

To:

National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc

Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission Plc

Scottish Power Transmission Plc

Direction under Part J of Special Condition 3.41 (Accelerated strategic transmission investment Re-opener and Price Control Deliverable Term (ASTIRt) to issue the Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment Guidance and Submission 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.
2. In accordance with paragraph 3.41.31 of Special Condition 3.41 (Part J: Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment Guidance and Submission Requirements Document), on 24 May 2023 the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority (“the Authority”)¹ published on its website the text of the proposed Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment Guidance and Submission Requirements Document and stated that representations must be made on or before 23 June 2023.
3. We received 3 representations, which we have carefully considered. We have placed all non-confidential representations on our website. Our response to these representations is set out in our Decision to modify the special licence conditions in the electricity transmission licences: Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment publication, which can be found at <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/decision-modify-special-licence-conditions-electricity-transmission-licences-accelerated-strategic-transmission-investment>.
4. We have made a number of changes to the proposed text as a result of representations and we have also made some typographical changes, where necessary, to improve drafting. The full text of the Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment Guidance and Submission Requirements Document as well as a track change version compared with that published on 24 May 2023 can be found at <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/decision-modify-special-licence-conditions-electricity-transmission-licences-accelerated-strategic-transmission-investment>.
5. The reason for this direction is to give effect to our Decision to have an Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment Guidance and Submission Requirements Document to provide further detail on the licensees’ obligations, the information submission requirements and

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

the Authority's assessment approach in respect of Special Condition 3.40 (Accelerated strategic transmission investment Pre-Construction Funding Re-opener, Price Control Deliverable and Use It Or Lose It Adjustment), Special Condition 3.41 (Accelerated strategic transmission investment Re-opener and Price Control Deliverable) and Special Condition 4.9 (Accelerated strategic transmission investment output delivery incentive).

6. This direction is our notice of reasons for the purposes of section 49A of the Electricity Act 1989.
7. Now the Authority pursuant to the provisions of Special Condition 3.41 hereby directs that the Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment Guidance and Submission Requirements Document is issued and will have effect from 25 August 2023.

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Director, Networks

Duly Authorised on behalf of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority (11 August 2023)