

All Network Operators and other interested parties

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Version two of the Network Innovation Allowance (NIA) Governance Documents

On 25 February 2015 we¹ published a notice saying we planned to issue version two of the NIA Governance Documents (the governance documents) and specifying the date on which we proposed the revised governance documents should take effect. We provided the revised text and our reasons for changing it.

The governance documents explain the regulation, governance and administration of the electricity and gas NIAs. The amendments to this version ensure the governance documents are fit for purpose, and that the electricity document incorporates electricity distributors. The updates also reflect our decision on changes to the NIA governance arrangements. We asked for comments, representations or objections to the proposed amendments to the NIA governance documents to be made on or before 25 March 2015.

Stakeholder comments

We received four responses to our consultation on the proposed amendments. We have published these on our website. None of the respondents objected to the introduction of the revised governance documents. However, they did note some typographical errors and proposed that some additional clarifications should be made. We have therefore made a small number of changes to the text of the governance documents that we published on 25 February.

Main changes to the governance documents since consultation

- Paragraph 4.4, sub-bullet three we have added 'or demand shift' at the end of the paragraph as this should reflect the text at the start of the paragraph. In the gas document we have also corrected references to electricity so that it refers to gas.
- Paragraph 4.6 we have added a reference at the end of the paragraph so that it is clear which paragraphs fall within the 'Customer protection' section.

¹ The terms "we", "us" and "the Authority are used to refer to the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority.

Next steps

In accordance with the NIA licence conditions, ^{2,3,4,5} we have today published version two of the NIA Governance Documents.

Yours faithfully,

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 ² Electricity Transmission Licence – Special Condition 3H
³ Electricity Distribution Licence – Charge Restriction Condition 2H

⁴ Gas Transporters Licence – National Grid Gas Transmission Special Condition 2E ⁵ Gas Transporters Licence – Distribution Network Operators – Special Condition 1H