

To: Electricity Distribution
Network Operators; interested
stakeholders

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Date: 1 February 2024

Dear Company Secretaries and stakeholders,

Decision to modify Annex F Interruptions of the Regulatory Instructions and Guidance for RIIO-ED2

We have decided to modify Annex F-Interruptions, of the Regulatory Instructions and Guidance ("RIGs") for RIIO-ED2.¹ Please find enclosed a direction, issued pursuant to Part C of Standard Condition 46 (Regulatory Instructions and Guidance) of the Electricity Distribution Licence, in respect of our modifications.

These modifications are made for the purpose of incorporating amendments to the Electricity (Standards of Performance) Regulations 2015², which came into effect on 1 September 2023. We propose that the modifications take effect from 1 March 2024.

The table below sets out the sections which have been modified:

Paragraphs	Amendment					
2.63, Table	Removal of reference to storm category 3					
3.1,3.13,						
3.23-3.30						
3.14	Clarify how the updated payment amounts will be applied and					
	provide illustrative examples on how the new time bands should					
	working during outages and reported on					
3.15 – 3.21	Illustrate how the payments should be adapted under the inflation					
	adjustment mechanism					

These changes take effect from 1 March 2024. For the avoidance of doubt, this means that the data submitted in respect of the 2023/24 reporting year will use the RIGs as modified.

Alongside this letter and direction, we have published the updated Annex F of the RIGs and an issues log outlining our answers to the responses received.

¹ The "Authority", "Ofgem", "we" and "our" are used interchangeably in this document. The Office of Gas and Electricity Markets (Ofgem) supports the Authority in its day to day work.

² <u>Final Decision and Statutory Instrument on Guaranteed Standards of Performance (GSOPs) for Reliability and Connections | Ofgem</u>

Yours faithfully,

Mark Hogan Head of Asset Risk and Resilience, Networks Price Controls Signed on behalf of the Authority and authorised for that purpose by the Authority To: Electricity North West Ltd (ENWL)
Northern Powergrid (Northeast) Ltd (NPgN)
Northern Powergrid (Yorkshire) plc (NPgY)
London Power Networks plc (LPN)
South Eastern Power Networks plc (SPN)
Eastern Power Networks plc (EPN)
SP Distribution plc (SPD)
SP Manweb plc (SPMW)
Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution plc (SSEH)
Southern Electric Power Distribution plc (SSES)
National Grid Electricity Distribution (West Midlands) plc (WMID)
National Grid Electricity Distribution (East Midlands) plc (EMID)
National Grid Electricity Distribution (South Wales) plc (SWALES)
National Grid Electricity Distribution (South West) plc (SWEST)
(each one a "Licensee", and together, "the Licensees")

Direction under Part C of the Standard Condition 46 (Regulatory Instructions and Guidance) ("SLC 46") of the Electricity Distribution Licence (the "Licence") granted under section 6(1)(c) of the Electricity Act 1989.

Whereas -

- 1. The Licensees each hold an Electricity Distribution Licence (the "Licence") granted under section 6(1)(c) of the Electricity Act 1989 (the "Act") and are subject to the conditions contained in the Licence.
- 2. The RIIO-ED2 Electricity Distribution Price Control Regulatory Instructions and Guidance ("the RIGs") are the primary means by which the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority (the "Authority"³) directs the Licensees to provide information required by the Authority to administer the Special Conditions (and such Standard Conditions as may be relevant) of the Licence, and, where not referenced in the Special Conditions of the Licence, the RIIO-ED2 Final Determinations.⁴
- 3. In accordance with Part C of Standard Condition 46 of the Electricity Distribution Licence, the Authority gave notice to the Licensees on 23 October 2023 that it proposed to amend Annex F of the RIGs.
- 4. The Notice required any representations by Licensees on the proposals to be made on, or before, 24 November 2023.
- 5. Prior to the consultation period closing the Authority received six responses. The Authority has considered the representations and has made a number of changes to Annex F, and associated reporting templates, of the RIGs proposed as part of the consultation.
- 6. Annex F of the RIGs issued as part of this Direction is published as version v1.1.

Now Therefore -

7. Pursuant to Part C of Standard Condition 46 of the Electricity Distribution Licence, the Authority amends Annex F of the RIGs.

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⁴ RIIO-ED2 Final Determinations | Ofgem

8.	The reason for updating the RIGs as set out in this Direction is to collect information in
	line with our Final Determinations for RIIO-ED2 and to align with amendments that
	have been made to the Electricity (Standards of Performance) Regulations 2015 ⁵ as a
	consequence of the Electricity (Standards of Performance) (Amendment) Regulations
	2023. ⁶

9.	The	modifica	itions tal	ke effect	from 1	March 20	24.

Mark Hogan **Head of Asset Risk and Resilience, Networks Price Controls** Signed on behalf of the Authority and authorised for that purpose by the Authority

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The Electricity (Standards of Performance) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (legislation.gov.uk)