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Commencemencing a tender exercise under regulation 7(2) of the Electricity and Gas (competitive Tenders for Smart Meter Communication Licences) Regulations 2012 (“Tender Regulations”)

The Gas and Electricity Markets Authority (“Authority”)

refers to:

A the licences granted in exercise of the powers conferred by:

- (i) section 7AB(1) of the Gas Act 1986 insofar as the activity authorised relates to the supply of gas under that Act; and
- (ii) section 6(1)(f) of the Electricity Act 1989 insofar as the activity authorised relates to the supply of electricity under that Act

(recitals A (i) and A(ii), taken together, means the “Smart Meter Communications Licence”)

B section 142(4) of the Data (Use and Access) Act 2025 in so far as this makes provision for the continued application of the Tender Regulations governing the appointment of the successor Smart Meter Communications Licence holder;

C the requirement for the Authority to issue a notice under regulation 7(2) of the Tender Regulations before commencing the process outlined at recital B, (“Notice”)

D its duties to consider including in the Notice such informations as is necessary to determine:

- (i) a proposal to grant the Smart Meter Communications Licence;
or
- (ii) the tender exercise contemplated by recital B

Notice

In accordance with recital C, the Authority gives **Notice** that:

1. a tender exercise for the appointment of the new a holder of the Smart Meter Communications Licence will be held;
2. the qualification stage for the arrangements under paragraph 1 will commence as from the date of this Notice on 1 September 2025;
3. in accordance with Regulation 8(7) of the Tender Regulations each qualifying bidder will be required to sign a confidentiality agreement before the proposal documentation is issued;
4. in compliance with its duties under recital D, confirms that it has published the related guidance and supplementary information via the Authority's e-Tendering Platform; these documents can be accessed at <https://ofgem.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html>

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

Date: 8 September 2025