

To:

National Gas Transmission plc (NTS) (Company number 02006000)

Cadent Gas Limited (Company number 10080864)

Northern Gas Networks Limited (Company number 05167070)

Scotland Gas Networks Plc (Company number SC264065)

Southern Gas Networks Plc (Company number 05167021)

Wales & West Utilities Limited (Company number 05046791)

**Gas Act 1986
Section 23(2)**

Notice of statutory consultation on proposed modification to the Special Conditions and Standard Special Conditions of the Gas Transporter licence held by the licensees listed above

1. The Gas and Electricity Markets Authority ('the Authority')¹ proposes to modify the Special Conditions and Standard Special Conditions (SSCs) of the Gas Transporter Licence ('Licence') held by each of the licensees listed above ('the Licensees') as granted or treated as granted under section 7 of the Gas Act 1986 by amending:
 - In respect of National Gas Transmission plc (NTS):
 - Standard Special Condition B7 (Provision of Meters) and SSC B8 (Provision of Terms) detailed in Annex 1
 - Special Condition 9.16 (Restriction of prices in respect of Tariff Capped Metering Activities) detailed in Annex 2
 - in respect of Cadent Gas Limited, Northern Gas Network Limited, Scotland Gas Networks Plc, Southern Gas Networks Plc, and Wales & West Utilities Limited:
 - Standard Special Condition D17 (Provision and Return of Meters) and SSC D18 (Provision of Metering and Meter Reading Services) detailed in Annex 3
 - Special Condition 9.10 (Restriction of prices in respect of Tariff Capped Metering Activities) detailed in Annex 4
2. The conclusions and consultation document published alongside this Notice, together with our policy consultation dated 5th August 2024 set out the background to this proposed modification.
3. We are proposing these modifications because there is a requirement to ensure the Licensees continue to be obligated to carry out the activities outlined in paragraph 4 below as the smart meter rollout progresses and is still ongoing, and to ensure adequate protections for consumers remain in place during the transition to smart meters. This will also reflect and maintain the original policy intent, as set out in our consultation and subsequent decision dated 7 November 2019 and 18 December 2019 respectively, and in our recent publication dated 5 August 2024 of keeping these obligations upon the Licensees in place until the end of the smart meter rollout duty and until sufficient numbers of traditional meters have been replaced with smart meters.

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

4. The effect of these proposed modifications is to ensure that, until the end of 2025 that:
 - a. Cadent Gas Limited, Northern Gas Networks Limited, Scotland Gas Networks Plc, Southern Gas Networks Plc, and Wales & West Utilities Limited continue to be required to comply with any reasonable request by a supplier to provide through a meter asset manager (MAM) and install a traditional domestic gas meter, or to refer this request to National Gas Transmission plc (NTS) to fulfil;
 - b. National Gas Transmission plc (NTS) continues to be required to comply with any reasonable request by a relevant gas transporter to provide through a MAM and install a traditional domestic gas meter;
 - c. Tariff caps remain in place on certain metering activities provided by the Licensees;
 - d. The Licensees continue to be required to provide terms and statements of charges for the provision of meters or metering services, and, with the approval of the authority, annually make any necessary revisions to such statements in order that the information set out in the statements shall continue to be accurate in all material respect.
 - e. The Licensees continue to be required to keep appropriate record of any disconnected meter and keep disconnected meters in safe custody in matters relating to suspected theft of gas.
5. Alongside this notice we have published a consultation setting out the background to the proposed amendments. A copy of the proposed modifications and other documents referred to in this Notice have been published on our website (www.ofgem.gov.uk). Alternatively they are available from information.rights@ofgem.gov.uk.
6. Any representations with respect to the proposed licence modifications must be made on or before 24 October 2024 to: Shaun McRaith, Office of Gas and Electricity Markets, 10 South Colonnade, Canary Wharf, London, E14 4PU or by email to smartmetering@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.

.....
Michael Walls
Head of Smart Metering & Retail Market Operations
Duly authorised on behalf of the
Gas and Electricity Markets Authority

26/09/2024

Annex 1 – Proposed modifications to the Standard Special Conditions of the Gas Transporter Licence applicable to all NTS licensees: Part B

New text is double underlined and shown in red.

~~Deletions are shown in strike through.~~

Standard Special Condition B7. Provision of Meters

1. Subject to Standard Special Condition B6 (Application of Standard Special Conditions B7, B8, B9, B10, B11 and B12), this condition shall not be in effect in this licence.
2. This condition applies only in relation to the provision of gas meters other than:
 - (a) a gas meter capable of forming part of a smart metering system;
 - (b) an advanced domestic meter; or
 - (c) a prepayment advanced domestic meter.
3. Except in so far as the Authority otherwise consents, the licensee shall comply with any reasonable request by a relevant gas transporter, pursuant to paragraph 2(b) of Standard Special Condition D17 (Provision and Return of Meters) of the DN operator gas transporter licence, to provide, through a metering equipment manager and install at the premises of a domestic customer, a gas meter owned by the licensee and of a type specified by the supplier subject, however, to a meter of that type being reasonably available to the licensee and the supplier agreeing to pay the licensee's charges in respect of that meter.
4. Where any gas meter owned by the licensee is disconnected by, or returned to, the licensee it shall promptly make an appropriate record of the details displayed on the register of the meter at the time of disconnection or return and of such other information in its possession as shall subsequently enable the identity of, and the date of disconnection or return of, the meter and the premises from which it was disconnected to be ascertained, and shall keep such a record for a period of not less than 2 years from the date of the disconnection or return, whichever is the later.
5. Where the licensee has reasonable cause to believe that any gas meter owned by it and disconnected by, or returned to, it is or may be relevant to –
 - (a) any investigation, proceedings or possible proceedings relating to the alleged theft of gas by any person or to an alleged offence under paragraph 10(1) of Schedule 2B to the Act; or
 - (b) any dispute as to the accuracy of the meter, the licensee shall use all reasonable endeavours to keep the meter in safe custody in the standard condition in which it was when disconnected or returned and with the register unaltered –
 - i. during the period of 6 months beginning with the date on which the meter was disconnected or returned, for as long as the licensee continues to have reasonable cause to believe that the meter is or may be so relevant; and
 - ii. thereafter, for as long as, to the licensee's knowledge, the meter is so relevant.
6. When the licensee receives, in connection with a proposed connection or disconnection of a meter, such a notice as is mentioned in sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 12 of Schedule 2B to the Act or receives information in pursuance of sub-paragraph (3) of that paragraph, it shall promptly give the relevant shipper

a copy thereof and furnish it with any further information relating to the meter which is requested by the relevant shipper and which the licensee either has or may readily obtain.

7. Subject to any direction given by the Authority, this condition shall cease to have effect on 31 December ~~2024~~ 2025.

Standard Special Condition B8. Provision of Terms

1. Subject to Standard Special Condition B6 (Application of Standard Special Conditions B7, B8, B9, B10, B11 and B12), this condition shall not be in effect in this licence.
2. This condition applies only in relation to the provision of gas meters other than:
 - a gas meter capable of forming part of a smart metering system;
 - an advanced domestic meter; or
 - a prepayment advanced domestic meter.
3. Where the licensee receives a request from a relevant gas transporter, pursuant to paragraph 2(b) of Standard Special Condition D17 (Provision and Return of Meters) of the DN operator gas transporter licence, the licensee shall provide to the supplier the terms provided for in paragraph 5.
4. Where the licensee is required to provide the services described in paragraph 3 of Standard Special Condition B7, it shall be the duty of the licensee to provide those services on reasonable terms.
5. The terms referred to in paragraph 3 are the licensee's terms regarding:
 - (a) the date by which the services required shall be provided (time being of the essence unless otherwise agreed between the parties);
 - (b) the charges to be paid in respect of the services required, such charges (save to the extent set out in any direction under paragraph 12 or unless manifestly inappropriate):
 - (i) to be presented in such a way as to be referable to the statements prepared in accordance with paragraph 7 of this condition, or any revision thereof; and
 - (ii) to be set in conformity with the requirements of paragraphs 6 to 9 of this condition; and
 - (c) such other detailed terms in respect of each of the services required as are or may be appropriate for the purpose of the agreement.
6. The licensee shall provide to the supplier such terms as are referred to in paragraph 5 as soon as practicable and (save where the Authority consents to a longer period) in any event not more than 28 days after receipt by the licensee from the relevant gas transporter of any request containing all such information as may reasonably be required for the purpose of formulating the terms of the agreement.
7. The licensee shall as soon as reasonably practicable prepare statements in a form approved by the Authority setting out:
 - (a) the basis upon which charges for the provision of services of a type described in paragraph 3 will be made; and
 - (b) information relating to the other terms that will apply to the provision of each service,in each case in such form and with such detail as shall be necessary to enable any supplier to make a reasonable estimate of the charges to which he would become liable for the provision of such services and of the other terms, likely to have a material impact on the conduct of his business, upon which the service would be

provided and (without prejudice to the foregoing) including the information set out in paragraph 8.

8. The statements referred to in paragraph 7 shall include:
 - (a) a schedule of charges for such services; and
 - (b) an explanation of the methods by which and the principles on which such charges will be calculated.
9. The licensee may periodically review the information set out in and, with the approval of the Authority, alter the form of the statements prepared in accordance with paragraph 7 and shall, at least once in every year that this licence is in force, make any necessary revisions to such statements in order that the information set out in the statements shall continue to be accurate in all material respects.
10. The licensee shall send a copy of the statements prepared in accordance with paragraph 7, and of each revision of such statements in accordance with paragraph 9, to the Authority.
11. The licensee shall give or send a copy of the statements prepared in accordance with paragraph 7, or (as the case may be) of the latest revision of such statements in accordance with paragraph 9, to any supplier following a request from a relevant gas transporter, pursuant to paragraph 2(b) of Standard Special Condition D17 (Provision and Return of Meters) of the DN operator gas transporter licence, who requests a copy of such statement or statements.
12. The licensee may make a charge for any statement given or sent pursuant to paragraph 11 of an amount which shall not exceed the amount specified in directions issued by the Authority for the purposes of this condition based on the Authority's estimate of the licensee's reasonable costs of providing such a statement.
13. The Authority, having regard, in particular, to any representations made to it by the licensee, and other persons may issue a direction relieving the licensee of its obligations under this condition to such extent and subject to such terms and conditions as it may specify in that direction.
14. Subject to any direction given by the Authority, the provisions of standard special conditions B7 and B8 of this licence shall cease to have effect on 31 December ~~2024~~. 2025.

Annex 2 – Proposed modifications to the Special Conditions of National Gas Transmission Plc (NTS)’s gas transporter licence

Special 9.16 Restriction of prices in respect of Tariff Capped Metering Activities

New text is double underlined and shown in red.

~~Deletions are shown in strike through.~~

Introduction

9.16.1 The purpose of this condition is to set out the tariff caps on certain metering activities.

Part A: Principal restriction

9.16.2 The licensee in setting its charges for each of its Tariff Capped Metering Activities in any Regulatory Year must not exceed the maximum tariff cap M_t^A in respect of that metering activity in that Regulatory Year.

Part B: Maximum tariff caps (M_t^A)

9.16.3 For the Regulatory Year commencing on 1 April 2021, the maximum tariff caps have the values set out in the following table.

Activity	Description	Maximum tariff caps (M^A) for 2021/22 (£ nominal)
$M^{A=1}$	Annual charge for providing and maintaining the assets that form a Domestic Credit Meter Installation, per meter per annum.	£17.70
$M^{A=2}$	Annual charge for providing and maintaining the assets that form a Prepayment Meter Installation, per meter per annum.	£44.27
$M^{A=3}$	Annual charge for providing a daily meter reading for Daily Metered Supply Meter Points, per supply meter point per annum.	£602.71
$M^{A=4}$	Carrying out work to replace a Domestic Credit Meter with a Prepayment Meter, per job undertaken.	£94.81

9.16.4 For each subsequent Regulatory Year, the maximum tariff caps have the value derived in accordance with the following formula:

$$M_t^A = M_{t-1}^A \times RPI_t$$

Where

RPI_t means the arithmetic average of the Retail Prices Index with respect to each of the six months from June to November in Regulatory Year t-1 divided by the arithmetic average of the Retail Price Index numbers with respect to the period from June to November in Regulatory Year t-2.

Part C: Departure from published statements of charges in respect of Tariff Capped Metering Activities

9.16.5 This paragraph applies where:

- (a) the licensee proposes to depart from its published statement of charges;
- (b) the departure would include increasing the licensee's charges to a supplier to a level which would in any Regulatory Year result in a breach of the licensee's obligations under paragraph 9.16.2; and
- (c) the departure arises either:
 - i. because of the supplier having wholly or partly disposed of its meters; or
 - ii. because the licensee considers the departure necessary to comply with the duty in paragraph 4 of Standard Special Condition B8 (Provision of Terms).

9.16.6 Where paragraph 9.16.5 applies the licensee must make a written application to the Authority:

- (a) specifying why the change is proposed;
- (b) specifying the metering activities to be provided to the supplier;
- (c) specifying the proposed level of charges broken down between the different kinds of metering activities to be provided to the supplier; and
- (d) including such other information to support its application as the Authority may reasonably specify in writing.

9.16.7 In paragraph 9.16.5 the reference to the statement of charges is a reference to the statement prepared in accordance with Standard Special Condition B8 (Provision of Terms) in respect of the provision of Tariff Capped Metering Activities.

9.16.8 The licensee may, with effect from the date of the application, levy the charges specified in that application in respect of that supplier if:

- (a) the Authority confirms in writing that it consents to such charges with or without amendment and to such extent, and on the basis of such terms and conditions, as the Authority may specify (in which case the licensee must apply the charges with any such amendment and only to such extent, and must comply with those terms and conditions); or
- (b) the Authority has not issued a direction to the licensee requiring the licensee not to exceed the maximum tariff cap during the period of 90 days beginning with the date of receipt of the application.

9.16.9 Subject to any direction given by the Authority, this condition shall cease to have effect on 31 December ~~2024~~. 2025.

Annex 3 – Proposed Modifications to the Standard Special Conditions of the Gas Transporter Licence applicable to all DN licensees: Part D

Licence Conditions relevant to all other Licensees

New text is double underlined and shown in red.

~~Deletions are shown in strike through.~~

STANDARD SPECIAL CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL DN LICENSEES: PART D

Standard Special Condition D17. Provision and Return of Meters

1. Subject to paragraph 2, the licensee shall comply with any reasonable request by a relevant supplier (or a gas supplier who is about to become such a relevant supplier) to provide through a metering equipment manager and install at the premises of a domestic customer a gas meter, other than:

- (a) a gas meter capable of forming part of a smart metering system;
- (b) an advanced domestic meter; or
- (c) a prepayment advanced domestic meter

owned by the licensee and of a type specified by the supplier subject, however, to a meter of that type being reasonably available to the licensee and the supplier agreeing to pay its charges in respect of the meter.

- 1a. For the purposes of paragraph 1, “**metering equipment manager**” means:

- (a) a person approved in accordance with the Retail Energy Code as possessing expertise satisfactorily to provide meter-related services or a class or description of persons so approved (the “**relevant expertise**”); or
- (b) an undertaking approved in accordance with the Retail Energy Code as having staff possessing the relevant expertise and for the purposes of this definition,
 - (i) “**approved in accordance with the Retail Energy Code**” means approved in accordance with it for the purposes of this condition generally and “**staff**” includes officers, servants and agents; and
 - (ii) “**meter-related services**” means the provision, installation, commissioning, inspection, repairing, alteration, repositioning, removal, renewal and maintenance of the whole or part of the Supply Meter Installation as defined in Section M, paragraph 1.2 of the Network Code of Transco plc, as at 12 July 2004, as defined within Amended Standard Condition 9 (Network Code) of Transco plc’s gas transporter licence on that date.

2. Paragraph 1 shall not apply:-

- (a) where:
 - (i) the premises in question are secondary sub-deduct premises; and
 - (ii) the owner or occupier of the premises has not agreed that the licensee may enter the premises for the purpose of removing the meter when

the owner or occupier no longer requires the meter or the supply of gas; or

- (b) where the licensee receives a reasonable request from a relevant supplier in accordance with paragraph 1, and the licensee submits that request within 14 days of receiving it to National Grid Gas plc to fulfil.
3. Where any gas meter owned by the licensee is disconnected by, or returned to, the licensee it shall promptly make an appropriate record of the details displayed on the register of the meter at the time of disconnection or return and of such other information in its possession as shall subsequently enable the identity of, and the date of disconnection or return of, the meter and the premises from which it was disconnected to be ascertained, and shall keep such a record for a period of not less than 2 years from the date of the disconnection or return, whichever is the later.
4. Where the licensee has reasonable cause to believe that any gas meter owned by it and disconnected by, or returned to, it is or may be relevant to -
- (a) any investigation, proceedings or possible proceedings relating to the alleged theft of gas by any person or to an alleged offence under paragraph 10(1) of Schedule 2B to the Act; or
 - (b) any dispute as to the accuracy of the meter, the licensee shall use all reasonable endeavours to keep the meter in safe custody in the standard condition in which it was when disconnected or returned and with the register unaltered -
 - (i) during the period of 6 months beginning with the date on which the meter was disconnected or returned, for as long as the licensee continues to have reasonable cause to believe that the meter is or may be so relevant; and
 - (ii) thereafter, for as long as, to the licensee's knowledge, the meter is so relevant.
5. When the licensee receives, in connection with a proposed connection or disconnection of a meter, such a notice as is mentioned in sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 12 of Schedule 2B to the Act or receives information in pursuance of sub-paragraph (3) of that paragraph, it shall promptly give the relevant shipper a copy thereof and furnish it with any further information relating to the meter which is requested by the relevant shipper and which the licensee either has or may readily obtain.
6. Where the record kept by the licensee under paragraph 8 of Standard Special Condition A50 (System Development Obligations) shows that a relevant supplier has supplied gas to particular premises for less than 2 years and that the supplier has not, since it began to supply gas to those premises, secured an inspection of the meter for the purposes of standard condition 12 (Matters relating to Gas Meters) of the standard conditions of the Gas Supply licence as incorporated in its licence, the licensee shall give to the relevant shipper, for transmission to the supplier (except

where the recipient of the notice is itself the supplier), not less than 4 months' notice of the date by which the next such inspection should be carried out, being a date falling not more than 2 years after the date shown in the licensee's record as the date of the last such inspection or, if later, 5 months after the licensee is informed that the supplier has begun to supply gas to the premises.

7. Subject to any direction given by the Authority, this condition shall cease to have effect on 31 December ~~2024~~. 2025.

Standard Special Condition D18. Provision of Metering and Meter Reading Services

1. Before attending to any request from a supplier:
 - (a) pursuant to paragraph 1 of Standard Special Condition D17 (Provision and Return of Meters);
 - (b) in relation to the provision of metering services other than those provided pursuant to sub-paragraph (a) above; or
 - (c) in relation to the provision of meter reading services;the licensee shall provide to that supplier the terms provided for in paragraph 2.
- 1A. Where and to the extent that the licensee is required to provide services under sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph 1 above, it shall be the duty of the licensee to provide the services mentioned in that sub-paragraph on reasonable terms.
2. The terms referred to in paragraph 1 are the licensee's terms regarding:
 - (a) the date by which the services required shall be provided (time being of the essence unless otherwise agreed between the parties);
 - (b) the charges to be paid in respect of the services required, such charges (save to the extent set out in any direction under paragraph 10 or unless manifestly inappropriate):
 - (i) to be presented in such a way as to be referable to the statements prepared in accordance with paragraph 5 of this condition, or any revision thereof; and
 - (ii) to be set in conformity with the requirements of paragraphs 4 to 7 of this condition; and
 - (c) such other detailed terms in respect of each of the services required as are or may be appropriate for the purpose of the agreement.
3. The licensee shall provide to the supplier such terms as are referred to in paragraph 2 above as soon as practicable and (save where the Authority consents to a longer period) in any event not more than 28 days after receipt by the licensee from any person of any application containing all such information as may reasonably be required for the purpose of formulating the terms of the agreement.
4. Except in so far as the Authority accepts otherwise, the licensee shall enter into agreements with suppliers for the provision of:
 - (a) gas meters pursuant to Standard Special Condition D17 (Provision and Return of Meters);

- (a) metering services other than the provision of gas meters pursuant to sub-paragraph (a) above; or
 - (b) meter reading services,
- without variation to any terms provided in relation to a particular request from a supplier pursuant to paragraph 2.
5. The licensee shall as soon as reasonably practicable prepare statements in a form approved by the Authority setting out:
- (a) the basis upon which charges for the provision of services of a type described in paragraph 1 will be made; and
 - (b) information relating to the other terms that will apply to the provision of each service,
- in each case in such form and with such detail as shall be necessary to enable any supplier to make a reasonable estimate of the charges to which he would become liable for the provision of such services and of the other terms, likely to have a material impact on the conduct of his business, upon which the service would be provided and (without prejudice to the foregoing) including the information set out in paragraph 6.
6. The statements referred to in paragraph 5 shall include:
- (a) a schedule of charges for such services; and
 - (b) an explanation of the methods by which and the principles on which such charges will be calculated.
7. The licensee may periodically review the information set out in and, with the approval of the Authority, alter the form of the statements prepared in accordance with paragraph 5 and shall, at least once in every year that this licence is in force, make any necessary revisions to such statements in order that the information set out in the statements shall continue to be accurate in all material respects.
8. The licensee shall send a copy of the statements in accordance with paragraph 5, and of each revision of such statements in accordance with paragraph 7, to the Authority.
9. The licensee shall give or send a copy of the statements prepared in accordance with paragraph 5, or (as the case may be) of the latest revision of such statements in accordance with paragraph 7, to any supplier who requests a copy of such statement or statements.
10. The licensee may make a charge for any statement given or sent pursuant to paragraph 9 of an amount which shall not exceed the amount specified in directions issued by the Authority for the purposes of this condition based on the Authority's estimate of the licensee's reasonable costs of providing such a statement.
11. The Authority, having regard, in particular, to any representations made to it by the licensee and other persons may issue a direction relieving the licensee of its

obligations under paragraphs 1(b), 1(c), 1A, 3 and 5 to such extent and subject to such terms and conditions as it may specify in that direction.

12. Subject to any direction given by the Authority, this condition shall cease to have effect on 31 December ~~2024~~. 2025.

Annex 4 - Proposed modifications to the Special Conditions of the Gas Transporter Licence applicable to all DN licensees: Part D

New text is double underlined and shown in red.

~~Deletions are shown in strike through.~~

Special Condition 9.10 Restriction of prices in respect of Tariff Capped Metering Activities

Introduction

9.10.1 The purpose of this condition is to set out the tariff caps on certain metering activities.

Part A Principal restriction

9.10.2 The licensee in setting its charges for each of its Tariff Capped Metering Activities in any Regulatory Year must not exceed the maximum tariff cap M_t^A in respect of that metering activity in that Regulatory Year.

Part B Maximum tariff caps (M_t^A)

9.10.3 For the Regulatory Year commencing on 1 April 2021, the maximum tariff caps have the values set out in the following table.

Activity	Description	Maximum tariff caps (M^A) for 2021/22 (£ nominal)
$M^{A=1}$	Annual charge for providing and maintaining the assets that form a Domestic Credit Meter Installation, per meter per annum.	£17.70
$M^{A=2}$	Annual charge for providing and maintaining the assets that form a Prepayment Meter Installation, per meter per annum.	£44.27
$M^{A=3}$	Annual charge for providing a daily meter reading for Daily Metered Supply Meter Points, per supply meter point per annum.	£602.71
$M^{A=4}$	Carrying out work to replace a Domestic Credit Meter with a Prepayment Meter, per job undertaken.	£94.81

9.10.4 For each subsequent Regulatory Year, the maximum tariff caps have the value derived in accordance with the following formula:

$$M_t^A = M_{t-1}^A \times RPI_t$$

where

RPI_t means the arithmetic average of the Retail Prices Index with respect to each of the six months from June to November in Regulatory Year t-1 divided by the arithmetic average of the Retail Price Index numbers with respect to the period from June to November in Regulatory Year t-2.

Departure from published statements of charges in respect of Tariff Capped Metering Activities

9.10.5 This paragraph applies where:

- (a) the licensee proposes to depart from its published statement of charges;
- (b) the departure would include increasing the licensee's charges to a supplier to a level which would in any Regulatory Year result in a breach of the licensee's obligations under paragraph 9.10.2; and
- (c) the departure arises either:
 - i. because of the supplier having wholly or partly disposed of its meters; or
 - ii. because the licensee considers the departure necessary to comply with the duty in paragraph 1A of Standard Special Condition D18 (Provision of Metering and Meter Reading Services).

9.10.6 Where paragraph 9.10.4 applies the licensee must make a written application to the Authority:

- (a) specifying why the change is proposed;
- (b) specifying the metering activities to be provided to that supplier;
- (c) specifying the proposed level of charges broken down between the different types of metering activities to be provided to that supplier; and
- (d) including such other information to support its application as the Authority may reasonably specify in writing.

9.10.7 In paragraph 9.16.5 the reference to the statement of charges is a reference to the statement prepared in accordance with Standard Special Condition D18 (Provision of Metering and Meter Reading Services) in respect of the provision of Tariff Capped Metering Activities.

9.10.8 The licensee may, with effect from the date of the application, levy the charges specified in that application in respect of that supplier if:

- (a) the Authority confirms in writing that it consents to such charges with or without amendment and to such extent, and on the basis of such terms and conditions, as the Authority may specify (in which case the licensee must apply the charges with any such amendment and only to such extent, and must comply with those terms and conditions); or
- (b) the Authority has not issued a direction to the licensee requiring the licensee not to exceed the maximum tariff cap within the period of 90 days beginning with the date of receipt of the application.

9.10.9 Subject to any direction given by the Authority, this condition will cease to have effect on 31 December ~~2024~~. 2025.