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## **Changes to Statements of the Basis for Transmission Owner Charges 2014/15 – your views needed**

We are inviting views on proposed changes to Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission plc (SHE Transmission) and SP Transmission plc's (SPT) Statements of the Basis for Transmission Owner Charges.

The statements show how both organisations will charge National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (NGET) for the services provided. They are revised annually.

### **Background**

SHE Transmission and SPT own the high-voltage transmission networks in the north and south of Scotland respectively. They provide services to NGET, the system operator for the national electricity transmission system, who provide transmission services to users of the electricity transmission network.

Under their Electricity Transmission Licences, SHE Transmission and SPT must have a statement, approved by the Authority, showing how they will charge NGET for the services provided. The services comprise:

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

Under Special Condition 8C (5) of their Electricity Transmission Licences (the Licences), SHE Transmission and SPT must revise these statements at least once a year to ensure that the information set out in these continues to be accurate. Special Condition 8C (6) of the Licences further requires that the Authority approve any changes which are made.

In summary, the main changes proposed are as follows:

- updated terminology to improve the consistency between the statements of the two companies. This will allow network users to more easily compare charges in different transmission areas.
- changed daily charge-out rates for different grades of staff and minor revisions to the types of applications that will be charged fees.
- SHE Transmission have updated their indicative costs for connection assets.

The updated statements are appendices to this letter. In particular we would welcome views on whether:

- they are clear about Transmission Owner charges to NGET
- the format is consistent and coherent
- they are still accurate

In accordance with guidance<sup>1</sup> on the way we consult, we do not think that the proposed changes to the statements are extensive. We therefore think that a four-week consultation is appropriate.

### **How to respond**

Please send your responses by **5pm** on **5 September, 2014**. Email them to [adam.young@ofgem.gov.uk](mailto:adam.young@ofgem.gov.uk), using the subject line "Response on TO charging statement consultation".

We will hold on to all responses, and we'll publish them on our website unless they are clearly marked confidential.

Please contact Adam Young on +32 2 788 73 39 if you wish to discuss the consultation or anything raised in this letter.

Yours faithfully,

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