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Background

Ofgem publishes the Weighted Single Supply Point (wSSP) and Retail Price Index (RPI) figures used by Independent Gas Transporters (IGTs) to adjust transportation charges each year in line with their licence obligations under Special Condition 1 of the IGT licence. This was introduced in IGTs' licences in January 2004.

Earlier this year, Ofgem consulted on changes to the Relative Price Control (RPC) methodology including, but not limited to, the replacement of the inflation adjustment from the RPI with the Consumer Prices Index including owner-occupiers' housing costs (CPIH). Consultation on the licence modifications required to give effect to this change concluded on 12 September 2026 with a final decision [published on 23 October 2026](#).

Pursuant to Special Condition 1 of IGTs' licences, scheduled to take effect from 18 December 2026, this publication includes the:

- wSSP
- RPI
- CPIH

for year 2026.

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Weighted Single Supply Point (wSSP)

The wSSP for year 2026 is the percentage change between the averages of the relevant Gas Transporters' single supply point charge of years 2025 and 2026, for each network region, where a year is defined from 1 October to 30 September, inclusive. Table 1 provides the wSSP for each of the eight network regions. The underlying calculations are described in Appendix 1.

Table 1 wSSP per region

Region	wSSP (%)
East of England	21.76
North of England	20.85
London	22.36
North West	20.13
Scotland	21.48
South of England	23.92
Wales and the West	14.24
West Midlands	20.75

Retail Price Index (RPI)

The RPI is defined as the percentage change between the average of the RPI for the period 1 April to 30 September 2025 and the average of the RPI for the period 1 April to 30 September 2026.

The RPI for 2026 is **3.27**. This figure should be applied from 1 January 2027 in accordance with Special Condition 1. The underlying calculations are described in Appendix 1.

Consumer Prices Index including owner occupiers' housing costs (CPIH)

The CPIH is defined as the percentage change between the average of the CPIH for the period 1 April to 30 September 2025 and the average of the CPIH for the period 1 April to 30 September 2026.

The CPIH for 2026 is **3.12**. The underlying calculations are described in Appendix 1. Whilst this CPIH figure is included as part of Ofgem's annual publication exercise, the application of this figure shall be determined in accordance with the applicable licence

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in force at the relevant time, and its publication does not prejudice the outcome of any ongoing licence modification process.

As part of the arrangements set out in Special Condition 1, Ofgem publishes the relevant annual indices and charging information each year. Publication of these figures assists licensees and other stakeholders to calculate the annual change in the floor and ceiling and the annual change in transportation charges.

These figures should be used to adjust IGT transportation charges from 1 January 2027 in accordance with Special Condition 1 of the IGTs' licences.

If you have any queries in relation to this letter, please do not hesitate to contact Sienna Ambler or Baldip Singh at gas.systems@ofgem.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully,

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Signed on behalf of the Authority and authorised for that purpose

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Appendix 1 – Methodology

- 1.1 This appendix illustrates the calculations underlying the values of weighted average of the relevant Gas Transporters' single supply point charge (wSSP), the change in the Retail Price Index (RPI) and the change in the Consumer Prices Index including owner occupiers' housing costs (CPIH).
- 1.2 This methodology uses a consistent approach in calculating the wSSP, RPI and CPIH.

The change in the weighted average of the relevant Gas Transporters' single supply point charge (wSSP)

- 1.3 The wSSP for year 2026 is determined as the percentage change between the average single supply point (SSP) charge (based on unit rates) for the period from 1 October 2024 to 30 September 2025 and the average SSP charge for the period from 1 October 2025 to 30 September 2026.
- 1.4 Stakeholders can understand the SSP charges by using the relevant [Joint Office transportation charge calculator](#) and enter the following inputs shown in table A1.1.

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Table A1.1: Joint Office transportation charge calculator

Question	Enter
Where are you entering gas?	National Balancing Point (NBP)
Where are you transporting gas to?	Distribution/CSEP connected load
Additional Information	Enter post code
Distribution Network Details	Will automatically populate
Distribution CSEP/Connected loads – please specify the site type	Non Daily metered, Non CSEP
Is the site monthly read?	No
Annual AQ kWh/annum (AQ)	11,500 (for 1 October 2024 – 31 March 2025) 11,500 (for 1 April 2025 – 30 September 2025) 11,500 (for 1 October 2025 – 31 March 2026) 9,500 (for 1 April 2026 – 30 September 2026)
% of AQ in winter period	Enter load factor for your LDZ
Peak day usage calculation method	EUC code
Select EUC Code	As suggested by the calculator

1.5 The input figures are updated in accordance with the following measures:

- Annual quantity (AQ) – the medium gas kWh is used for this calculation as per Ofgem's current published average domestic consumption kWh: [Typical Domestic Consumption Values](#) (TDCV). The prevailing TDCV value (9,500kWh) was published on 27 May 2026 and took effect on 1 June 2026 so it should be used to calculate the average SSP charge for the period from 1 April 2026 – 30 September 2026. The previous TDCV value (11,500kWh) was in effect until 1 June 2026 so it should be used to calculate the average SSP charge for the period from 1 October 2025 – 31 March 2026.
- Load factor – as available via Xoserve and within the Joint Office calculator.

1.6 The SSP unit rate charge is calculated for each of the eight network regions. The SSP unit rates as shown in Table A1.2 are derived from averaging charges across exit zones within each of the network regions. As an example, the London network

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figure is the average of the SSP unit rates across its three exit zones NT1, NT2 and NT3.

- 1.7 The calculations were performed for the two relevant periods, 1 October 2024 to 30 September 2025 and 1 October 2025 to 30 September 2026. The percentage change between these two periods within each network region gives the wSSP in Table 1 and Table A1.2.

Table A1.2: 2026 wSSP unit rate

Region	Unit rate Oct 24 – Sept 25	Unit rate Oct 25 – Sept 26	wSSP(%)
East of England	1.3067	1.5910	21.76
North of England	1.4497	1.7520	20.85
London	1.5875	1.9424	22.36
North West	1.4052	1.6880	20.13
Scotland	1.3874	1.6854	21.48
South of England	1.4312	1.7736	23.92
Wales and the West	1.6587	1.8949	14.24
West Midlands	1.3720	1.6566	20.75

The change in the Retail Price Index (RPI)

- 1.8 The calculations were performed for the two relevant periods, 1 October 2024 to 30 September 2025 and 1 October 2025 to 30 September 2026. The percentage change between these two periods within each network region gives the wSSP in Table 1 and Table A1.2.

Table A1.3: Calculating the 2026 RPI

Defined Period	Arithmetic Average
April – September 2025	404.93
April – September 2026	418.17

RPI: 3.27%

- 1.9 The RPI for the relevant periods uses the data published by the Office for National Statistics: [ONS Consumer Price Indices – RPI indices](#).

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The change in the Consumer Prices Index including owner occupiers' housing costs (CPIH)

- 1.10 The CPIH for year 2026 is the percentage change between the arithmetic average of the CPIH for the period from 1 April 2025 to 30 September 2025 and the arithmetic average of the CPIH for the period from 1 April 2026 to 30 September 2026. The calculation is shown in Table A1.4.

Table A1.4: Calculating the 2026 CPIH

Defined Period	Arithmetic Average
April – September 2025	138.40
April – September 2026	142.72

CPIH: 3.12%

- 1.11 The CPIH for the relevant periods uses the data published by the Office for National Statistics: [ONS Consumer Price Indices - CPIH indices](#)