe	
								d	
								Expendit	
								ure)	
Round	Discovery	Electricity	Asset Reuse	SPT	£75,963.11	£75,952.50	£10.61	Unspent	Applied to
1			and					SIF	round 1
			Recovery					Funding	Alpha
			Collaboration						Phase
			(ARRC)						Project(s)
Round	Discovery	Electricity	Digi-GIFT	SPT	£136,236.00	£131,019.95	£5,216.05	Unspent	Applied to
1								SIF	round 1
								Funding	Alpha

¹⁵ As detailed above, unspent SIF Funding from the round 1 Discovery Phase Projects are either being applied to the SIF Funding requested for round 1 Alpha Phase Projects on a per Funding Party (ie network licensee) basis, or must be returned to NGGT or NGET where a Funding Party does not have a round 1 Discovery Phase Project progressing to the Alpha Phase.

									Phase
									Project(s)
Round	Discovery	Electricity	EN-twin-e	SPT	£143,479.80	£136,166.80	£7,313.00	Unspent	Applied to
1								SIF	round 1
								Funding	Alpha
									Phase
									Project(s)
Round	Discovery	Electricity	Predict4Resili	SPT	£109,401.16	£109,400.90	£0.26	Unspent	Applied to
1			ence					SIF	round 1
								Funding	Alpha
									Phase
									Project(s)
Round	Discovery	Gas	Digital	SGN	£124,265.78	£89,231.19	£35,034.59	Unspent	Applied to
1			Twins:					SIF	round 1
			Exploring the					Funding	Alpha
			commercial,						Phase
			societal and						Project(s)
			operational						
			benefits on						
			green						
			hydrogen						
			projects						

Round	Discovery	Gas	HyNTS	NGGT	£95,571.00	£87,670.02	£7,900.98	Unspent	Applied to
1			Pipeline					SIF	round 1
			DataSet					Funding	Alpha
									Phase
									Project(s)
Round	Discovery	Gas	Gas Analyser	NGGT	£113,414.53	£103,951.42	£9,463.11	Unspent	Applied to
1			Systems for					SIF	round 1
			Hydrogen					Funding	Alpha
			Blends						Phase
									Project(s)
Round	Discovery	Gas	Hydrogen	NGGT	£86,377.50	£71,244.89	£15,132.61	Unspent	Applied to
1			Metering					SIF	round 1
								Funding	Alpha
									Phase
									Project(s)
Round	Discovery	Electricity	Network-DC	SHE	£142,287.87	£90,149.26	£52,138.61	Unspent	Applied to
1								SIF	round 1
								Funding	Alpha
									Phase
									Project(s)
Round	Discovery	Electricity	NIMBUS -	SHE	£148,475.55	£133,623.07	£14,852.48	Unspent	Applied to
1			Network					SIF	round 1
			Innovation					Funding	Alpha

			and						Phase
			Meteorology						Project(s)
			to BUild for						
			Sustainabilit						
			У						
Round	Discovery	Gas	Ch4rge -	NGGT	£144,782.00	£135,250.07	£9,531.93	Unspent	Applied to
1			Emissions					SIF	round 1
			Capture					Funding	Alpha
									Phase
									Project(s)
Round	Discovery	Gas	Gas	NGGT	£78,778.21	£75,313.06	£3,465.15	Unspent	Applied to
1			Networks					SIF	round 1
			Interoperabl					Funding	Alpha
			e Digital						Phase
			Twin						Project(s)
Round	Discovery	Gas	Hydrogen	NGGT	£74,705.74	£73,340.18	£1,365.56	Unspent	Applied to
1			Barrier					SIF	round 1
			Coatings for					Funding	Alpha
			Gas Network						Phase
			Assets						Project(s)
Round	Discovery	Gas	Green	NGGT	£114,651.32	£105,275.68	£9,375.64	Unspent	Applied to
1			Hydrogen					SIF	round 1
								Funding	Alpha

			Injection into						Phase
			the NTS						Project(s)
Round	Discovery	Gas	HyNTS	NGGT	£146,658.79	£137,554.24	£9,104.55	Unspent	Applied to
1			Compression					SIF	round 1
								Funding	Alpha
									Phase
									Project(s)
Round	Discovery	Gas	Nuclear Net-	NGGT	£107,494.67	£91,749.94	£15,744.73	Unspent	Applied to
1			Zero					SIF	round 1
			Opportunitie					Funding	Alpha
			s (N-NZO)						Phase
									Project(s)
Round	Discovery	Electricity	INCENTIVE -	SHE	£121,001.85	£89,055.51	£31,946.34	Unspent	Applied to
1			Innovative					SIF	round 1
			Control and					Funding	Alpha
			Energy						Phase
			Storage for						Project(s)
			Ancillary						
			Services in						
			Offshore						
			Wind						

Round	Discovery	Electricity	Resilient and	SPT	£118,779.61	£109,239.61	£9,540.00	Unspent	Applied to
1			Flexible					SIF	round 1
			Railway					Funding	Alpha
			Multi-Energy						Phase
			Hub						Project(s)
			Networks for						
			Integrated						
			Green						
			Mobility						
Round	Discovery	Electricity	Fast Flex	SPT	£112,221.56	£107,421.17	£4,800.39	Unspent	Applied to
1								SIF	round 1
								Funding	Alpha
									Phase
									Project(s)
Round	Discovery	Electricity	Flexible Heat	SPT	£137,827.75	£125,135.90	£12,691.85	Unspent	Applied to
1								SIF	round 1
								Funding	Alpha
									Phase
									Project(s)
Round	Discovery	Electricity	Heat Balance	SPT	£125,695.47	£122,874.70	£2,820.77	Unspent	Applied to
1								SIF	round 1
								Funding	Alpha

									Phase
									Project(s)
Round	Discovery	Electricity	A Holistic	SPT	£108,238.73	£107,878.64	£360.09	Unspent	Applied to
1			Hydrogen					SIF	round 1
			Approach to					Funding	Alpha
			Heavy Duty						Phase
			Transport						Project(s)
			(H2H)						
Round	Discovery	Electricity	Virtual	NGESO	£149,919.89	£149,413.98	£505.91	Unspent	Applied to
1			Energy					SIF	round 1
			System					Funding	Alpha
									Phase
									Project(s)
Round	Discovery	Gas	HyPark	WWU	£150,000.00	£134,477.54	£15,522.46	Unspent	Returned
1								SIF	to NGGT
								Funding	
Round	Discovery	Gas	Digital Twin -	SGN	£119,127.49	£91,858.91	£27,268.58	Unspent	Applied to
1			Exploring the					SIF	round 1
			societal,					Funding	Alpha
			operational,						Phase
			and cross						Project(s)
			industry						
			whole						

			cyctom						1
			system						
			benefits on						
			the Gas						
			Distribution						
			Network						
Round	Discovery	Electricity	Crowdflex:	NGESO	£68,697.20	£68,697.20	£0.00	Not	Not
1			Discovery					applicable	applicable
Round	Discovery	Gas	Velocity	SGN	£55,542.06	£51,422.19	£4,119.87	Unspent	Applied to
1			Design with					SIF	round 1
			Hydrogen					Funding	Alpha
									Phase
									Project(s)
Round	Discovery	Gas	Predictive	SGN	£58,728.88	£52,554.06	£6,174.82	Unspent	Applied to
1			Safety					SIF	round 1
			Interventions					Funding	Alpha
									Phase
									Project(s)
Round	Discovery	Gas	Thermal	NGN	£78,182.50	£75,477.20	£2,705.30	Unspent	Applied to
1			imagery					SIF	round 1
			analysis -					Funding	Alpha
			Condition						Phase
			assessment						Project(s)
1	1			1			I		1

			fluid and						
			pressure						
Round	Discovery	Gas	Excess gas	NGN	£134,161.11	£130,057.14	£4,103.97	Unspent	Applied to
1			turbine					SIF	round 1
			energy					Funding	Alpha
			generation						Phase
									Project(s)
Round	Discovery	Gas	Multimodal	NGN	£89,445.00	£89,445.00	£0.00	Not	Not
1			Hydrogen					applicable	applicable
			Transport						
			Refuelling						
			Study						
Round	Discovery	Gas	CEV: Critical	NGN	£55,396.00	£53,873.33	£1,522.67	Unspent	Applied to
1			factors for					SIF	round 1
			the adoption					Funding	Alpha
			of smart						Phase
			homes for						Project(s)
			energy						
			efficiency						
			and						
			implications						
			for						
			consumers						

			and						
			providers						
Round	Discovery	Gas	Rail	NGN	£113,594.26	£54,400.27	£59,193.99	Unspent	Applied to
1			Decarbonisat					SIF	round 1
			ion Planning					Funding	Alpha
									Phase
									Project(s)
Round	Discovery	Electricity	SEGIL -	NGET	£133,814.02	£97,821.68	£35,992.34	Unspent	Applied to
1			Sustainable					SIF	round 1
			Electrical					Funding	Alpha
			Gas						Phase
			Insulated						Project(s)
			Lines						
Round	Discovery	Gas	Digital	Cadent	£114,575.69	£111,756.55	£2,819.14	Unspent	Applied to
1			Platform for					SIF	round 1
			Leakage					Funding	Alpha
			Analytics						Phase
									Project(s)
Round	Discovery	Gas	NAVIGATION	SGN	£149,724.41	£149,724.31	£0.10	Unspent	Applied to
1								SIF	round 1
								Funding	Alpha
									Phase
									Project(s)

Round	Discovery	Electricity	Eye in the	NGET	£119,104.88	£94,766.56	£24,338.32	Unspent	Applied to
1	- 10 00 1 01 7		Sky -		,			SIF	round 1
			Utilising					Funding	Alpha
			satellite data						Phase
			to improve						Project(s)
			grid						
			resilience in						
			emergency						
Round	Discovery	Electricity	SCADENT -	NGET	£148,437.48	£116,588.35	£31,849.13	Unspent	Applied to
1	- 10 00 1 01 7		SuperConduc					SIF	round 1
_			tor					Funding	Alpha
			Applications						Phase
			for Dense						Project(s)
			Energy						3 (-)
			Transmission						
Round	Discovery	Gas	Intelligent	SGN	£116,401.00	£105,563.33	£10,837.67	Unspent	Applied to
1	,		Gas Grid			·		SIF	round 1
								Funding	Alpha
								_	Phase
									Project(s)
Round	Discovery	Gas	HyNTS Deble	NGGT	£146,545.00	£104,091.64	£42,453.36	Unspent	Applied to
1			nding					SIF	round 1
								Funding	Alpha
		1							

						Phase
						Project(s)
Total			£4,567,704.87	£4,040,487.9	£527,216.93	
				4		

Implementation

As the learning from the SIF Projects provides benefits to all Funding Parties and GB consumers as a whole, SIF Funding is raised across all GB consumers through NTS Transportation Owner Charges (in gas) and Transmission Network Use of System Charges (in electricity).

SIF Funding is distributed by National Grid Gas Plc and ESO to individual Funding Parties. This means that National Grid Gas Plc and ESO make a net payment to each Funding Party per instalment as per Table 4 and Table 6, which is the sum of SIF Funding awarded to the Funding Party across multiple Projects, minus any SIF Funding Return. The Funding Parties are responsible for administering the SIF Funding they receive for Projects as per requirements in chapter 8 of the SIF Governance Document .

In accordance with Special Conditions 3.1 and 3.4 of ESO's Electricity Transmission Licence, Special Conditions 5.1 and 5.7 of National Grid Gas Plc's Gas Transporter Licence, and the SIF Governance Document, the Authority hereby requires ESO to comply with the conditions in Schedule 1, and National Grid Gas Plc to comply with the conditions in Schedule 2 to this SIF Funding Direction. Schedules 1 and 2 set out the net amounts that are to be transferred by ESO and National Grid Gas Plc to Funding Parties, together with the manner and timescale over which these amounts will be transferred – see Tables 4 and 6 in the Schedules appended to this letter.

Additionally, in accordance with Part B of Special Condition 9.13 of Wales and West Utilities Licence and the SIF Governance Document, the Authority hereby requires Wales and West Utilities to comply with the conditions in Schedule 3 to this SIF Funding Direction for the return of unspent SIF Funding from the round 1 Discovery Phase. Schedules 3 sets out the net amounts that are to be transferred from Wales and West Utilities to National Grid Gas Plc, together with the manner and timescale over which these amounts will be transferred.

This SIF Funding Direction constitutes notice pursuant to section 38A (Reasons for decisions) of the Gas Act 1986 and section 49A (Reasons for decisions) of the Electricity Act 1989.

If you have further questions or want to discuss, please contact Graeme Barton on Graeme.barton@ofgem.gov.uk

Yours faithfully,

Graeme Barton

Head of Price Control Operations - Small & Medium Sized Projects

Signed for and on behalf of the Authority

Schedule 1: Funds to be transferred by ESO

The net amounts of SIF Funding that must be transferred by ESO to recipients

Table 4 contains the net amounts that must be transferred by ESO to Funding Parties, as appropriate, in the Regulatory Year 2022/2023 commencing 1 April 2022 for the round 1 Alpha Phase of the SIF. For the avoidance of doubt, no adjustments for inflation should be made to these numbers. It also sets out the manner and timescale for making payments.

As required by individual SIF Project Directions, the recipients receiving funding from ESO were required to provide their bank account details to ESO by 23 August 2022.

Table 4 - Net amounts of SIF Funding to be transferred by ESO to recipients

Recipient	Instalment 1 (to be paid on or before 13 October 2022)
National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc	£752,589.21
SP Electricity Transmission Limited	£1,358,225.98
Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission Plc	£705,144.57
Total net amount of SIF Funding to be transferred by	£2,815,959.76
ESO to recipients	

The net amount that ESO must retain for its own SIF Projects

Table 5 contains the net amount that ESO must retain for its own SIF Projects in the Regulatory Year 2022/2023 commencing 1 April 2022. For the avoidance of doubt, no adjustments for inflation should be made to these numbers.

Table 5 - Net amount to be retained by ESO for its own SIF projects

	Instalment 1
Basiniant	(to be paid on or
Recipient	before 13 October
	2022)
National Grid Electricity System Operator Limited	£499,413.09

Schedule 2: Funds to be transferred by National Grid Gas Plc

The net amounts that must be distributed by National Grid Gas Plc to recipients

Table 6 contains the net amounts that must be transferred by National Grid Gas Plc to Funding Parties , as appropriate, in the Regulatory Year 2022/2023 commencing 1 April 2022 for the round 1 Alpha Phase of the SIF. For the avoidance of doubt, no adjustments for inflation should be made to these numbers. It also sets out the manner and timescale for making payments.

As required by individual SIF Project Directions, the recipients receiving funding from the National Grid Gas Plc were required to provide their bank account details to the National Grid Gas Plc by 23 August 2022.

Table 6 – Net amounts to be distributed by National Grid Gas Plc to recipients

Recipient	Instalment 1 (to be paid on or before 13 October 2022)
Cadent Gas Limited	£442,751.86
Northern Gas Networks Limited	£401,830.07
Southern Gas Networks Plc ¹⁶	£1,775,970.37
Wales & West Utilities Limited	£0.00
Total net amount of SIF Funding to be transferred by National Grid Gas Plc to recipients	£2,620,552.30

The net amount that National Grid Gas Plc must retain for its own SIF projects

Table 7 contains the net amount that National Grid Gas Plc must retain for its own SIF projects under NGGT in the Regulatory Year 2022/2023 commencing 1 April 2022. For the avoidance of doubt, no adjustments for inflation should be made to these numbers.

¹⁶ Funds for SGN's SIF projects are being distributed to Southern Gas Networks because all SGN projects were submitted under the licensee Southern Gas Networks.

Table 7 – Net amount to be retained by the National Grid Gas Plc for its own SIF projects

	Instalment 1 (to be			
Recipient	paid on or before 13			
	October 2022)			
National Grid Gas Plc	£1,587,043.38			

Schedule 3: Funds to be transferred by Wales and West Utilities

1. The net amounts that must be returned from Wales and West Utilities to National Grid Gas Plc

Table 8 contains the net amounts that must be transferred by Wales and West Utilities to National Grid Gas Plc in the Regulatory Year 2022/2023 commencing 1 April 2022 for the unspent SIF Funding in round 1 Discovery Phase of the SIF. As Wales and West Utilities does not have any Projects progressing from round 1 Discovery Phase to the Alpha Phase, the unspent SIF funding cannot be applied to Alpha Phase Projects. Unspent SIF Funding from the round 1 Discovery Phase must therefore be returned on or before 13 October 2022 under the SIF Funding Return Mechanism, as per the SIF Governance Document. For the avoidance of doubt, no adjustments for inflation should be made to these numbers. It also sets out the manner and timescale for making payments.

Table 8 – Net amount to be returned from Wales and West Utilities to National Grid Gas

	Instalment 1 (to be paid
Recipient	on or before 13 October
	2022)
National Grid Gas Plc	£15,522.46