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Electricity Act 1989

Section 11A(1)(a)

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

1. National Grid Viking Link 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 26A: Delay to Regime Start Date caused by Pre-Operational Force Majeure, 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 that the Authority considers that delays caused by the performance or non-performance of electricity transmission licensees or equivalent entities, which are outside the reasonable control of the licensee, should not be automatically excluded from the definition of Pre-Operational Force Majeure. Accordingly, the Authority is making the modifications set out in Schedule 1A.

6. The effect of this modification is that delays caused by the performance or non-performance of an electricity transmission licensee or equivalent entity will no longer be automatically excluded from the definition of Pre-Operational Force Majeure.
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 26A: Delay to Regime Start Date caused by Pre-Operational Force Majeure, in Part II, Section G: Cap and Floor Conditions, of the electricity interconnector licence of National Grid Viking Link 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 National Grid Viking Link 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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