

To: National Grid Viking Link Limited

**Electricity Act 1989
Section 11A(1)(a)**

**Modification of the special conditions of the electricity interconnector licence
held by National Grid Viking Link Limited**

1. National Grid Viking Link Limited (**NGVL**) is the holder of an electricity interconnector licence (the **Licence**) granted or treated as granted under section 6(1)(e) 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 3 November 2023 (the **Notice**) that we proposed to modify the Licence by inserting new special conditions as specified in the schedule accompanying the Notice.² We stated that any representations to the modification proposal must be made on or before 4 December 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 any of the proposed modifications should not be made.
4. We received one response to the Notice, which we have carefully considered. The response was non-confidential and has been placed on our website. Our response is set out in our accompanying letter.
5. We have decided not to make any alterations to the modifications set out in the Notice and Schedule 2 containing special conditions for the electricity interconnector licence held by Viking Link.
6. We are making these licence changes in order to implement NGVL's cap and floor regime and reflect the NGVL-specific elements of the cap and floor regime that are contained in the September 2020 decision on the Final Project Assessment of the Viking Link interconnector.³
7. Further details on the reasons and effect of the modifications can be found in the schedule accompanying the Notice.⁴
8. 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 5.7 of

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

² Proposed new special conditions for the electricity interconnector licence held by NGVL: <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/statutory-consultation-proposal-insert-new-special-conditions-electricity-interconnector-licence-held-national-grid-viking-link-limited-ngvl>

³ Decision on the Final Project Assessment of the Viking Link interconnector to Denmark (30 September 2020): <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/decision-final-project-assessment-viking-link-interconnector-denmark>

⁴ Reasons and effects of proposed insertion of new special conditions into the electricity interconnector licence held by NGVL: <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2023-11/Schedule%201B%20-%20Viking%20Link%20Limited%20Special%20Conditions%20-%20Reasons%20and%20effects.pdf>

the Energy Licence Modification Appeals: Competition and Markets Authority Rules⁵ 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 relevant licence holder in relation to this modification is NGVL. Section 11A(10) of the Act sets out the meaning of 'relevant licence holder'.

Under the powers set out in section 11A(1)(a) of the Act, we hereby modify the electricity interconnector licence of NGVL in the manner specified in the attached Schedule 1. This decision will take effect from 7 February 2024.

This document is notice of the reasons for the decision to modify the electricity interconnector licence held by NGVL as required by section 49A(2) of the Act.



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Stuart Borland
Deputy Director, Offshore Network Regulation

Duly authorised on behalf of the
Gas and Electricity Markets Authority

12 December 2023

⁵ Energy Licence Modification Appeals: Competition and Markets Authority Rules:
https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/655601/energy-licence-modification-appeals-rules.pdf