
To: National Energy System Operator

Direction under Part G of Condition C7 (Energy resilience and resilience reporting) of the Electricity System Operator Licence and Part G of C6 (Energy resilience and resilience reporting) of the Gas System Planner Licence to provide an Energy Resilience Assessment Report by 27 July 2025.

The company to which this direction is addressed is the holder of an Electricity System Operator Licence ("ESO Licence") treated as granted under Section 6(1)(da) of the Electricity Act 1989 and a Gas System Planner Licence ("GSP Licence") granted under Section 7AA of the Gas Act 1986.

On 27 June 2025 the Authority received an application from National Energy System Operator Ltd ("NESO") for a time limited derogation relieving it of its obligations under Conditions C7.8 of the ESO Licence (Energy resilience and resilience reporting) and C6.8 of the GSP Licence (Energy resilience and resilience reporting) to provide an Energy Resilience Assessment Report to the Authority and to the Secretary of State by 30 June 2025. NESO's application requested that an Energy Resilience Assessment Report be provided to the Authority and to the Secretary of State by 27 July 2025.

The Gas and Electricity Markets Authority ("the Authority")¹ issues this direction, under Conditions C7.18 of the ESO Licence (Energy resilience and resilience reporting) and C6.18 of the GSP Licence (Energy resilience and resilience reporting), to relieve NESO from its obligation to provide an Energy Resilience and Assessment Report to the Authority and to the Secretary of State by 30 June 2025.

We have engaged with NESO and carefully considered NESO's application. The reasons for our decision are that we believe a short extension to the deadline for providing an Energy Resilience Assessment Report to the Authority and to the Secretary of State should result in a better quality report and should have no material consequences or detrimental impacts on consumers. The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero has also shared notification that it is content for a short extension to the deadline for providing an Energy Resilience Assessment Report.

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

Direction

This direction is our notice of reasons for the purposes of section 49A of the Electricity Act 1989 and section 38A of the Gas Act 1986.

Now the Authority, pursuant to Conditions C7.18 of the ESO Licence (Energy resilience and resilience reporting) and C6.18 of the GSP Licence (Energy resilience and resilience reporting), directs that NESO provides an Energy Resilience Assessment Report to the Authority and to the Secretary of State by no later than 27 July 2025.

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Duly authorised on behalf of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority

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