

To: All holders of an electricity supply licence

**Electricity Act 1989
Section 11A(2)**

**Notice of statutory consultation on a proposal to modify the standard conditions
of all electricity supply licences**

1. The Gas and Electricity Markets Authority ('the Authority')¹ proposes to modify the standard conditions of all electricity supply licences granted or treated as granted under S6(1)(d) of the Electricity Act 1989 by amending Standard Licence Condition 47: Smart Metering – Matters Relating to Obtaining and Using Consumption Data (SLC 47) which sets out the data sharing framework for domestic and microbusiness customers.
2. The proposed modifications are set out in Schedule 1 to this Notice. The policy decision to be transposed into the proposed amended electricity supply SLC 47 is summarised below. We remind stakeholders of the need to ensure compliance with the requirements of the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) when processing personal data.
3. Elexon is developing a Smart Data Repository (SDR) to enable third party access to smart meter data, including half-hourly electricity consumption data. Sharing smart meter data with Elexon for settlement purposes is permitted under SLC47. However, repurposing data from the SDR shared for settlement purposes, for non-settlement uses, could be a breach of SLC47. We propose to amend SLC47 expressly to permit sharing of personal data from smart meters that will be stored within the SDR, with third parties, subject to informed customer consent.
4. The proposed modification would have two effects. First, to make clear that when seeking to obtain half-hourly electricity consumption data from a domestic or microbusiness customer for settlement purposes, suppliers must also seek to obtain express consent for the onward transmission of that data into the SDR from where it may be accessed and used by accredited third parties. Second, to make clear that where such consent is obtained, or where a domestic or microbusiness customer has not objected within 7 days to such a request for consent, the half-hourly electricity

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

consumption data being submitted into Elexon's Settlement systems shall also be placed into the SDR for access and use by accredited third parties.

5. We have published a consultation document alongside this Notice on our website (www.ofgem.gov.uk).
6. Responses should be submitted in an electronic form so that they can be placed easily on our website. Please send your response to digitalisation@ofgem.gov.uk. All representations with respect to the proposed licence modifications must be made on or before **5pm on 19 October 2026**.
7. 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.
8. If we decide to make the proposed modifications, they will take effect not less than 56 days after the decision is published.

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

14 September 2026

Schedule 1 – Draft of proposed modifications to the standard conditions (SLCs) of all electricity supply licences

These are the proposed changes against the up to date version of the consolidated licence conditions available on our website at the time of publishing, the definitive sources for which (not including the changes proposed in this consultation) are available on the Electronic Public Register.²

We have included the text of the proposed new paragraphs of the electricity supply licence SLC 47, placing them in the location they would go, at a new Part D. We have also proposed to amend the Application section of SLC 47 by inserting a new paragraph 47.4 making reference to Part D. New text is double underlined. If we decide to implement the proposed new paragraphs this will necessitate numbering changes to all the subsequent sections and cross-references. These are not shown in this Notice but we will include these changes in the Notice of our decision.

Condition 47: Smart Metering - Matters Relating To Obtaining and Using Consumption Data

Application

47.1 Part A of this condition applies only in respect of each Domestic Premises (the relevant premises):

(a) to which electricity is supplied through an Electricity Meter which forms part of a Smart Metering System; or

(b) to which electricity is supplied through a Remote Access Meter; and

(c) in respect of which the quantity of electricity supplied is measured by that Electricity Meter.

47.2 Part B of this condition applies only in respect of each Designated Premises at which the Customer is a Micro Business Consumer (the micro business premises):

(a) to which electricity is supplied through an Electricity Meter which forms part of a Smart Metering System; or

(b) to which electricity is supplied through a Remote Access Meter; and

(c) in respect of which the quantity of electricity supplied is measured by that Electricity Meter.

47.3 Part C of this condition applies only in respect of each Domestic Premises or micro business premises:

² See the [Electronic Public Register](#).

(a) from which electricity is exported; and

(b) in respect of which the quantity of electricity exported is measured by an Export Meter registered for the purposes of Settlement.

47.4 Part D of this condition applies in respect of both the relevant premises to which Part A applies and the micro business premises to which Part B applies.

PART D. DOMESTIC AND MICRO BUSINESS PREMISES

Seeking consent for the onward transmission of electricity consumption data relating to half-hourly periods to a Smart Data Repository

47.45 Unless the process for seeking and receiving consent is followed in accordance with 47.46, Electricity Consumption Data relating to half-hourly periods obtained by a licensee from a Domestic Customer or Micro Business Consumer for Settlement or for other purposes must not be sent by onward transmission by the licensee for automatic placement in the Smart Data Repository.

47.46 A licensee that seeks consent from New System or Old System Domestic Customers or Micro Business Consumers for use of Electricity Consumption Data relating to half-hourly periods for Settlement, must also seek, gain and retain consent, in the same manner as required by this SLC 47 in respect of data for Settlement, for use of that data for placement in the Smart Data Repository, from where it may be accessed and used by accredited third parties for other purposes. If the provisions of SLC 47 would be satisfied for Settlement purposes then they will be satisfied for Smart Data Repository purposes.

Interpretation and Definitions

47.4548 For the purposes of this condition:

Electricity Consumption Data	means, in respect of a relevant premises or a micro business premises, the quantity of electricity measured by the Electricity Meter as having been supplied to the relevant premises or the micro business premises.
Electricity Export Data	means, in respect of a premises, the quantity of electricity measured by the Export Meter as having been exported from the premises.
Export Meter	means an Electricity Meter comprising or forming part of a Remote Access Meter or a Smart Metering System which measures the quantity of electricity exported from a premises.
Forecasting	means the process by which the licensee predicts their potential future position with regards to liabilities and charges under Settlement. Provided that all Personal Data must be anonymised and aggregated as early in the relevant process as is reasonably practicable.
Market-wide Half-Hourly Settlement System	means the system under the Balancing and Settlement Code for market-wide half-hourly settlement.
Marketing	means: (a) any activities of the licensee or its Representatives which are directed at or incidental to identifying and communicating with Domestic Customers for the purpose of promoting the provision of goods or services by any person and includes

		entering into contracts for the provision of goods or services with such customers; (b) the licensee or its representatives disclosing Electricity Consumption Data to any other person for the purposes of that person undertaking activities which are directed at or incidental to identifying and communicating with Domestic Customers for the purpose of promoting the provision of goods or services by any person, including the entering into contracts for the provision of goods or services with such customers, but for these purposes 'goods or services' shall be taken to exclude the supply of electricity by the licensee.
MHHS Business Readiness		means undertaking preparations for the purposes of implementing and delivering Market-Wide Half-Hourly Settlement, including (a) improving Forecasting techniques or processes; and (b) the development of new electricity supply products and services aimed at broad market segments. Provided that all Personal Data must be anonymised and aggregated as early in the relevant process as is reasonably practicable.
MHHS Data Access Commencement Date (MDACD)		means the date from which the licensee may obtain data in accordance with paragraph 47.4(b).
Micro Business Consumer		has the meaning given to it in standard condition 7A (Supply to Micro Business Consumers).
New System Customer		means: (a) a Domestic Customer or Micro Business Consumer who had their Remote Access Meter or Smart Metering System installed after the date on which this definition came into effect; or (b) a Domestic Customer or Micro Business Consumer who had their Remote Access Meter or Smart Metering System installed before this definition came into effect, and who since such date has entered into a new Contract (but excluding Deemed Contracts).
Old System Customer		means a Domestic Customer or a Micro Business Consumer that is not a New System Customer.
Personal Data		has the meaning given to that expression in the Data Protection Act 2018.
Remote Access Meter		means an Electricity Meter that, either on its own or with an ancillary device: (a) provides measured Electricity Consumption Data for multiple time periods and is able to provide such data for periods of less than one month; (b) is able to provide the licensee with remote access to such data; and (c) is not a Smart Metering System or part of a Smart Metering System.

Settlement	means the arrangements for determination, allocation and/or settlement of the financial obligations defined in paragraph E1.12 of condition E1 (Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC)) of the Electricity System Operator Licence, as further specified in the Balancing and Settlement Code.
Settlement Purposes	means Settlement, and also Forecasting and MHHS Business Readiness.
<u>Smart Data Repository</u>	<u>means the data storage facility which retains electricity smart meter consumption relating to half hourly periods for access by accredited third parties</u>
Trial	means proposals submitted by the licensee for obtaining Electricity Consumption Data which relates to any one or more periods of less than one day, in respect of a particular category of relevant premises and for a particular purpose (in each case as specified in the proposal), on a trial basis.