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Electricity Act 1989

Section 11A(1)(a)

Notice of amended Standard Condition 26B of the Electricity Interconnector Licence held by the licensee named above

1. MaresConnect Limited is the holder of an Electricity Interconnector Licence ('the Licence') granted or treated as granted under section 6(1)(e) of the Electricity Act 1989 ('the Act').
2. Under section 11A(2) of the Act, the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority ('the Authority') gave notice on 23 April 2026 ('the Notice') that we proposed to modify Standard Licence Condition 26B: Delay to Regime Start Date caused by Pre-Operational Force Majeure (Third Window) in Part II, Section G: Cap and Floor Conditions, of the Licence. We stated that any representations to the modification proposal must be made on or before 21 May 2026.
3. In accordance with section 11A(4) of the Act, copies of the Notice were sent to the Secretary of State, Citizens Advice and Consumer Scotland on 28 July 2026. We invited representations on the proposed licence modification within 28 days of that date.
4. We received seven responses to the Notice, which we have carefully considered. We have placed all non-confidential responses that specifically responded to this modification proposal on our website. Our response to these comments is set out in the accompanying letter.
5. The reason for this modification is to give effect to the Authority's decision of 29 August 2025,[1] which extended the Backstop Date for Third Window electricity interconnector projects and the pilot Offshore Hybrid Assets from 31 December 2032 to 31 December 2035. The modifications to the licence are set out in Schedule 1A.

[1] IPA condition amendment: Window 3 and OHA pilot projects

6. The effect of this modification is to update the definition of Backstop Date.
7. Where an application for permission to appeal our decision is made to the Competition and Markets Authority ('CMA') under section 11C of the Act, Rule 5.6 of the Energy Licence Modification Appeals: Competition and Markets Authority Rules requires the appellant to send a non-sensitive notice to any relevant licence holders who are not parties to the appeal, setting out the matters required in Rule 5.2. Section 11A(10) of the Act sets out the meaning of 'relevant licence holder'.
8. Under the powers set out in section 11A(1)(a) of the Act, we hereby modify Standard Licence Condition 26B: Delay to Regime Start Date caused by Pre-Operational Force Majeure (Third Window), in Part II, Section G: Cap and Floor Conditions, of the electricity interconnector licence of MaresConnect Limited in the manner specified in Schedule 1A.

This decision will take effect from 03 December 2026.

This document constitutes notice of the reasons for the decision to modify the Electricity Interconnector licence held by MaresConnect Limited as required by section 49A(2) of the Act.

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For and on behalf of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority

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