

To:

National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc
Scottish Power Transmission Plc
Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission Plc

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

**Modification of the special conditions of the electricity transmission licence held
by the above licensees**

1. Each of the licensees to whom this document is addressed is the holder of an Electricity Transmission licence ('the Licence') granted or treated as granted under section 6(1)(b) 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 10 December 2024 ('the Notice') that we propose to modify the Licence by:
 - inserting new Special Conditions:
 - i. Special Condition 9.20 ('SpC 9.20') Tender Support Activities in Onshore Electricity Transmission;
 - ii. Special Condition 9.21 ('SpC 9.21') Conflict Mitigation Arrangements for Onshore Electricity Transmission Tender Exercise;
 - modifying existing Special Conditions:
 - i. Special Condition 1.1 ('SpC 1.1') Interpretation and definitions;
 - ii. Special Condition 9.14 ('SpC 9.14') Restriction on the use of certain information for Scottish Power Transmission Plc and Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission Plc only.
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 4 responses to the Notice, which we carefully considered. We have placed all non-confidential responses on our website. Our response to these comments is published within the decision document published alongside this notice.
5. It is necessary to make a number of minor alterations to the modifications set out in the Notice. These alterations are shown in tracked change of the Special Conditions in the modification text that can be found on our website at www.ofgem.gov.uk. The reasons for any differences between the modifications set out in the Notice and the modifications reflected in Schedule 1 are to address minor issues and corrections raised in consultation responses.
6. The reason and effects for making this modification, together with the full text of the proposed modifications can be found at:
<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/consultation/modifications-special-licence-conditions-electricity-transmission-licences-early-competition-onshore-electricity-transmission>, alternatively they are available from foi@ofgem.gov.uk.

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

7. In addition, further details and background on these licence changes are set out in the following document:

- <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/decision/decision-early-competition-onshore-electricity-transmission-networks-policy-update>

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 5.6 of the Energy Licence Modification Appeals: Competition and Markets Authority Rules² 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'.

Under the powers set out in section 11A(1)(a) of the Act, we hereby modify the Special Conditions of the Electricity Transmission licence in the manner specified in attached Schedule 1. This decision will take effect from 19 June 2025.

This reasons and effect document is our notice of reasons and the purposes of section 49A(2) of the Act can be found at <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/consultation/modifications-special-licence-conditions-electricity-transmission-licences-early-competition-onshore-electricity-transmission>.



Beatrice Filkin

**Duly authorised on behalf of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority
24 April 2025**

² CMA70 https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/655601/energy-licence-modification-appeals-rules.pdf