

The background of the slide is a blue-tinted photograph of electrical components, including a power outlet and a meter, with a bright light flare in the center.

# SUPPLY LICENCE REVIEW – METERING

# Overview #1

## In scope

- Ownership & Provision
- CoS
- Specifications
- Reading
- Inspection

## Overview #2

### Out of scope

- Theft, Damage and Interference
  - Electricity SLC 16
  - Gas SLC 16
- Supplier of Last Resort (Electricity and Gas SLC 29)
- Vulnerable groups/prepayment meters
  - Electricity SLCs 35, 36, 37, 53, 53A, 53B
  - Gas SLC 27

# Overview #3

## Approach

- Purpose
- Retain, amend, remove, align?
- Impact – supply/metering competition/innovation etc?

# Ownership & Provision #1

## (i) Legal Framework

### Gas

- Gas Act 1986, Schedule 2B (2)(1): take supply through a meter of a type appropriate for registering quantity of gas supplied
- SLC 34(2): provide, by a MAM, a (domestic) meter upon request - various mechanisms available

# Ownership & Provision #2

## (i) Legal Framework (cont)

### Electricity

- Electricity Act 1989, Schedule 7(1): where charged for supply shall be given through appropriate meter
- SLC 7(1): where owner of the meter, the supplier shall enter into agreement for provision of relevant metering equipment (sale, hire, lease)

# Ownership & Provision #3

## (ii) Issues

- Purpose of the SLCs?
- Interaction with primary legislation?
- Is there a need to include “provision” requirement in SLC?
- Gas and electricity alignment ?
- Impact on supply/metering competition?
- Metering innovation?

# Change of Supplier #1

## (i) Legal Framework

### Gas

- SLC 34(2): provide, by a MAM, a (domestic) meter upon request - various mechanisms available
- SLC 47(5): “old” supplier shall not exercise any right to recover the meter in the event that the “new” supplier undertakes to make arrangements to compensate having regard to value of meter

# Change of Supplier #2

## (i) Legal Framework (cont)

### Electricity

- SLC 7(1): where owner of the meter, the supplier shall enter into agreement for provision of relevant metering equipment (sale, hire, lease)
- SLC 47(5): “old” supplier shall not exercise any right to recover the meter in the event that the “new” supplier undertakes to make arrangements to compensate having regard to value of meter

# Change of Supplier #3

## (ii) Issues

- Purpose of the SLCs?
- Gas and electricity alignment ?
- Impact on supply/metering competition?
- Metering innovation?

# Meter Specifications #1

## **(i) Legal Framework**

### Gas

- Gas Act 1986, Section 17(1): meter must be “stamped” by approved meter examiner
- Gas Act 1986, Schedule 2B(3): meters must be kept in proper working order for registering quantity of gas

## Meter Specifications #2

### **(i) Legal Framework (cont)**

#### Electricity

- Electricity Act 1989, Schedule 7(2): meters must be of approved pattern of construction, certificated and installed in approved manner
- Electricity Act 1989, Schedule 7(10): meters must be kept in proper working order for correctly registering electricity supplied

### **(ii) Issues**

- No further action?

# Meter Reading #1

## (i) Legal Framework

### Gas

- Gas Act 1986, Schedule 2B(4) – meter reading is prima facie evidence of quantity of gas supplied
- SLC 7A(2): supplier to confirm to Authority whether it intends to comply with meter reading CoP
- SLC 40(1): suppliers must keep (domestic) customers informed of quantity of gas registered through meter

# Meter Reading #2

## (i) Legal Framework (cont)

### Electricity

- SLC 40(1): supplier must keep (domestic) customers informed of amount of electricity shown to have been consumed

# Meter Reading #3

## (ii) Issues

- Purpose of CoP?
- Update?
- Interaction with primary legislation?
- Gas and electricity alignment ?
- Impact on supply/metering competition?
- Metering innovation?

# Meter Inspection #1

## (i) Legal Framework

### Gas

- Gas Act 1986, Schedule 2B(3): must keep meter in proper working order
- SLC 17(1)&(2): supplier must use reasonable endeavours to inspect (I&C/domestic) meters at intervals of not more than 2 years (reading, inspection, battery change)
- SLC17A: supplier must adjust charges where meter has registered erroneously

## Meter Inspection #2

### **(i) Legal Framework (cont)**

#### Electricity

- SLC 17(1)&(2): supplier must use reasonable endeavours to ensure that once every 2 year period it inspects (domestic) meters (reading, inspection)
- SLC18(1)&(2): supplier can arrange for installation of secondary meter for purpose of ascertaining amount of electricity supplied

# Meter Inspection #3

## **(ii) Issues**

- Purpose of the SLCs?
- Gas and electricity alignment ?
- Impact on supply/metering competition?
- Metering innovation?

# Site Access

## (i) Legal Framework

- Licensee must submit a code of practice concerning its employees entering a customers premises (gas and electricity)
- Detailed requirements for authorisation and identification of officers (gas only)

## (ii) Issues

- Why are the provisions different between gas and electricity?

## Next Steps

- Document position
- Describe issues
- Outline options (if any)
- Reach recommendations
  - Meter Read/Inspections – December 2005
  - Ownership/provision/CoS – January 2006
  - Site access – February 2006
  - Remaining Issues and final co-ordination– March 2006