

Standard Special Condition A[]. First line emergency response service to the Operator of the NTS.

[STANDARD SPECIAL CONDITION FOR ALL DN LICENSEES.]

1. The licensee shall enter into an agreement with the operator of the NTS to provide a first call emergency response service to the operator of the NTS in the event of an emergency on the NTS which involves an actual or suspected release of gas.
2. Save to the extent required to avoid the risk to life or property, the licensee shall not be required to carry out any work on, or exercise any control over, any part of the NTS under the terms of the agreement entered into pursuant to paragraph 1 unless requested and/or authorised to do so by the operator of the NTS.
3. The licensee shall make arrangements which shall ensure that the provision by it of a first call emergency response service to the operator of the NTS is effected by competent person or persons who have been adequately trained and possess appropriate expertise to provide that service on behalf of the licensee.
4. For the purposes of paragraph 1, the terms of the agreement shall be such as are reasonable in all the circumstances, but may, at the discretion of the licensee, include terms providing for the recovery of all costs reasonably related to such first call emergency response, a reasonable commercial profit and appropriate indemnities against third party claims.
5. Nothing in this condition shall require the licensee to employ more staff or to maintain any stock of spares or equipment more extensive than it would otherwise employ or maintain for the purposes of its transportation business.

6. Any dispute over the terms of any agreement made pursuant to this condition may be referred to the Authority for determination at the request of the licensee or the operator of the NTS.

7. In this condition:

“First call emergency response” means a response by the licensee to attend at the site of an emergency on the NTS which involves an actual or suspected release of gas and to act in a manner best designed to minimize the risk to life and property; and

The terms “NTS” and “Distribution Network” shall bear the same meaning as those terms have in Special Condition B[] (Revenue restriction definitions).