

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 the electricity distribution licence held by each of the above licensees ('the licensees') granted or treated as granted under 6(1)(c) of the Electricity Act 1989 by:
  - a. amending the Standard Conditions set out in Annex 1;
  - b. inserting new Standard Conditions set out in Annex 2; and
  - c. removing existing Standard Conditions set out in Annex 3.
2. We are proposing these modifications to give effect to our RIIO-2 Final Determinations for electricity distribution companies. The proposals also aim to improve the clarity of the licence.
3. The reasons and effects of the proposed modifications, together with the full text of the proposed modifications can be found at [www.ofgem.gov.uk](http://www.ofgem.gov.uk) alternatively they are available from [foi@ofgem.gov.uk](mailto:foi@ofgem.gov.uk).
4. In addition, further details and background on these proposed changes are set out in the following documents:

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

- a. RIIO-ED2 informal licence drafting consultation for Electricity Distribution licences<sup>2</sup>;
  - b. RIIO-2 Draft Determinations for Electricity Distribution companies<sup>3</sup>; and
  - c. RIIO-2 Final Determinations for Electricity Distribution companies.<sup>4</sup>
5. Our responses to issues raised by stakeholders as part of the RIIO-2 informal licence drafting consultation for Electricity Distribution licences can be found at [www.ofgem.gov.uk](http://www.ofgem.gov.uk).
6. Any representations with respect to the proposed licence modifications must be made on or before 17 January 2023 to: Joanna Gaches, Office of Gas and Electricity Markets, 10 South Colonnade, Canary Wharf, London, E14 4PU or by email to [Joanna.Gaches@ofgem.gov.uk](mailto:Joanna.Gaches@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 However, if you do not wish your response to be made public then please clearly mark it as not for publication.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.
8. If we decide to make the proposed modifications they will take effect not less than 56 days after the decision is published.

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Duly authorised on behalf of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority 14/12/2022

Annex 1: SLCs we are proposing to amend

Condition	Licensees applicable to
Standard Condition 1: Definitions for the Standard Conditions	All listed above
Standard Condition 2: Interpretation of this licence	All listed above

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/riio-ed2-informal-licence-drafting-consultation>  
<sup>3</sup> <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/riio-ed2-draft-determinations>  
<sup>4</sup> <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/riio-ed2-final-determinations>

Standard Condition 5: Licensee's payments to the Authority	All listed above
Standard Condition 7A: Whole Electricity System Obligations	All listed above
Standard Condition 8: Safety and security of supplies enquiry service	All listed above
Standard Condition 10A: Smart Metering – Matters Relating to Obtaining and Using Consumption Data	All listed above
Standard Condition 11: Reporting on performance	All listed above
Standard Condition 13C: Recovery of Reinforcement Costs arising in respect of Relevant Customers	All listed above
Standard Condition 14: Charges for Use of System and connection	All listed above
Standard Condition 25: Long-term development statement	All listed above
Standard Condition 25B: Network Development Plan	All listed above
Standard Condition 26: Disposal of relevant assets and restrictions on charges over receivables	All listed above
Standard Condition 31B: Independence of the Distribution Business and restricted use of Confidential Information	Electricity distributors who are not distribution services providers
Standard Condition 38: Treatment of payment claims for last-resort supply where Valid Claim is received before 1 April 2019	Electricity distributors who are distribution services providers
Standard Condition 38B: Last Resort Supply Payment Claims	Electricity distributors who are distribution services providers
Standard Condition 38C: Treatment of Valid Bad Debt Claims	Electricity distributors who are distribution services providers
Standard Condition 42: Independence of the Distribution Business and restricted use of Confidential Information	Electricity distributors who are distribution services providers
Standard Condition 42A: Affiliate distribution network operators	Electricity distributors who are distribution

	services providers
Standard Condition 45: Data Assurance requirements	Electricity distributors who are distribution services providers
Standard Condition 46: Regulatory Instructions and Guidance	Electricity distributors who are distribution services providers
Standard Condition 48: The Innovation Strategy	Electricity distributors who are distribution services providers
Standard Condition 48A: Electricity Network Innovation Strategy	Electricity distributors who are distribution services providers
Standard Condition 50: Business plan commitment reporting	Electricity distributors who are distribution services providers

#### Annex 2: SLCs we are proposing to insert

<b>Condition</b>	<b>Licensees applicable to</b>
Standard Condition 3A: Housekeeping	All listed above
Standard Condition 10AA: Treating Domestic Customers Fairly	All listed above

#### Annex 3: SLCs we are proposing to remove

<b>Condition</b>	<b>Licensees applicable to</b>
Standard Condition 47: Environment reporting	Electricity distributors who are distribution services providers
Standard Condition 51: Network asset indices methodology	Electricity distributors who are distribution services providers