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enable them to complete the reporting requirements associated with updating various values and performance data in the Price Control Financial Model (PCFM) during the Annual Iteration Process (AIP). © Crown copyright 2025,

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1. Introduction

Background

1.1. The PCFM Guidance provides network operators (licensees) with information on how to fill out the PCFM Variable Values and any underlying templates that feed into them, which they are required to submit to Ofgem for each dry run of the Annual Iteration Process (AIP).

1.2. It also sets out the required information that should be submitted to Ofgem in the supporting narrative commentary.

1.3. This document should be read in conjunction with chapter 2 of the GT2 Price Control Financial Handbook, which contains a detailed description of the PCFM modification process and the AIP dry run process. Additionally, this document should be read in conjunction with Appendix 1 ('*Glossary'*) of the GT2 Price Control Financial Handbook and with Part B of Special Condition 1.1 (Interpretation and Definitions).

Legal Framework

1.4. The modification and governance process for the Price Control Financial Model (PCFM) and Price Control Financial Handbook (PCFH), collectively known as the Price Control Financial Instruments, is set out in Special Condition 8.1 (*Governance of the GT2 Price Control Financial Instruments*).

1.5. The modification and governance process for the PCFM Guidance and the steps of the Annual Iteration Process are set out in Special Condition 8.2 (*Annual Iteration Process for the GT2 Price Control Financial Model*).

Purpose

1.6. The purpose of this document is to provide guidance to enable the licensee to complete each dry run of an AIP that is submitted to Ofgem. As described in the GT2 Price Control Financial Handbook, the dry runs process entails amending and confirming values for each Regulatory Year over a number of months, from 30 September to early January, on an iterative basis to account for updates to the PCFM Variable Values as they become known.

1.7. This document provides:

- instructions and guidance on how to populate the PCFM Variable Values for submission for an AIP dry run;
- guidance on the process and timeframe for reporting and submitting the required data; and,
- any requirements that apply to supporting information, documentation or commentary to be submitted.

2. The Price Control Financial Model

Background

2.1. We set ex-ante allowed revenues for each licensee at the outset of the RIIO-2 price control based on the information available at the time.

2.2. Throughout the price control, we use the AIP to update the variable values in the PCFM by updating inputs for actual expenditure and performance as well as updating forecasts for the latest view.

2.3. The revenue calculation macro in the model is then re-run to capture this new information and to calculate an adjustment to allowed revenue (ARt) using the latest information.

2.4. This model and the re-calculated value of ARt as well as the adjustment to revenue known as ADJRt is published on Ofgem's website by 31 January each year and is the value that licensees must use to set their charges for the forthcoming Regulatory Year under Special Condition 2.1 (Transportation owner revenue restriction) and Special Condition 2.3 (System operator revenue restriction).

Model structure

2.5. The table below sets out the structure and contents of the sheets in the PCFM:

Sheet	Contents
Cover	Content directory and Model key
UserInterface	This sheet contains company and year selector switch
	allowing the user to switch between companies and
	Regulatory Years.
	It also includes the "RunForOne" and "RunForAll" macro
	buttons, enabling the user to perform the model's
	recalculation function for either just the selected licensee or
	all licensees.

The Input tab is the starting point for all calculations in the PCFM and contains all the inputs necessary to calculate all
the components of ARt.
The Input tab pulls input values from the NGGT TO tab and the SystemOperator tab pulls input values from the NGGT SO tab.
The calculation sheets are purple sheets and will be auto-
populated by the model when the inputs are updated for
each AIP. The calculations within the majority of these
sheets follow the algebra set out in the special licence
conditions for the TO and SO.
The "LiveResults" sheet shows a live summary of the
changes to the components of AR_t , following any input
updates. The values in this sheet update automatically
following any changes to inputs to the year or company
selector switch. This sheet shows results for the selected
company.
The "SavedResults" sheet hard-codes the values in the
"LiveResults" sheet for comparison and record-keeping
purposes, after the RunForOne or RunForAll macro has been
run in the "UserInterface" sheet. This sheet shows the
summary of results for all companies.
The "Monthly Inflation" sheet shows the values for monthly
outturn and forecast price indices relating to the Retail Price
Index (RPI), Consumer Price Inflation including owner-
Index (in I), consumer thee innotion meruding owner
occupiers' housing costs (CPIH) and Price index (PI), as

	The "Annual Inflation" sheet shows the derivation of annual	
	The Annual Innation sheet shows the derivation of annual	
	indices and inflation rates by aggregating the data in the	
	"Monthly Inflation" sheet.	
	The inflation rates in the "Annual Inflation" sheet are used	
	to derive "real to nominal" conversion factors used	
	throughout the PCFM in relation to 2018/19 price base.	
NGGT TO	The blue and grey shaded inputs, also known as the PCFM	
NGGT SO	Variable Values, in each company-specific input sheet are	
	the inputs, which should be updated as part of an AIP.	
	These are the values that this guidance document pertains	
	to, unless otherwise specified.	

Supporting models

2.6. As well as the PCFM itself, licensees must submit a number of other templates and files, the values from which will feed into the PCFM Variable Values table. These include but are not limited to:

- GT2 Regulatory Reporting Pack (RRP)¹
- Legacy GT1 PCFM and any supporting files (if applicable)
- GT1 Revenue RRP (for LAR values) (if applicable)

Reporting timescales

2.7. The licensee must submit the PCFM, the required supporting models and commentary to the Authority by 30 September prior to each Regulatory Year t^2

¹ From the regulatory period starting 2022/23.

² This term is defined in Part B of Special Condition 1.1 (Interpretations and Definitions).

2.8. Ofgem will maintain up-to-date copies of and make any required modifications to the PCFM and its supporting models, the PCFH and the PCFM Guidance on an annual basis in accordance with the relevant governance processes set out in Special Conditions 8.1 and 8.2.

To allow licensees sufficient time to populate a PCFM for submission, modifications will be reflected in the version of the PCFM to be used for an upcoming AIP by 1 July prior to each Regulatory Year³.

2.9. There will be one or more dry runs of the PCFM between the licensee's initial submission of the PCFM and the final run in early January prior to the Regulatory Year t. The number of dry runs needed will depend on the number and timing of variable value updates required for the licensee in any particular Regulatory Year.

2.10. The AIP will be completed by 31 January prior to each Regulatory Year t, or as soon as is reasonably practicable thereafter. The deadline of 31 January reflects the need for the licensee to have confirmation of its ARt⁴ in time to calculate and set its use of system charges.

2.11. The steps of the AIP are specified in Special Condition 8.2, Part A and the process is further described in the GT2 PCFH.

Submissions

2.12. By 30 September prior to each Regulatory Year t and at each dry run the licensee must submit to the Authority the GT2 PCFM with a completed variable values table (covering activity in the prior Regulatory Year and changes to forecast activity¹²), which has been run to calculate AR_t along with an updated copy of the GT2 RRP.

2.13. As well as this, the licensee must submit the relevant supporting models used to derive the variable values and any relevant commentary. For the submission due on 30 September

³ See the PCFM functional cut-off dates set out in Table 2.1 of the GT2 PCFH.

⁴ This term is defined in Part B of Special Condition 1.1 (Interpretations and Definitions).

 $^{^{12}}$ Variable Values for Regulatory Years later than Regulatory Year t do not feed into the calculation of the term ARt. Therefore, calculated values in the PCFM for Regulatory Years later than Regulatory Year t represent only a forecast. This is without prejudice to the status of the Variable Values concerned, which may have been decided and/or directed under licence conditions and which may or may not be subject to subsequent revision.

and thereafter at each dry run, the variable values in the "4.1 TO PCFM Input Summary" and "4.2 SO PCFM Input Summary" sheets of the GT2 RRP should match the company-specific input sheets of the GT2 PCFM, where applicable.

2.14. All of the documents submitted as part of a dry run of the AIP must be sent to the Authority either through email or a secure file-sharing application such as Huddle.

Forecasting

2.15. The AIP allows for PCFM Variable Values to be updated during the course of the price control for outturn actual data as well as forecast data.

2.16. Where a PCFM Variable Value is not known at the time of submission, we expect the licensee to forecast a value using its best estimate under Special Condition 8.2.

2.17. It is acknowledged that forecasts will not be as accurate as actual reported data and that all forecasts will be made with a view to truing-up at a subsequent dry run or AIP, however we expect that the inclusion of forecasts will reduce the magnitude of any subsequent true-ups and reduce revenue volatility.

Price base

2.18. As described in chapter 2 of the GT2 PCFH, when ascertaining calculated revenue, the GT2 PCFM works in a constant 2018/19 price base except in respect of some calculations internal to the model that use nominal prices, e.g. tax and legacy calculations.

2.19. The price base for each PCFM Variable Value is set out in the PCFM input sheets, for the avoidance of doubt.

Annual inflation updates

2.20. Ofgem will update and circulate the inflation data contained in the "Universal Data" tab of the GT2 RRP by the end of April in each Regulatory Year, reflecting actual RPI and CPIH data until the end of March as well as data from the March OBR forecast. This inflation data must be used by the licensee in its RRP submission due on 31 July. 2.21. Ofgem will perform a further inflation update in July in each Regulatory Year, reflecting actual RPI and CPIH data until the end of June. This will be published in the version of the PCFM to be used for the next AIP. This inflation data must be used by the licensee in the RRP and the PCFM that it submits as part of its first AIP dry run by 30 September.

2.22. Ofgem will normally perform a final inflation update in November following the publication of the OBR's autumn forecast, in line with the methodology prescribed in the PCFH.

Related documents

- GT2 Price Control Financial Handbook
- GT2 Price Control Financial Model
- GT2 Regulatory Instructions and Guidance (RIGs)
- GT2 Regulatory Reporting Pack
- GT2 Regulatory Financial Performance Reporting
- Other relevant Associated Documents as listed in Table 3.1 of the PCFH

3. Instructions for completing the PCFM Variable Values

3.1. The PCFM Variable Values that can be revised during an AIP are set out in Table 3.1 and Table 3.2 in Chapter 3 of the PCFH.

3.2. For each variable value, table 3.1 provides a description, cross-references to the relevant Special Condition(s) (where appropriate) and details of Associated Documents (where relevant).

3.3. The below table contains instructions for licensees on how to populate the PCFM Variable Values table for submission to the Authority at each dry run of an AIP.

3.4. Unless otherwise specified, all references relate to the Revenue input sheets of the RIIO-GT2 RRP.

Variable Value category	Guidance for Completion
	In general, the value of the Price Control
<u> Variant Totex Allowances – Price</u>	Deliverable is an ex-ante allowance, subtracting
Control Deliverables (PCDs)	any reductions that have been directed by the
	Authority.
TO:	
Baseline Allowed NARM	The ex-ante allowances are given in the appendix
Expenditure	for the relevant Special Condition, and the
Physical security Price Control	reductions are provided by directions from the
Deliverable	Authority.
Bacton terminal site	
redevelopment Price Control	For these Variable Values, the actual adjustments
Deliverable	directed by Ofgem should be input into the yellow
King's Lynn subsidence Price	adjustment cells in the "TO PCDs" and "SO PCDs"
Control Deliverable	sheets of the GT2 RRP. This data will then be
Asset health - non lead assets	picked up in the allowance values on the TO and
Price Control Deliverable	SO PCFM Input Summary sheets, which should be
Compressor emissions Price	used to populate the licensee input sheets in the
Control Deliverable	PCFM.

•	Redundant Assets Price Control	
	Deliverable	Forecasting
•	Funded incremental obligated	Where Ofgem has yet to issue any directions, but
	capacity Price Control	a licensee expects not to deliver an output
	Deliverable	identified in the relevant Special Condition
•	Cyber Resilience OT Baseline	appendices, it should use best endeavours to
•	Cyber Resilience IT Baseline	forecast the expected adjustment into the yellow
•	Net Zero And Re-opener	adjustment cells in the "TO PCDs" and "SO PCDs"
	Development Fund use it or lose	sheets of the GT2 RRP.
	it allowance	
SO:		Details of the assumptions made should be
•	Funded incremental obligated	provided in the supplementary commentary.
	capacity Price Control	
	Deliverable	
•	Cyber resilience OT Baseline	
•	Cyber Resilience IT Baseline	
<u>Varia</u>	nt Totex Allowances – Re-	A re-opener is a type of uncertainty mechanism,
open	<u>ers</u>	which allows the Authority to adjust a licensee's
<u>open</u>	<u>ers</u>	which allows the Authority to adjust a licensee's allowances (either up or down) based on an
opene TO:	<u>ers</u>	
	ers NARM Asset Health Re-opener	allowances (either up or down) based on an
		allowances (either up or down) based on an application by the licensee, in response to
	NARM Asset Health Re-opener	allowances (either up or down) based on an application by the licensee, in response to changing circumstances during the price control
	NARM Asset Health Re-opener Non-operational IT Capex Re-	allowances (either up or down) based on an application by the licensee, in response to changing circumstances during the price control
TO: •	NARM Asset Health Re-opener Non-operational IT Capex Re- opener	allowances (either up or down) based on an application by the licensee, in response to changing circumstances during the price control period.
TO: •	NARM Asset Health Re-opener Non-operational IT Capex Re- opener Coordinated adjustment	allowances (either up or down) based on an application by the licensee, in response to changing circumstances during the price control period. The ex-ante allowances are given in the appendix
то: • •	NARM Asset Health Re-opener Non-operational IT Capex Re- opener Coordinated adjustment mechanism Re-opener	allowances (either up or down) based on an application by the licensee, in response to changing circumstances during the price control period. The ex-ante allowances are given in the appendix for the relevant Special Condition, and the
то: • •	NARM Asset Health Re-opener Non-operational IT Capex Re- opener Coordinated adjustment mechanism Re-opener Net zero Re-opener	allowances (either up or down) based on an application by the licensee, in response to changing circumstances during the price control period. The ex-ante allowances are given in the appendix for the relevant Special Condition, and the adjustments are provided by directions from the
то: • •	NARM Asset Health Re-opener Non-operational IT Capex Re- opener Coordinated adjustment mechanism Re-opener Net zero Re-opener Asset health Re-opener	allowances (either up or down) based on an application by the licensee, in response to changing circumstances during the price control period. The ex-ante allowances are given in the appendix for the relevant Special Condition, and the adjustments are provided by directions from the
то: • •	NARM Asset Health Re-opener Non-operational IT Capex Re- opener Coordinated adjustment mechanism Re-opener Net zero Re-opener Asset health Re-opener Asset health – non lead assets	allowances (either up or down) based on an application by the licensee, in response to changing circumstances during the price control period. The ex-ante allowances are given in the appendix for the relevant Special Condition, and the adjustments are provided by directions from the Authority.
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то: • •	NARM Asset Health Re-opener Non-operational IT Capex Re- opener Coordinated adjustment mechanism Re-opener Net zero Re-opener Asset health Re-opener Asset health – non lead assets Re-opener Uncertain Costs Re-opener	allowances (either up or down) based on an application by the licensee, in response to changing circumstances during the price control period. The ex-ante allowances are given in the appendix for the relevant Special Condition, and the adjustments are provided by directions from the Authority. Within the application window For these Variable Values, where actual amounts
то: • •	NARM Asset Health Re-opener Non-operational IT Capex Re- opener Coordinated adjustment mechanism Re-opener Net zero Re-opener Asset health Re-opener Asset health – non lead assets Re-opener Uncertain Costs Re-opener Net Zero Pre-construction Work	allowances (either up or down) based on an application by the licensee, in response to changing circumstances during the price control period. The ex-ante allowances are given in the appendix for the relevant Special Condition, and the adjustments are provided by directions from the Authority. Within the application window For these Variable Values, where actual amounts are known at the time of the dry run, ie, where a
то: • •	NARM Asset Health Re-opener Non-operational IT Capex Re- opener Coordinated adjustment mechanism Re-opener Net zero Re-opener Asset health Re-opener Asset health Re-opener Uncertain Costs Re-opener Net Zero Pre-construction Work and Small Net Zero Projects Re-	allowances (either up or down) based on an application by the licensee, in response to changing circumstances during the price control period. The ex-ante allowances are given in the appendix for the relevant Special Condition, and the adjustments are provided by directions from the Authority. Within the application window For these Variable Values, where actual amounts are known at the time of the dry run, ie, where a decision has already been made on a reopener
то: • •	NARM Asset Health Re-opener Non-operational IT Capex Re- opener Coordinated adjustment mechanism Re-opener Net zero Re-opener Asset health Re-opener Asset health - non lead assets Re-opener Uncertain Costs Re-opener Net Zero Pre-construction Work and Small Net Zero Projects Re- opener	allowances (either up or down) based on an application by the licensee, in response to changing circumstances during the price control period. The ex-ante allowances are given in the appendix for the relevant Special Condition, and the adjustments are provided by directions from the Authority. Within the application window For these Variable Values, where actual amounts are known at the time of the dry run, ie, where a decision has already been made on a reopener application, the licensee must use the adjustment

- Compressor emissions ReOpener
- Cyber Resilience OT nonbaseline
- Cyber Resilience IT non-baseline
- King's Lynn subsidence Re-Opener
- Funded incremental obligated capacity Re-Opener

SO:

- Cyber Resilience OT nonbaseline
- Cyber Resilience IT non-baseline
- Net Zero Re-opener
- Funded incremental obligated capacity Re-opener
- Non-operational IT Capex Reopener

Re-openers" sheets of the GT2 RRP. This data will then be picked up in the allowance values on the TO and SO PCFM Input Summary sheets, which should be used to populate the licensee input sheets in the PCFM.

Where an application has been submitted but no decision has been made, the licensee must use the adjustment values as published in any minded-to position by the Authority. Where no minded-to position has been published, the licensee may use the same values included in its application or the actual costs incurred in the Regulatory Year, whichever is lower.

This is with a view to updating these values at a later dry run (or AIP) to correspond to a subsequent Ofgem decision.

Outside of the application window

The licensee may choose to update its re-opener allowance Variable Values using forecast data ahead of any relevant re-opener window, at any dry run. This should be done by updating the yellow allowance cells in the "4.5 TO Re-openers" and "4.6 SO Re-openers" sheets of the GT2 RRP and in the "8.10 Pipeline Log" sheet, which should be updated on a consistent basis.

The values to use are the actual costs incurred or forecast costs expected to be incurred in each Regulatory Year and applied for through the relevant re-opener and the adjusted allowance should be based on the forecast expenditure information that the licensee has provided in the "8.10 Pipeline Log", which will be included in the GT2 RRP. Where this is the case, the licensee

	should select "Yes" in the drop-down cells at column H of sheet 8.10. Where the values submitted in the pipeline log are out of date and require updating, the licensee should update the pipeline log as part of any subsequent dry run submission for the purpose of AIP. If there are variances between the "8.10 Pipeline Log" and other RRP tables containing details of re-openers this should be explained in the dry run commentary. Any supporting justification should be provided in addition to the log as per the re-opener guidance specified in the RIGs.
Dex Escalator TO: • Opex Escalator	The opex escalator provides an additional allowance for any capital expenditure incurred on the eligible re-openers listed in SpC 3.18 (Opex escalator). For these Variable Values for TO, actual and forecast data for the eligible re-openers within UMTERMt is fed into the "Opex Escalator" sheet from the "TO Re-opener" sheet of the GT2 RRP.
	This data is then picked up in the allowance values on the TO PCFM Input Summary sheet, which should be used to populate the licensee input sheets in the PCFM.
Actual Totex TO: <i>Capitalisation rate 1:</i> • Actual load related capex expenditure	Totex is reported in one of two buckets, capitalisation rate 1 and capitalisation rate 2.

•	Actual asset replacement capex	Any expenditure relating to ex-ante, or baseline
	expenditure	funded activities including PCDs is subject to
•	Actual other capex expenditure	capitalisation rate 1.
•	Actual non-load (opex)	
•	Actual indirects (opex)	Any expenditure relating to activities that have
•	Actual non-operational capex	been funded under Uncertainty Mechanisms (as
		labelled in the PCFM) is subject to capitalisation
Capita	alisation rate 2:	rate 2.
•	Actual load related capex	
	expenditure	For totex values, actual and forecast data for the
•	Actual asset replacement capex	reporting period in question will be automatically
	expenditure	linked to the "4.1 TO PCFM Input summary"
•	Actual other capex expenditure	sheet and the "4.2 SO PCFM Input summary"
•	Actual non-load (opex)	sheet from the "2.1 Revenue_Interface" sheet of
•	Actual indirects (opex)	the GT2 RRP. The values picked up in the "4.1 TO
•	Actual non-operational capex	PCFM Input summary" sheet and the "4.2 SO
		PCFM Input summary" sheet should be used to
SO:		populate the licensee input sheets in the PCFM.
•	Actual non-operational capex	
•	Actual controllable opex	
Pass-	through costs – other	Pass-through costs are specified costs that are
		predominantly outside of a licensee's control and
TO:		may be passed through to consumers. These
•	Licence fees	costs are defined in SpC 6.1 (Transportation
•	Prescribed Rates	owner pass-through items) and SpC 6.3 (System
•	Pension Scheme Established	operator pass-through items).
	Deficit repair	
•	Secretary of State in respect of	For pass-through Variable Values, actual data for
	Policing Costs	the reporting period in question should be input
•	PARCA Termination Value	directly into the yellow input cells of the "5.1
•	Gas conveyed to Independent	TO_Indirects" and "5.2 SO_Indirects" sheets. This
	Systems	data is then picked up in the "4.7 - TO PT" and
•	Hy-Net	"4.8 - SO PT" which are linked to the TO and SO
•	Net Zero Pre-construction Work	PCFM Input Summary sheets, which should be
	and Small Net Zero Projects Re-	used to populate the licensee input sheets in the
	opener	PCFM.
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SO:		Where required, further detailed guidance for
•	CDSP Costs	updating these variable values is provided in the
•	Pension Scheme Established Deficit	GT RIGs.
•	PLACEHOLDER FSO pass- through term	For EDE and SOEDE, data should be input directly into the "4.7 - TO PT" and "4.8 - SO PT" sheets and should be based on the values directed by Ofgem following the most recent pensions reasonableness review.
		For Licence fees: where a rebate is given by Ofgem in relation to Licence fee costs for the previous regulatory year, that rebate should be netted off against the Licence Fee costs, when reported in the PCFM.
		E.g. if Ofgem provides a rebate to networks in the 21/22 year, relating to the 20/21 year, the licensee may either restate its Licence fee variable value for the regulatory year 20/21 or it may net off the rebate from the licence fee variable value for the 2021/22 regulatory year.
		For Net Zero Pre-construction Work and Small Net Zero Projects, National Gas Transmission's (NGT) allowance portion may be re-phrased in line with the re-forecast spend profile, up to the
		value of the allowance directed.
		Forecasting
		Forecasts for future regulatory periods should be
		input directly into the yellow input cells of the of
		the "5.1 TO_Indirects" and "5.2 SO_Indirects"
		sheets. This data is then picked up in the "TO \ensuremath{PT}
		and "SO PT" which are linked to the TO and SO

		DCEM Input Cummon chaota which should be
		PCFM Input Summary sheets, which should be
		used to populate the licensee input sheets in the
		PCFM.
Incent	<u>tive revenue (Output Delivery</u>	Incentive revenue or output delivery incentives
Incent	tives)	(ODI) are used to reward or penalise licensees
		for their performance.
TO:		
•	Customer satisfaction survey	For ODI values for TO, actual data for the
	ODI	reporting period in question should be input
•	Environmental scorecard ODI	directly into the yellow input cells of the relevant
		GT2 RRP sheet. This data is then picked up in the
		"4.10 TO ODI" which is linked "TO PCFM Input
		Summary" sheet, which should be used to
		populate the licensee input sheets in the PCFM.
		Further detailed guidance for updating the
		underlying inputs to the calculations in the ODI
		sheet will be provided in the GT2 RIGs.
		Forecasting
		Forecasts for future regulatory periods should be
		input directly into the yellow input cells of the
		relevant GT2 RRP sheet. This data is then picked
		up in the "4.10 TO ODI" which is linked "TO PCFM
		Input Summary" sheet, which should be used to
		populate the licensee input sheets in the PCFM.
Other	Revenue allowances	For ORA values, actual data for the reporting
		period in question should be input directly into
TO:		the yellow input cells of the "TO ORA" and
•	RIIO-2 Network Innovation	"SOORA" sheets and into the yellow input cells of
	Allowance	the relevant GT2 RRP sheets. This data is then
•	Carry-over Network Innovation	picked up in the SO and TO PCFM Input Summary
	Allowance	sheets, which should be used to populate the
•	Strategic Innovation Fund	licensee input sheets in the PCFM.
	-	With respect to Total NIA Expenditure, the
S0:		licensee must input expenditure excluding any
		,

Constraint management	expenditure which is deemed to be
incentive revenue	'Unrecoverable NIA Expenditure' as per the
Revenue from accelerated	requirements of the RIIO-2 NIA Governance
release of incr. obl. entry	Document.
capacity	
Exit capacity buyback cost which	With respect to Strategic Innovation Fund, the
users are liable to reimburse	licensee must input the sum value of SIF Funding
Revenue for net residual	that is collected on behalf of all gas networks as
balancing costs	per the SIF Governance Document.
Total costs for procurement of	
operating margin services	Further detailed guidance for updating the
System costs	underlying inputs to the calculations in the "TO
Residual balancing incentive	ORA" and "SOORA" sheets is provided in the GT2
Quality of demand forecasting	RIGs.
incentive	
Greenhouse gas emissions	Forecasting
incentive	Forecasts for future regulatory periods should be
Maintenance incentive	input directly into the yellow input cells of the
	"TO ORA" and "SOORA" sheets and into the
	yellow input cells of the relevant GT2 RRP sheets.
	This data is then picked up in the SO and TO
	PCFM Input Summary sheets, which should be
	used to populate the licensee input sheets in the
	PCFM.
Legacy MOD	Legacy values will be directed by Ofgem following
Closeout adjustment	the formal close-out of the RIIO-GT1 price
	control.
	Legacy MOD
	In the interim period between the beginning of
	GT2 and the direction of these values and the
	establishment of a close-out methodology, the
	licensee must calculate its provisional Legacy
	MOD values for 2021/22 and 2022/23 in
	accordance with the processes set out in the
	"Legacy MOD (LMODt and SOLMODt)" section of
	chapter 8 of the PCFH. These values have now

	been set and will not be revised further beyond
	the 2022 AIP. Any subsequent revisions will feed
	through the closeout adjustment.
	Closeout adjustment
	For the 2023 AIP and beyond, the value of $LMOD_t$
	and SOLMODt will be calculated within the PCFM
	based on the value of COA_t and $SOCOA_t$ (the
	closeout adjustments).
	In the interim period between the beginning of
	GT2 and the direction of the closeout adjustment
	value, the licensee must calculate its provisional
	closeout adjustment value in accordance with the
	processes set out in the "LMOD and SOLMOD
	values to finalise the closeout of RIIO-GT1"
	section of chapter 8 of the PCFH.
	If the Licensee chooses to make any such
	provisional revisions to the Legacy GT1 PCFM, it
	must also submit a description of the specific
	modifications made to the Legacy GT1 PCFM
	along with a copy of the Closeout methodology
	reporting file and a justification for the revisions
	in its PCFM Dry Run Commentary (see section 5
	of this Guidance).
RIIO-1 net RAV additions (after	Legacy RIIO-1 net RAV additions values will be
disposals)	directed by Ofgem following the formal close-out
	of the RIIO-GT1 price control.
	In the interim period between the beginning of
	GT2 and the direction of these values and the
	establishment of a close-out methodology, the
	licensee must calculate its provisional RIIO-1 net
	RAV additions (LRAV and SOLRAV) values in
	accordance with the closeout methodologies and
	processes set out in chapter 8 of the PCFH.

	If the Licensee chooses to make any such provisional revisions to the Legacy GT1 PCFM, it must submit a description of the specific modifications made to the Legacy GT1 PCFM along with a copy of the Closeout methodology reporting file and a justification for the revisions in its PCFM Dry Run Commentary (see section 5 of this Guidance).
Other Legacy adjustments	Legacy adjustments to revenue are calculated on
то:	a lagged basis by the licensee in accordance with
Legacy pass-through	the relevant special conditions and the process
Legacy K correction	set out in the "Legacy Adjustment to Revenue
Legacy TRU	section" of chapter 8 of the PCFH.
Close out of the RIIO-GT1	
network outputs	In some cases, these legacy variable values will
RIIO-GT1 network innovation	be directed by Ofgem following the formal close-
competition	out of the RIIO-GT1 price control.
Close out of the RIIO-GT1	
stakeholder satisfaction output	
Revenue for TRU term	
RIIO-1 RPI forecast term	
SO:	
System Operator legacy K	
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System Operator legacy TRU	
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usually takes place in November.		usually takes place in November.
These values are sourced from the updated		These values are sourced from the undated
WACC allowance model. The methodology for the		·
4 of the PCFH.		derivation of iBTA and RFR is described in chapter 4 of the PCFH.
Sterling Overnight Index Average (It) This finance input is calculated by the Authority	Sterling Overnight Index Average (I_t)	This finance input is calculated by the Authority
using the WACC allowance model and is used in		using the WACC allowance model and is used in
calculation of the correction term (Kt).		calculation of the correction term (K_t).

	The input value in row 125 and row 76 for TO
	and SO respectively, is calculated and populated
	by Ofgem during the AIP dry runs. This update
	usually takes place in November.
	This value is sourced from the updated WACC
	allowance model.
Real Price Effects (RPEs) annual growth	This value (%) is calculated by the Authority and
rate	is sourced directly from the updated RPE model in
	accordance with the methodology and process set
	out in chapter 5 of PCFH.
	A redacted version of this workbook will be
	shared with the licensee and published by Ofgem
	following each AIP, alongside the PCFM and
	WACC Allowance Model.
Adjusted net debt	For this variable value, actual data for the
	reporting period in question should be input
	directly into the company specific input sheets of
	the PCFM. Licensees may also update forecast
	data for this variable value.
	The figures used to update this variable value
	should be those reported as " <u>Regulatory Net Debt</u>
	including forecast new debt/refinancing," in the
	licensee's submitted RFPR.
	See the RIIO-2 RFPR Guidance for further detail
	on what this value comprises.
Tax deductible net interest cost	For this variable value, actual data for the
	reporting period in question should be input
	directly into the company specific input sheets of
	the PCFM. Licensees may also update forecast
	data for this variable value.
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	The figures used to update this variable value
	should be those reported as " <u>Regulatory Net</u>
	Interest including forecast new
	financing/refinancing costs," in the licensee's
	submitted RFPR.
	See the RIIO-2 RFPR Guidance for further detail
	on what this value comprises.
Tax liability allowance adjustments –	These variable values will not be applicable
driven by tax trigger events	unless the licensee has followed the notification
General Pool Opening Balance	process set out in chapter 6 of the PCFH.
Adjustment	
Special Pool Opening Balance	These values will be calculated according to the
Adjustment	methodology that has been agreed to by Ofgem.
	Ofgem will provide confirmation of the final
	figures to be used for these variable values.
Tax liability allowance adjustments	This value will not be applicable unless the
	Authority has directed a value following a tax
	review under Special Condition 2.2.
Capital allowance opening pools	These legacy values will be directed by Ofgem
brought forward	following the formal close-out of the RIIO-GT1
	price control.
	In the interim period between the beginning of
	GT2 and the direction of these values, the
	licensee must use the provisional closing
	balances taken from the legacy GT1 PCFM to
	populate the Capital allowance opening pools
	brought forward balances in its RIIO-2 PCFM.
	The closing balances should come from the same
	version of the legacy GT1 PCFM that the LRAV,
	SOLRAV, LMOD, SOLMOD, COA and SOCOA
	values are taken from.

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Tax loss brought forward ⁵	As above for "Capital allowance opening pools
	brought forward".
Tax pool allocation rates	For these values, the rates used to allocate totex
	into the different tax pools can be updated using
	the calculations in the "TO Tax Pools Totex
	allocations" and "SO Tax Pools Totex allocations"
	sheets of the GT2 RRP.
	Allocation percentages of totex categories to tax
	pools should be input by the licensee in the
	yellow input rows based on their best estimate of
	the allocation rates at the time of updating the
	inputs. These rates will then be used to derive
	capital allowance allocation rates used by the
	PCFM.
	Allocation rates should not be retrospectively
	updated for a year where the ADJR* value has
	already been published and charges have already
	been set.
Recovered Revenue billed basis	This variable value should be provided by
	licensees. This value should be Recovered
	Revenue as defined below, but inclusive of Bad
	Debt.
	Bad debt costs relate to any amounts that are
TO:	incurred (or forecast) by the licensee due to
Bad Debt	network charges owed to it by one or more
SO:	defaulting gas shippers.
SO Bad Debt	Values should be input into the yellow input cells
	of the bad debt section of the "5.1 TO Indirects"
	and "5.2 SO_Indirects" sheets. For Regulatory

 $^{\rm 5}$ This variable value relates to a licensee's regulatory opening tax losses and not statutory tax losses per corporation tax returns.

Year 2020/21 these values should be input
directly on "4.16 – TO Recovered Revenue" and
"4.17 – SO Recovered Revenue" sheets. This data
is then picked up in the TO and SO PCFM Input
Summary sheets, which should be used to
populate the PCFM.
The provisional Bad Debt cost should include the
Bad Debt costs that the licensee expects to incur
including any RIIO-GT1 Bad Debt and COVID-19
Bad Debt, with respect to network charges owed
to the licensee by one or more Defaulting Gas
Shippers. This row contains forecasts only and
should not include any actual costs, which should
be input in the row below labelled actual Bad
Debt cost incurred.
For the interest income accrued adjustment
value, the licensee should input the adjustment
for any interest income relating to late or non-
payment of network charges. The adjustment is
the difference between interest accrued at the
default rates set out in the Uniform Network Code
net of WACC with respect to the COVID-19
Scheme. Where this is an income amount, this
should be entered as a negative.
The recovered Bad Debt value should be input as
a positive value and should include the aggregate
value of any Bad Debt recovered (including RIIO-
GT1 Bad Debt and COVID-19 Bad Debt), where
the costs have previously been recovered via the
BDA term. ⁶
DDA term

⁶ For the System Operator, all references to Bad Debt, COVID-19 Bad Debt and RIIO-GT1 Bad Debt should be read as SO Bad Debt, SO COVID-19 Bad Debt and RIIO-GT1 SO Bad Debt respectively.

	All values should be exclusive of VAT.
Recovered Revenue	This variable value is defined in SpC 2.1, Part B
	of GT Licence and is automatically fed from "4.16
	– TO Recovered Rev" and "4.17 – SO Recovered
	Rev".
Penal rate proportion	This value will be calculated and input by Ofgem.
CPIH Outturn	This value is shown in the "Monthly inflation"
	sheet of the PCFM and will be updated by the
	Authority in line with the methodology for the
	Price Index calculation set out in chapter 2 of the
	PCFH.
	Ofgem will update the CPIH outturn index prior to
	the first dry run of each AIP using data that is
	available as at 31 July.
RPI Outturn	This value is shown in the "Monthly inflation"
	sheet of the PCFM and will be updated by the
	Authority in line with the methodology for the
	Price Index calculation set out in chapter 2 of the
	PCFH.
	Ofgem will update the RPI outturn index prior to
	the first dry run of each AIP using data that is
	available as at 31 July.
RPI inflation forecast (Calendar year)	This value is shown in the "Annual inflation" sheet
	of the PCFM and will be updated by the Authority
	in line with the methodology for the Price Index
	calculation set out in chapter 2 of the PCFH.
	Ofgem will update the RPI inflation forecast in
	November of each AIP using Office for Budget
	Responsibility (OBR) data that is available as at
	31 October.
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Long term CPIH inflation forecast	This value is shown in the "Annual inflation" sheet
	of the PCFM and will be updated by the Authority
	in line with the methodology set out in chapter 4
	of PCFH.
	Ofgem will update this inflation forecast in
	November of each AIP using OBR data that is
	available as at 31 October.
CPI inflation forecast (Calendar year)	This value is shown in the "Annual inflation" sheet
	of the PCFM and will be updated by the Authority
	in line with the methodology for the Price Index
	calculation set out in chapter 2 of the PCFH.
	Ofgem will update the RPI inflation forecast
	during the final dry run of each AIP using OBR
	data that is available as at 31 October.
Totex variant allowances allocation	Where a licensee has provided a forecast for a
percentages	variant allowance variable value, which does not
	have a corresponding hard-coded ("yellow-box")
	allocation rate, it may update these variable
	values with its own forecast allocation rates.
	This will enable any forecast values for the
	affected variant allowances to feed through to
	Allowed Revenue.
	Where Ofgem directs these allocation rates, the
	directed values must be used.
Disposals net sales proceeds	

4. PCFM Dry Run Commentary

Background

4.1. The licensee's PCFM submission should be accompanied by supporting commentary as well as any applicable supporting models and underlying workings.

4.2. The main purpose of the PCFM dry run commentary is to provide a useful summary of the updates that have been made to the PCFM variable values and the impact that these have had on the licensee's ARt for the Regulatory Year t, in narrative form.

Structure of the commentary

4.3. The outline structure of the commentary is as follows:

- Executive summary
- Updates to the PCFM Variable Values
- Impact on Allowed Revenue
- Statement on forecast data
- Data assurance statement
- Other relevant information

4.4. The sections outlined above should contain sufficient detail such that the Authority is able to re-perform the updates made and arrive at the same value for ADJR and ARt.

4.5. The licensee should provide detail on the following areas at a minimum:

- a summary of the updates the licensee has made to the PCFM Variable Values in the input sheet(s) since the last published version of the PCFM that was made available by Ofgem;
- the source of the data used to update the PCFM Variable Values (ie, Ofgem directions, GT2 RRP, Legacy PCFM or forecast data;
- a description of the impact of the changes on ADJR and ARt and the key driver(s) of this impact;
- for any forecast data, the licensee should include a statement confirming that it has used its best estimate to ensure forecasts are reasonable in light of the information available at the time and that any significant changes to forecast values have suitable supporting statements;

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- A data assurance statement briefly setting out the assurance processes that the information in the commentary, the PCFM inputs sheet and any underlying input files (eg, GT2 RRP) are subject to; and,
- any other information the licensee considers is appropriate to explain the PCFM submission.

Submission

4.6. A dry run commentary is required from all licensees. Where a licensee is part of a company that has more than one licence within a sector it may submit a single commentary to cover all licensees.

4.7. The dry run commentary should reconcile with and refer to the PCFM dry run submitted. Any narrative or tables in the commentary should be clearly disaggregated by licensee (by TO and GSO). A full dry run commentary is required for the first dry run submission and for any subsequent dry runs, a narrative will only be required for any variable values, which have been amended from the prior dry run.

4.8. Where appropriate, the licensee may cross-reference to other information that supports its submission. Any cross-referencing should clearly direct the Authority to the source data used e.g. through hyperlinks.