

To the Company Secretary:

Northern Gas Networks Ltd
Company number 05167070

Directions issued by the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority to Northern Gas Networks Ltd under the Special Conditions of its gas transporter licence in respect of the Annual Iteration Process for the GD1 Price Control Financial Model

WHEREAS

1. Northern Gas Networks Ltd ('the licensee') is the holder of a gas transporter licence ('the licence') granted under section 7 of the Gas Act 1986.
2. For the purposes of these directions:
 - (a) the expression 'Formula Year t' has the same meaning as is given to it in Special Condition 1A (Restriction of revenue in respect of the Distribution Network Transportation Activity: definitions) of the licence and references to Formula Year t-1 are to be construed accordingly; and
 - (b) Formula Year t is the Formula Year that commences on 1 April 2015 and ends on 31 March 2016 ('Formula Year 2015/16').
3. Special Condition 2B (Annual Iteration Process for the GD1 Price Control Financial Model) requires the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority to:
 - (c) carry out the Annual Iteration Process for the GD1 Price Control Financial Model; and
 - (d) direct the value of the term MOD for Formula Year t;by 30 November in Formula Year t-1.
4. The following Special Conditions provide for the Authority to direct revised PCFM Variable Values for the licensee for the purpose of the Annual Iteration Process for the GD1 Price Control Financial Model which forms part of Special Condition 2A (Governance of the GD1 Price Control Financial Instruments) of the licence:
 - (e) Special Condition 1D (NTS Exit Capacity Cost Adjustment) in respect of AEx values;
 - (f) Special Condition 1F (Revenue adjustments for performance in respect of gas Shrinkage and environmental emissions) in respect of ALSC values;
 - (g) Special Condition 3A (Legacy price control adjustments) in respect of LAR values, (and the component term values PAR, TAR, FAR, CAR, SAR, IFIAR and IAEAR) and LRAV values,(and the component term values FRAV, CRAV, MRAV and SRAV);
 - (h) Special Condition 3B (Determination of PCFM Variable Values for Totex Incentive Mechanism Adjustments) in respect of ALC, AOC, ACO and ARE values;
 - (i) Special Condition 3C (Specified financial adjustments) in respect of EDE, APFE, TTE, TGIE and CDE values;
 - (j) Special Condition 3D (The Innovation Roll-out Mechanism) in respect of IRM values;
 - (k) Special Condition 3E (Mains and Services Replacement Expenditure) in respect of RE values; and
 - (l) Special Condition 3F (Arrangements for the recovery of uncertain costs) in respect of IAECB, IAEEPS, IAELLC, IAESW, IAESM, IAECA and IAEPF values.

5. Each of the Special Conditions referred to in paragraph 4:
- (a) sets out the basis on which any revisions to relevant PCFM Variable Values are to be determined; and
 - (b) where applicable, specifies the price control financial methodology in accordance with which revisions to the relevant PCFM Variable Value(s) are to be determined and the chapter of the GD1 Price Control Financial Handbook containing that methodology.
6. The reason for these directions is to revise the PCFM Variable Values as used in the Annual Iteration Process for the GD1 Price Control Financial Model (as each of those terms is defined in Special Condition 1A). The Annual Iteration Process is used to calculate values for the term MOD, that are used in the formulae set out in Special Condition 1B (Restriction of revenue in respect of the Distribution Network Transportation Activity).
7. In accordance with requirements set out in the Special Conditions referred to in paragraph 4, on 13 November 2014 the Authority gave notice of the revised PCFM Variable Values that it proposed to direct by 30 November in Formula Year t-1 and specified that any representations concerning the proposed values should be made within fourteen days.
8. The Authority received no representations.

NOW the Authority pursuant to the provisions of the Special Conditions referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4, **HEREBY DIRECTS** that:

- the PCFM Variable Values referred to in paragraph 4 are to be revised as shown in Schedule 1 to these directions; and
- the term MOD for the licensee for Formula Year 2015/16 is to take the value £-5.5m.

Schedule 2 to these directions shows the complete PCFM Variable Values Table (as that term is defined in Special Condition 1A) including the values revised under these directions (in bold font) and the values that have not been revised under these directions.

This constitutes notice of the reasons for the Authority's decision pursuant to section 38A of the Gas Act 1986



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Ian Rowson

28 November 2014

**Associate Partner, Regulatory Finance,
Duly authorised on behalf of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority**

Schedule 1 to Directions issued by the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority to Northern Gas Networks Ltd dated 28 November 2014

Northern Gas Networks Ltd	<i>Proposed Revised PCFM Variable Values</i>							
<i>PCFM Variable Value names and determination provision</i>	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
AEx Special Condition 1D	8.9	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision
ALSC Special Condition 1F	10.0	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision
LAR Parts A and B of Special Condition 3A	17.4							
LRAV Parts A and B of Special Condition 3A	-14.1							
ALC Part B of Special Condition 3B	18.0	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision
AOC Part B of Special Condition 3B	17.1	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision
ACO Part B of Special Condition 3B	68.4	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision
ARE Part B of Special Condition 3B	75.7	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision
EDE Part A of Special Condition 3C	No revision	No revision	7.0	7.0	7.0	No revision	No revision	No revision
APFE Part A of Special Condition 3C	0.7	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision
TTE Part B of Special Condition 3C	No revision	No revision	-0.3	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision
TGIE Part B of Special Condition 3C	0.0	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision
CDE Part C of Special Condition 3C	No revision	No revision	2.55%	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision

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IRM Part F of Special Condition 3D	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision
RE Part B of Special Condition 3E	2.8	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision
IAECCB Part D of Special Condition 3F	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision
IAEEPS Part D of Special Condition 3F	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision
IAELLC Part D of Special Condition 3F	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision
IAESW Part D of Special Condition 3F	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision
IAESM Part D of Special Condition 3F	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision
IAECA Part D of Special Condition 3F	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision
IAEFP Part D of Special Condition 3F	1.6	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision

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Component term values used to determine the values for LAR and LRAV in the table above:

PAR	=	0.1
TAR	=	0.0
CAR	=	16.8
FAR	=	0.5
SAR	=	0.0
IFIAR	=	0.0
IAEAR	=	0.0
CRAV	=	-13.8
MRAV	=	0.0
FRAV	=	-0.3
SRAV	=	0.0

