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National Gas Transmission plc
Cadent Gas Limited
Northern Gas Networks Limited
Scotland Gas Networks plc
Southern Gas Networks plc
Wales & West Utilities Limited
National Grid Electricity Transmission plc
SP Transmission Limited
Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc

Date: **01 April 2026**

Direction to issue Associated Documents under the RIIO-3 Licences

1. The Gas and Electricity Markets Authority (the Authority) issues this direction,¹ under the following Standard Special Conditions (SSCs) and Special Licence Conditions (SpCs), to put into effect the Associated Documents of the RIIO-3 Licences listed below. These licences are the RIIO-3 Electricity Transmission (ET), RIIO-3 Gas Distribution (GD), and RIIO-3 Gas Transmission (GT) Licences.

Industry sector(s)	Licence Condition	Associated Document
Electricity Transmission; Gas Distribution; Gas Transmission	SpC 9.5	Data Best Practice Guidance
Electricity Transmission; Gas Distribution; Gas Transmission	SpC 9.5	Digitalisation Strategy and Action Plan Guidance
Electricity Transmission; Gas Distribution; Gas Transmission	SpC 9.1	Environmental Reporting Guidance, including Environmental Reporting Guidance KPI Table

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

Electricity Transmission; Gas Distribution; Gas Transmission	SpC 9.3	PCD Reporting Requirements and Methodology Document
Electricity Transmission; Gas Distribution; Gas Transmission	SpC 9.4	Re-opener Guidance and Application Requirements Document, including Appendix 12 – Redaction Policy
Electricity Transmission; Gas Distribution; Gas Transmission	SpC 5.2	RIIO-3 NIA Governance Document
Electricity Transmission; Gas Distribution; Gas Transmission	SpC 9.19; SpC 9.11; SpC 5.7	SIF Governance Document
Gas Distribution; Gas Transmission	SpC 3.21; SpC 3.15	Biomethane UIOLI Governance Document
Gas Distribution; Gas Transmission	SpC 3.5	Decarbonisation Project Development UIOLI Governance Document
Gas Distribution; Gas Transmission	SSC A57	ECP Guidance
Gas Distribution; Gas Transmission	SpC 3.4	Small Decarbonisation Projects Re-opener Governance Document
Electricity Transmission	SpC 3.16	APM Governance Document
Electricity Transmission	SpC 3.13	CAI UIOLI Governance Document
Electricity Transmission	SpC 6.1	Community Funds Pass-through Guidance
Electricity Transmission	SpC 9.22	CSNP Coordination Governance Document
Electricity Transmission	SpC 3.19	CSNP Re-opener Guidance and Submissions Requirements Document
Electricity Transmission	SpC 3.23	ET2/ET3 Crossover Submission Requirements and Guidance Document

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Electricity Transmission	SpC 6.2	ITA Guidance Document
Electricity Transmission	SpC 3.18	Load Re-opener Guidance and Submission Requirements Document
Electricity Transmission	SpC 3.17	Load UIOLI Governance Document
Electricity Transmission	SpC 4.8	Major Projects ODI-F Governance Document
Electricity Transmission	SpC 4.6	SO-TO Optimisation Governance Document
Gas Distribution	SpC 4.5	Collaborative Streetworks Governance Document
Gas Distribution	SSC D21	Fair Treatment Guidance
Gas Distribution	SpC 5.4	VCMI Governance Document
Gas Transmission	SpC 3.11	FIOC Guidance and Submissions Requirements Document

2. The Associated Documents applicable to the SSCs and SpCs of the Licences listed above are issued in accordance with the procedures set out in the relevant SpCs of the relevant Licences.
3. Each of the companies to whom this direction is addressed is the holder of a licence granted or treated as granted under sections 6(1)(b) of the Electricity Act 1989 or section 7 of the Gas Act 1986.
4. On 16 December 2025, as part of the RIIO-3 Statutory Licence Consultation,² the Authority published on its website the text of proposed Associated Documents and stated that representations must be made on or before 16 January 2026. Additionally, on 02 February 2026,³ the Authority published on its website the text of further proposed Associated Documents and a terms of reference document supporting the gas distribution and gas transmission licences, and stated that representations must be made on or before 26 February 2026.
5. We received 17 representations to our consultations, which we have carefully considered. Our response to these representations can be found in the form of ‘issues logs’ published on our website alongside this direction. We have made several changes to the proposed text of the Associated Documents as a result of

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

³ [Modifications to additional RIIO-3 associated documents | Ofgem](#)

the consultation responses, with our reasons for those changes set out in the relevant issues logs. Tracked-change versions of each Associated Document can be found published on our website alongside this direction.

6. A copy of each Associated Document, separated out by sector, can be found on our website at the following links:
 - [Network price control 2026 to 2031 \(RIIO-3\) guidance | Ofgem](#)
 - [Electricity transmission price control 2026 to 2031 \(RIIO-ET3\) guidance | Ofgem](#)
 - [Gas distribution price control 2026 to 2031 \(RIIO-GD3\) guidance | Ofgem](#)
 - [Gas transmission price control 2026 to 2031 \(RIIO-GT3\) guidance | Ofgem](#)
7. The reason for this direction is to give effect to our decision in the RIIO-3 Final Determinations and associated licence modifications to introduce or amend the Associated Documents listed in paragraph 1.⁴
8. 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.
9. Now the Authority pursuant to licence conditions set out in paragraph 1 hereby directs that the Associated Documents listed in paragraph 1 are issued and will have effect from 01 April 2026.

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[Steve McMahon]

Duly authorised on behalf of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority

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