

To:
National Gas Transmission plc
Cadent Gas Limited
Northern Gas Networks Limited
Scotland Gas Networks plc
Southern Gas Networks plc
Wales & West Utilities Limited
All holders of a gas transporter licence

Gas Act 1986
Section 23(1)(a)

Modification of the Special Conditions, Standard Licence Conditions and Standard Special Conditions of the Gas Transporter Licence held by the licensees listed above

1. Each of the licensees to whom this document is addressed is the holder of a Gas Transporter Licence (the Licence') granted or treated as granted under section 7 of the Gas Act 1986 (the Act').
2. Under section 23(2) of the Act the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority¹ ('the Authority')¹ gave notice on 16 December 2025 (the Notice') that we propose to modify the Licence by:
 - a. removing some existing Special Conditions;
 - b. amending some existing Special Conditions;
 - c. inserting new Special Conditions;
 - d. amending existing Standard Specials Conditions as set out in Annex 1;
 - e. removing existing Standard Specials Conditions as set out in Annex 2; and
 - f. amending existing Standard Licence Conditions as set out in Annex 3;
3. A copy of the Notice was sent to the Secretary of State in accordance with section 23(4)(b) of the Act, and we have not received a direction that the change should not be made.
4. We received 21 responses to the Notice, which we carefully considered. We have placed all non-confidential responses on our website. Our response to these comments is set out at [Modifications to the RIIO-3 licences and associated documents | Ofgem](#).
5. It is necessary to make a number of minor alterations to the modifications set out in the Notice. These alterations are shown in track change for the conditions in the modification text that can be found at [Modifications to the RIIO-3 licences and associated documents | Ofgem](#). The reasons for the differences between the modifications set out in the Notice and the modifications being made are to correct typographical, computational and arithmetical errors and to address minor issues and corrections raised since the issuing of the Notice.
6. The reasons and effects for making the modifications, together with the full text of the proposed modifications can be found at [Modifications to the RIIO-3 licences and associated documents | Ofgem](#) 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 documents:
 - a. Statutory consultation for RIIO-3 licences;²
 - b. RIIO-3 initial consultation;³
 - c. RIIO-3 Draft Determinations for the Electricity Transmission, Gas Distribution and Gas Transmission sectors;⁴ and
 - d. RIIO-3 Final Determinations for Electricity Transmission, Gas Distribution and Gas Transmission sectors.⁵
8. Where an application for permission to appeal our decision is made to the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) under section 23B of the Act, Rule 5.6 of the Energy Licence Modification Appeals: Competition and Markets Authority Rules⁶ 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 23(10) of the Act sets out the meaning of 'relevant licence holder'.

Under the powers set out in section 23(1)(a) of the Act, we hereby modify the Standard, Standard Special and Special conditions of the gas transporter licensees in the manner specified in attached Schedule 1. This decision will take effect from 1 April 2026.

This document is notice of the reasons for the decision to modify the gas transporter licence held by licensees as required by section 38A of the Act.

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Steven McMahon
Duly authorised on behalf of the
Gas and Electricity Markets Authority

3 February 2026

² [Modifications to the RIIO-3 licences and associated documents | Ofgem](#)

³ [RIIO-3 initial licence consultation | Ofgem](#)

⁴ [RIIO-3 Draft Determinations for the Electricity Transmission, Gas Distribution and Gas Transmission sectors | Ofgem](#)

⁵ [RIIO-3 Final Determinations for the Electricity Transmission, Gas Distribution and Gas Transmission sectors | Ofgem](#)

⁶ CMA70 https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/655601/energy-licence-modification-appeals-rules.pdf

Annex 1: Standard Special Conditions we are amending

Standard Special Condition	Licencees Applicable to
Standard Special Condition D10 (Quality of service standards)	National Gas Transmission plc Cadent Gas Limited Northern Gas Networks Limited Scotland Gas Networks plc Southern Gas Networks plc Wales & West Utilities Limited
Standard Special Condition A3: Definitions and Interpretation	National Gas Transmission plc Cadent Gas Limited Northern Gas Networks Limited Scotland Gas Networks plc Southern Gas Networks plc Wales & West Utilities Limited

Annex 2: Standard Special Conditions we are removing

Standard Special Condition	Licencees Applicable to
Standard Special Condition D17 (Provision and Return of Meters)	National Gas Transmission plc Cadent Gas Limited Northern Gas Networks Limited Scotland Gas Networks plc Southern Gas Networks plc Wales & West Utilities Limited
Standard Special Condition D18 (Provision of Metering and Meter Reading Services)	National Gas Transmission plc Cadent Gas Limited Northern Gas Networks Limited Scotland Gas Networks plc Southern Gas Networks plc Wales & West Utilities Limited
Standard Special Condition B7 (Provision of Meters)	National Gas Transmission Plc
Standard Special Condition B8 (Provision of Terms)	National Gas Transmission Plc
Standard Special Condition B9 (Non-discrimination in the Provision of Metering Activities)	National Gas Transmission Plc
Standard Special Condition B10 (Provision of services for specific domestic customer groups)	National Gas Transmission Plc
Standard Special Condition B11 (Arrangements for access to premises)	National Gas Transmission Plc
Standard Special Condition B12 (Reporting on Performance)	National Gas Transmission Plc
Standard Special Condition B6 (Application of Standard Special Conditions B7, B8, B9, B10, B11 and B12)	National Gas Transmission Plc

Annex 3: Standard Licence Conditions we are amending

Standard Licence Condition	Licencees Applicable to
Condition 4B: Connection Charging Methodology	All Above
Condition A28: Gas Network Innovation Strategy	All Above
Condition A37: Availability of Resources	National Gas Transmission plc Cadent Gas Limited Northern Gas Networks Limited Scotland Gas Networks plc Southern Gas Networks plc Wales & West Utilities Limited
Condition A38: Credit Rating of the Licensee and Related Obligations	National Gas Transmission plc Cadent Gas Limited Northern Gas Networks Limited Scotland Gas Networks plc Southern Gas Networks plc Wales & West Utilities Limited
Condition A39: Indebtedness	National Gas Transmission plc Cadent Gas Limited Northern Gas Networks Limited Scotland Gas Networks plc Southern Gas Networks plc Wales & West Utilities Limited
Condition 1: Definitions and Interpretation	All Above