

Appendix 1. Notice of Authorisation Conditions

To: Heat network stakeholders

Heat Networks (Market Framework) (Great Britain) Regulations 2025

Regulation 18(4) – general authorisation conditions

Notice of consultation on our proposed conditions

1. The Gas and Electricity Markets Authority (the ‘**Authority**’)¹ proposes to determine general authorisation conditions that will apply to persons who carry on the regulated activity of operating a relevant heat network and/or the regulated activity of supplying heating, cooling or hot water to heat network consumers by means of a relevant heat network (each person herein referred to as an ‘**Authorised Person**’) by:
 - Determining general authorisation conditions that will have effect from the launch date of the market framework regulatory regime (27 January 2026)
2. We are consulting on the drafting consistency of the proposed general authorisation conditions set out in Appendix 1 of this document. We welcome views from those with an interest in heat networks, in particular the Authorised Persons. We also welcome views from other stakeholders, and the public.

Responding to this consultation

Any representations with respect to the drafting consistency of the proposed general authorisation conditions must be made by 1 December 2025 to: Heat Networks, Office of Gas and Electricity Markets, 10 South Colonnade, Canary Wharf, London, E14 4PU or by email to HeatNetworksRegulation@ofgem.gov.uk.

We normally publish all responses on our website. If you do not wish your response to be made public then please clearly mark it as not for publication.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 easily be placed on our website.

¹ The terms “the Authority”, “we”, and “us” are used interchangeably in this document

If the information you give in your response contains personal data under the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679) as retained in domestic law following the UK's withdrawal from the European Union ("UK GDPR"), the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority will be the data controller for the purposes of UK GDPR. Ofgem uses the information in responses in performing its statutory functions and in accordance with section 105 of the Utilities Act 2000. Please refer to our Privacy Notice on consultations.

If you wish to respond confidentially, we'll keep your response itself confidential, but we will publish the number (but not the names) of confidential responses we receive. We won't link responses to respondents if we publish a summary of responses, and we will evaluate each response on its own merits without undermining your right to confidentiality.

The general authorisation conditions, including any modifications to the proposed general authorisation conditions, will be published in our notice under regulation 18(2) of the Heat Networks (Market Framework) (Great Britain) Regulations 2025 that we intend to publish in January 2026 to bring the general authorisation conditions into effect.

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Duly authorised on behalf of the

Gas and Electricity Markets Authority

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