

To:
National Gas Transmission plc
Cadent Gas Limited
Northern Gas Networks Limited
Scotland Gas Networks plc
Southern Gas Networks plc
Wales & West Utilities Limited

Gas Act 1986
Section 23(2)

Notice of statutory consultation on a proposal to modify the Standard Special Conditions of the gas transporter licence held by each of the licensees listed above

1. The Gas and Electricity Markets Authority ('the Authority')¹ proposes to modify the Standard Special Conditions (SSCs) of the gas transporter licence held by each of the above licensees ('the licensees') granted or treated as granted under section 7 of the Gas Act 1986 by amending the following Standard Special Licence Conditions:
 - a. A3: Definitions and interpretation
 - b. A27: Disposal of Assets and restriction on charges over receivables
 - c. A33: Restriction on Use of Certain Information and Independence of the Transportation Business
 - d. A36: Restriction on Activity and Financial Ring-fencing
 - e. A37: Availability of Resources
 - f. A38: Credit rating of the Licensee and related obligations
 - g. A39: Indebtedness
 - h. A42: 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.

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>

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.
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
Deputy Director
Duly authorised on behalf of
the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority

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