

To: All holders of an electricity generation licence

Electricity Act 1989 Section 11A(1)(b)

Modification of the standard conditions of all electricity generation licences

- 1. Each of the licensees to whom this document is addressed has a generation licence which has been granted or treated as granted under 6(1)(a) of the Electricity Act 1989 (the Act).
- 2. Under section 11A(2) of the Act the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority ('the Authority')¹ gave notice on 29 June 2023 ('the Notice')² that we propose to modify standard condition of all electricity generation licences by adding a new standard licence condition, standard licence condition 20B. We stated that any representations to the modification proposal had to be made on or before 27 July 2023.
- 3. A copy of the Notice was sent to the Secretary of State in accordance with section 11A(4)(b) of the Act, and we have not received a direction that the change should not be made.
- 4. We received 18 responses (one of which was late) to the Notice from companies and 51 individual responses (one of which was late) in support of 1 company response, which we carefully considered. We have placed all non-confidential responses on our website. Our response to these comments is set out in the accompanying decision document which is published on our website.
- 5. We are making this licence change to prevent consumers from continuing to face very high balancing costs as a result of generators with longer Minimum Zero Times revising their Physical Notifications to OMW and having excessively high offer prices accepted in the balancing mechanism for extended durations.
- 6. The effect of the modification will be to prohibit generators from taking advantage of their dynamic parameters in order to obtain excessive benefit from offers in the balancing mechanism when their units are operated in a manner that limits their responsiveness to market and system conditions.
- 7. Where an application for permission to appeal our decision is made to the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) under section 11C of the Act, Rule 5.6 of the Energy Licence Modification Appeals: Competition and Markets Authority Rules³ 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 11A(10) of the Act sets out the meaning of 'relevant licence holder'.

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

² https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2023-06/IOLC%20Notice%20of%20Statutory%20Consultation.pdf

³ CMA70 https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/655601/energy-licencemodification-appeals-rules.pdf

Under the powers set out in section 11A(1)(b) of the Act, we hereby modify the standard licence conditions for all electricity generation licences in the manner specified in attached Schedule 1. This decision will take effect from 26 October 2023

This document is notice of the reasons for the decision to modify the electricity generation licences as required by section 49A(2) of the Act.

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Grendon Thompson

Acting Deputy Director – Institutions for Net Zero Energy Systems Management and Security

Duly authorised on behalf of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority

31/08/23

Schedule 1

Condition 20B. Inflexible Offers Licence Condition

1. The licensee must not obtain an excessive benefit from electricity generation in respect of a

Settlement Period in relation to which it has revised its Physical Notification (in respect of a

unit which has a Minimum Zero Time of longer than 60 minutes) from a positive MW value

to zero MW within the Operational Day.

2. For the purposes of paragraph 1, the licensee shall be considered to have obtained an excessive

benefit from electricity generation in relation to a Settlement Period (where each of the other

requirements of paragraph 1 is met) if each of the following conditions apply in relation to

that Settlement Period:

a. the licensee and the system operator enter into, or have entered into, Relevant

Arrangements in respect of a Balancing Mechanism Unit owned or operated by the

licensee; and

b. under the Relevant Arrangements and in connection with an increase in electricity

generation the licensee is paid or seeks to be paid, an excessive amount by the system

operator.

3. For the purposes of paragraph 2 the reference to an increase in electricity generation by the

licensee in respect of a particular Settlement Period means an increase in comparison to the

licensee's Physical Notification of zero MW.

4. This licence condition shall be interpreted and enforced in accordance with guidance

published by the Authority.

5. Before this condition comes into force the Authority shall publish the guidance referred to in

paragraph 4.

6. Before the Authority publishes the guidance referred to in paragraph 4 the Authority shall

consult:

a. the holder of any licence under section 6(1)(a) of the Act; and

b. such other persons as the Authority thinks it appropriate to consult.

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- 7. The Authority may from time to time revise the guidance referred to in paragraph 4 and before issuing any such revised guidance the Authority shall consult such person as specified in paragraph 6 setting out the text of, and the reasons for, the proposed revisions.
- 8. The licensee shall provide to the Authority, in such manner and at such times as the Authority may reasonably require, such information as the Authority may require or deem necessary or appropriate to enable the Authority to monitor the licensee's compliance with this condition.

9. In this condition:

"Balancing	means the mechanism for the making and acceptance of
Mechanism"	offers and bids to increase or decrease the quantities of
	electricity to be delivered to, or taken off, the total system
	at any time or during any period so as to assist the system
	operator in coordinating and directing the flow of electricity
	onto and over the national electricity transmission system
	and balancing the national electricity system pursuant to the
	arrangements contained in the BSC
"Balancing	means a unit of trade within the Balancing Mechanism
Mechanism Unit"	
"Minimum Zero	means either the minimum time that a Balancing
Time"	Mechanism Unit which has been exporting must operate at
	zero or be importing, before returning to exporting or the
	minimum time that a BM Unit which has been importing
	must operate at zero or be exporting before returning to
	importing, as a result of a Bid-Offer Acceptance, such
	minimum time being as per the most recent notification by
	the licensee to the ESO pursuant to the Grid Code
"Operational	has the meaning given in the Grid Code
Day"	
"Physical	means a notification of the intended level of generation
Notification"	made by the licensee to the system operator for a period
	pursuant to the notification arrangements established by
	BETTA and the BSC
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"Relevant	means arrangements entered into by the licensee and the
Arrangements"	system operator within the Balancing Mechanism, and the
	entering of such arrangements shall include the making of
	an offer by the licensee whether or not that offer is accepted
	by the system operator
"Settlement	has the meaning given in the Grid Code
Period"	

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