

TO transmission licensees,
generators, suppliers and any
other interested party

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Consultation on proposed modifications to Statements of the Basis for Transmission Owner Charges 2013/14

This letter invites views from interested parties on updated versions of the Statements of the Basis for Transmission Owner Charges which have been submitted to the Authority for approval by Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission plc ("SHE Transmission") and SP Transmission Ltd ("SPTL"). We seek views on the modifications to these statements proposed by SHE Transmission and SPTL.

SHE Transmission and SPTL are the Transmission Owners of the high-voltage transmission networks in the north and south of Scotland, respectively. In this capacity, they provide services to National Grid Electricity Transmission plc ("NGET"), the system operator for the national electricity transmission system, which in turn provides transmission services to users of the electricity transmission network.

Under their Electricity Transmission Licences, SHE Transmission and SPTL are required to have a statement, approved by the Authority, setting out the basis upon which they will charge NGET for the services provided. The services comprise:

- Transmission Owner services;
- connections to the licensees' transmission system; and
- outage charges.

Pursuant to Special Condition 8C (5) of SHE Transmission's and SPTL's Electricity Transmission Licences, SHE Transmission and SPTL shall, at least once in every year, make any necessary revisions to these statements to ensure that the information set out in the statements continues to be accurate in all material respects.

We recently received for approval updated versions of the Statement of the Basis for Transmission Owner Charges from both SHE Transmission and SPTL. These are attached to this letter as appendices. We are seeking views in particular on whether:

- the statements provide sufficient clarity on the basis for Transmission Owner charges to NGET;
- the format of the statements is consistent and coherent; and
- the statements continue to be accurate in all material respects.

In accordance with published guidance¹ on our approach to consultations, we do not consider the proposed changes to the statements to be significantly material or extensive, and therefore, in accordance with this guidance, we consider a four week consultation period to be appropriate.

Views are invited by **5pm** on **Monday, 8 July 2013**. Responses should be sent electronically to donald.smith@ofgem.gov.uk and should be marked "Response on TO charging statement consultation".

All correspondence will be held electronically by Ofgem and will normally be published on our website unless clearly marked confidential.

If you wish to discuss the consultation or any issue raised in this letter further, please contact Donald Smith on 0141 331 6014.

Yours faithfully

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<http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/About%20us/BetterReg/Documents1/guidance%20on%20ofgems%20approach%20to%20consultation.pdf>