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**To: All holders of a gas supply licence**

**Gas Act 1986  
Section 23(1)(b)**

**Modification of the standard conditions of all gas supply licences**

1. Each of the licensees to whom this document is addressed has a supply licence which has been granted or treated as granted under section 7A of the Gas Act 1986 ('the Act').
2. Under section 23(2) of the Act the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority ('the Authority')<sup>1</sup> gave notice on 17 April 2026 ('the Notice') that we propose to modify standard condition 24A. We stated that any representations to the modification proposal must be made on or before 15 May 2026.
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 11 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 in the accompanying decision.
5. We are making these licence changes to enable a requirement on all suppliers acquiring a domestic customer to pay a 'Market Stabilisation Charge' (representing a portion of the cost to the losing supplier of unwinding their hedge) to the losing supplier once the condition takes effect in accordance with SLC24A.2A and wholesale prices have fallen below a pre-set trigger point.
6. The effect of the modifications will be to support market stability during wholesale market volatility, in particular protecting consumers from mutualisation costs as a result of supplier exits.
7. A description of the reasons for and the effects of these licence modifications has been published by the Authority in the accompanying decision.
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 Rules<sup>2</sup> 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 contained in section 23(1)(b) of the Act, we hereby modify the standard licence conditions for all gas supply licences in the manner specified in attached Schedule 1. This decision will take effect from 22 July 2026.

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<sup>1</sup> The terms "the Authority", "we" and "us" are used interchangeably in this document.

<sup>2</sup> CMA70 [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/655601/energy-licence-modification-appeals-rules.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/655601/energy-licence-modification-appeals-rules.pdf)

This document is notice of the reasons for the decision to modify the gas supply licences as required by section 38A of the Act.

**Daniel Newport**  
**Deputy Director, Price Protection**

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

**27 May 2026**

## **Schedule 1 – Modifications to the standard conditions of all gas supply licences**

*New text is denoted by double underlining. Deleted text is denoted by strike through.*

### **Condition 24A Market Stabilisation Charge**

#### **Obligation to pay Market Stabilisation Charge**

24A.1 If the licensee is an Acquiring Supplier in respect of a Domestic Customer, and the Losing Supplier Loss Trigger is met in respect of that Domestic Customer, it must pay the Market Stabilisation Charge (if any);

- (a) calculated in accordance with the guidance issued by the Authority on this SLC 24A; and
- (b) administered in accordance with the requirements of the Retail Energy Code, to such person as may be specified in the Retail Energy Code and for the benefit of the relevant Losing Supplier.

#### **Guidance**

24A.2 The licensee must have regard to any guidance on this SLC 24A (including in respect of definitions which appear in standard condition 1) which, following consultation, the Authority may issue and may from time-to-time revise.

#### **Duration of the obligation to pay the Market Stabilisation Charge**

24A.2A The provisions in this Condition 24A shall take effect on and from 00:00 on a date specified by the Authority by publishing a statement in Writing.

24A.3 Once SLC 24A has effect in accordance with paragraph 24A.2A, the Authority may, following consultation, publish a subsequent statement in Writing that the requirement in paragraph 24A.1 shall cease to have effect on and from a date specified by the Authority until such a date as may, following consultation, be specified by the Authority in a subsequent statement in Writing.

24A.4 The power in paragraph 24A.3 may be exercised by the Authority on more than one occasion.

~~24A.3 SLC 224A shall cease to have effect at 23:59 on 31 March 2024 unless the Authority specifies (i) the condition will cease to have effect at an earlier date or (ii) a later date, to be 23:59 on 31 March 2025 and thereafter on the anniversary of that date, by publishing a statement in Writing.~~

~~24A.4 The power to specify a later date in paragraph 24A.3 may be exercised by the Authority on more than one occasion (up until and including on any later date specified by the Authority).~~

### **Definitions for condition**

24A.5 For the purposes of this condition:

**Acquiring Supplier** means in respect of a Domestic Customer, a licensee to whom a Domestic Customer switches from a Losing Supplier.

**Losing Supplier** means, in respect of a Domestic Customer the licensee from whom a Domestic Customer switches to an Acquiring Supplier.

**Losing Supplier Loss Trigger** shall, in respect of a Domestic Customer, have the meaning set out in guidance issued by the Authority on this SLC 24A.

**Schedule 2 – List of relevant licence holders**

BRITISH GAS TRADING LTD.  
 BROOK GREEN TRADING LTD.  
 CORONA ENERGY RETAIL 4 LTD.  
 DGP ENERGY LTD.  
 E (GAS AND ELECTRICITY) LTD.  
 E.ON NEXT ENERGY LTD.  
 ECOTRICITY LTD.  
 EDF ENERGY CUSTOMERS LTD.  
 ENGIE POWER LTD.  
 EVOLVE ENERGY SUPPLY LTD.  
 FLOW ENERGY LTD.  
 FOXGLOVE ENERGY SUPPLY LTD.  
 FUSE ENERGY SUPPLY LTD.  
 GAS PLUS SUPPLY LTD.  
 GOOD ENERGY GAS LTD.  
 GREEN ENERGY (UK) LTD.  
 HOME ENERGY TRADING LTD.  
 Jellyfish Energy Limited  
 MARBLE POWER LTD.  
 MAXEN POWER SUPPLY LTD.  
 OCTOPUS ENERGY LTD.  
 OCTOPUS ENERGY OPERATIONS 2 LTD.  
 OCTOPUS ENERGY OPERATIONS LTD.  
 OPAL GAS LTD.  
 OPUS ENERGY LTD.  
 OPUS GAS SUPPLY LTD.  
 Osso Energy Plc  
 OVO ENERGY LTD.  
 OVO GAS LTD.  
 OVO SOLAR AND HEATING LTD.  
 SCOTTISH POWER ENERGY RETAIL LTD.  
 SHELL ENERGY UK LTD.  
 SMARTESTENERGY BUSINESS LTD.  
 SO ENERGY TRADING LTD.  
 SQUARE1 ENERGY LTD.  
 TOTALENERGIES GAS & POWER LTD.  
 TRU ENERGY LTD.  
 UK GAS SUPPLY LTD.  
 UK HEALTHCARE CORPORATION LTD.  
 UK NATIONAL GAS LTD.  
 UNIFY ENERGY LTD.  
 UTILITA ENERGY LTD.  
 UTILITA GAS LTD.  
 VALDA ENERGY LTD.  
 YU ENERGY RETAIL LTD.