

# Modifying the Gas Distribution Regulatory Instructions and Guidance and the Regulatory Reporting Pack

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This document confirms our<sup>1</sup> decision to approve the proposed modifications to the Regulatory Instructions and Guidance (RIGs) and the annual data Regulatory Reporting Packs (RRPs).

These changes are intended to support the Gas Distribution (GD) licensees in completing the annual reporting requirements, in accordance with the provisions under Standard Special Licence Condition A40 (Regulatory Instructions and Guidance), relating to year five of the RIIO<sup>2</sup> price control framework.

This document provides guidance on best practice for conducting and reporting cost, volume, allowed expenditure, and output delivery information, to ensure complete, accurate and timely data is submitted to Ofgem. It also specifies the format, content, scope, and timing of reporting to Ofgem on regulatory reporting activities and plans.

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<sup>1</sup> References to the “Authority”, “Ofgem”, “we” and “our” are used interchangeably in this document. The Authority refers to GEMA, the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority. The Office of Gas and Electricity Markets (Ofgem) supports GEMA in its day-to-day work. This decision is made by or on behalf of GEMA.

<sup>2</sup> This is the second gas distribution price control using the Revenue = Incentives + Innovation + Outputs (RIIO) model.

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## Background

- 1.1 On 2 March 2026, we issued a consultation<sup>3</sup> seeking views on proposed amendments to the RIGs for the four Gas Distribution licensees: Cadent Gas Ltd, Northern Gas Networks Ltd, SGN plc and Wales and West Utilities Ltd.
- 1.2 The updates were informed by developments in the RIIO-2 price control framework, licensee proposed changes and general updates to the RIGs and RRP data reporting templates.
- 1.3 We are issuing our decision under Standard Special Licence Condition A40 (Regulatory Instructions and Guidance) in relation to the following documents for Gas Distribution licensees:
  - RIIO-GD2 RRP data template, and
  - RIIO-GD2 RIGs document.

## Decision-making stages

- 1.4 The key stages of our decision-making process are summarised below.
  - **Stage 1** - Consultation opens: 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026
  - **Stage 2** - Consultation closes. Deadline for responses: 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026
  - **Stage 3** - Responses reviewed and further engagement with stakeholders: 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 to 15<sup>th</sup> April 2026
  - **Stage 4** - Decision: 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026 (consultation responses published)

## Responses to Our Consultation

- 1.5 We have decided to make a number of modifications to the RIGs based on feedback from stakeholders. These changes are to align the RIGs with the RIIO-GD2 special licence conditions and to make minor corrections. These changes include:
  - labelling changes and updates to variable values to align with the licence;
  - minor snagging changes and corrections to the RRP pack following the recent RIGs consultation; and
  - consequential updates to the RIGs to clarify the existing reporting requirements of the licensees.

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<sup>3</sup> [Notice proposing modifications to the Regulatory Instructions and Guidance \(RIGs\) RIIO-2 Year 5 for gas distribution | Ofgem](#)

## Decision

- 1.6 We have carefully considered the consultation responses in reaching our final decision and have decided to modify the RIGs and RRP's as set out in Appendix 1.
- 1.7 The modifications to the RIGs and RRP's will take effect on 17 April 2026. For the avoidance of doubt, this means that the data to be submitted in July 2026 (in respect of the 2025/26 reporting year) will use the RRP's and RIGs as modified.
- 1.8 The appendix to this document contains the Direction setting out the changes made pursuant to the relevant Licence Conditions.
- 1.9 If you have any questions regarding our decision, please contact [Christopher.Haworth@ofgem.gov.uk](mailto:Christopher.Haworth@ofgem.gov.uk).

## Send us your feedback

- 1.10 We believe that consultation is at the heart of good policy development. We are keen to receive your comments about this decision. We would also like to get your answers to these questions:
  - Do you have any comments about the quality of this document?
  - Do you have any comments about its tone and content?
  - Was it easy to read and understand? Or could it have been better written?
  - Are its conclusions balanced?
  - Did it make reasoned recommendations?
  - Do you have any further comments?

Please send your feedback to [stakeholders@ofgem.gov.uk](mailto:stakeholders@ofgem.gov.uk).

# Appendix 1. Decision Notice

**Cadent Gas Limited**

**Northern Gas Networks Limited**

**Scotland Gas Networks plc**

**Southern Gas Networks plc**

**Wales & West Utilities Limited**

(each one a “Licensee”, and together, “the Licensees”)

**Direction under paragraph 3 of the Standard Special Condition A40 (Regulatory Instructions and Guidance) (“SSC A40”) granted to the Licensees under section 7 of the Gas Act 1986 (the “Act”).**

**Whereas –**

1. The Licensee holds a Gas Transporter Licence (the “Licence”) granted or treated as granted under section 7 of the Gas Act 1986 (the “Act”) and is subject to the conditions contained in the Licence.
2. The RIGs are the primary means by which the Authority directs the Licensees to collect and provide information to the Authority, to enable it to administer the Special Conditions of the Licence and, where not referenced in the Licence, the RIIO-GD2 Final Determinations<sup>4</sup>.
3. SSC A40 sets out the process for issuing and modifying the RIGs. In accordance with paragraph 8 of SSC A40, the Authority gave notice to the Licensees on 2 March 2026 that it proposed to modify the RIGs.
4. The Notice required any representations by licensees on the proposals to be made on, or before, 31 March 2026.
5. Prior to the consultation period closing the Authority received four representations proposing changes and clarifications to the RIGs and RRP. The Authority has considered the representations and has made the relevant changes to the RIGs and

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<sup>4</sup><https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/rrio-2-final-determinations-transmission-and-gas-distribution-network-companies-and-electricity-system-operator>

RRPs as part of the consultation.

6. The modifications refer specifically to information required to be submitted to the Authority on or before 31 July 2026 in relation to:
  - RIIO-GD2 Regulatory Instructions and Guidance: Version 1.18.
  - RIIO-GD2 Regulatory Reporting template: Version 1.20.
7. The modifications can be seen in the versions of the RIGs documents specified above and published alongside this Direction.

**Now Therefore –**

8. Pursuant to paragraph 3 of SSC A40 of the Licence, the Authority hereby modifies the RIGs in the manner specified in the attached Schedule.
9. The reason for the amendments set out in this Direction is to introduce with immediate effect the new reporting requirements set out in the RIGs which will allow the Authority to track and monitor company performance against their RIIO-GD2 price control settlement and to ensure consistency with the principles. This decision also aligns the template and guidance with the RIIO-GD2 reporting requirements.
10. The modifications will take effect on 17 April 2026.
11. The Licensees must complete and return the reporting pack referred to above as part of the 2025/26 RIGs process.

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**Duly authorised on behalf of the Authority**

**17 April 2026**