

To:
All holders of an electricity distribution licence

Electricity Act 1989
Section 11A(2)

Notice of statutory consultation on a proposal to modify the Standard Conditions of the Electricity Distribution licence held by the licensees listed above

1. The Gas and Electricity Markets Authority ('the Authority')¹ proposes to modify the Standard Conditions of the Electricity Distribution licence granted or treated as granted under 6(1)(c) of the Electricity Act 1989 by:
 - a. Amending SC1: Definitions for the standard conditions;
 - b. Introducing SC26A: Disposal of relevant assets and restriction on charges over receivables;
 - c. Amending SC26: Disposal of relevant assets and restriction on charges over receivables;
 - d. Introducing SC30A: Availability of Resources;
 - e. Amending SC30: Availability of resources;
 - f. Amending SC40: Credit rating of the licensee;
 - g. Amending SC41: Restriction of Indebtedness and transfers of funds; and
 - h. Amending SC43A: Requirement for sufficiently independent directors.
2. We are proposing these modifications to give effect to our ringfence review policy decision².
3. The reasons and effects of the proposed modifications, together with the full text of the proposed modifications, are published alongside this notice at <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/consultation/energy-network-ring-fence-review-statutory-consultation>. Alternatively they are available from foi@ofgem.gov.uk.
4. In addition, further details and background on these proposed changes are set out in the following documents:
 - a. Ring fence review: energy networks call for input³; and
 - b. Energy Networks Ring-fence Review consultation⁴.
5. Any representations with respect to the proposed licence modifications must be made on or before 12 August 2026 to: Andrew Ryan, Office of Gas and Electricity Markets, 10 South Colonnade, Canary Wharf, London, E14 4PU or by email to Andrew.Ryan@ofgem.gov.uk.
6. We normally publish all responses on our website. However, if you do not wish your response to be made public then please clearly mark it as not for publication.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 be placed easily on our website.

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

² <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/consultation/energy-networks-ring-fence-review-consultation>

³ <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/call-for-input/ring-fence-review-energy-networks>

⁴ <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/consultation/energy-networks-ring-fence-review-consultation>

7. If we decide to make the proposed modifications they will take effect not less than 56 days after the decision is published.

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Mick Watson
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Duly authorised on behalf of
the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority

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