

To the Company Secretary:

SP Transmission plc
(Company Number: SC189126)

DIRECTIONS ISSUED BY THE GAS AND ELECTRICITY MARKETS AUTHORITY TO SP TRANSMISSION LTD UNDER THE SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF ITS ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION LICENCE IN RESPECT OF THE ANNUAL ITERATION PROCESS FOR THE ET1 PRICE CONTROL FINANCIAL MODEL

WHEREAS

1. SP Transmission plc ('the licensee') is the holder of a electricity transmission licence ('the licence') granted or treated as granted under section 6(1)(b) of the Electricity Act 1989 ('the Act').
2. For the purposes of these directions:
 - (a) the expression 'Relevant Year t' has the same meaning as is given to it in Special Condition 1A (Definitions and Interpretation) of the licence, and references to Relevant Year t-1 are to be construed accordingly; and
 - (b) Relevant Year t is the Relevant Year that commences on 1 April 2016 and ends on 31 March 2017 ('Relevant Year 2016/17').
3. Special Condition 5B (Annual Iteration Process for the ET1 Price Control Financial Model) requires the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority to:
 - (a) carry out the Annual Iteration Process for the ET1 Price Control Financial Model; and
 - (b) direct the value of the term MOD for Relevant Year t, for the purposes of the formulae that are specified in Special Condition 3A (Restriction of Transmission Network Revenue); by 30 November in Relevant 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 ET1 Price Control Financial Model that forms part of Special Condition 5A of the licence:
 - (a) Special Condition 6A (Legacy price control adjustments – Transmission Owner) in respect of LAR, (and its component term values IAR, TAR, CAR, and SAR), LRAV,(and its component term values IRAV, CRAV, and SRAV;
 - (b) Special Condition 6C (Determination of PCFM Variable Values for Totex Incentive Mechanism Adjustments – Transmission Owner) in respect of ALC, ARC, AOC, ACO and ANC values;
 - (c) Special Condition 6D (Specified financial adjustments – Transmission Owner) in respect of EDE, APFE, TTE, TGIE and CDE values;
 - (d) Special Condition 6E (The Innovation Roll-out Mechanism) in respect of IRM values;
 - (e) Special Condition 6F (Baseline Generation Connections Outputs and Generation Connections volume driver) in respect of GCE;
 - (f) Special Condition 6G (Mitigating the impact of Pre-existing Transmission Infrastructure on the visual amenity of Designated Areas) in respect of EPIE values;
 - (g) Special Condition 6H (Arrangements for the recovery of uncertain costs) in respect of IAEMR, IAEEPS and IAENLUM values;
 - (h) Special Condition 6I (Specification of Baseline Wider Works Outputs and Strategic Wider Works Outputs and Assessment of Allowed Expenditure) in respect of WWE 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 ET1 Price Control Financial Handbook containing that methodology.
6. The reason for these directions is to revise PCFM Variable Values as used in the Annual Iteration Process for the ET1 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 is used in the formulae set out in Special Condition 3A (Restriction of Transmission Network Revenue).
7. In accordance with requirements set out in the Special Conditions referred to in paragraph 4, on 9 November 2015, the Authority gave notice of the revised PCFM Variable Values that it proposed to direct by 30 November in Relevant Year t-1 and specified that any representations concerning the proposed values should be made within fourteen days of receiving the notice.
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 and component term 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 Relevant Year 2016/17 is to take the value -£21.8m.

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 for the reasons for the Authority's decision pursuant to section 49A of the Electricity Act 1989.



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Duly authorised on behalf of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority

30 November 2015

Schedule 1 to Directions issued by the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority to SP Transmission plc dated 30 November 2015

N.B. All values are shown in £m to one decimal place with the exception of CDE, which is shown as a percentage to two decimal places.

SP Transmission plc	<i>Revised PCFM Variable Values</i>							
<i>PCFM Variable Value Name and determination provision</i>	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
LAR Parts A and B of Special Condition 6A	No revision							
LRAV Parts A and B of Special Condition 6A	No revision							
ALC Part B of Special Condition 6C	No revision	141.3	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision
ARC Part B of Special Condition 6C	No revision	55.0	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision
AOC Part B of Special Condition 6C	No revision	17.1	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision
ACO Part B of Special Condition 6C	No revision	22.3	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision
ANC Part B of Special Condition 6C	No revision	1.9	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision
EDE Part A of Special Condition 6D	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision
APFE Part A of Special Condition 6D	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision
TTE Part A of Special Condition 6D	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision
TGIE Part B of Special Condition 6D	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision
CDE Part C of Special Condition 6D	No revision	No revision	No revision	2.38%	2.38%	2.38%	2.38%	2.38%

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<i>PCFM Variable Value Name and determination provision</i>	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
IRM Part F of Special Condition 6E	No revision	No revision	No revision	17.8	2.4	No revision	No revision	No revision
GCE Part B of Special Condition 6F	No revision	66.2	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision
EPIE Part B of Special Condition 6G	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision
IAEEPS Part B of Special Condition 6H	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision
IAEWR Part B of Special Condition 6H	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision
IAENLUM Part B of Special Condition 6H	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision
WWE Part G of Special Condition 6I	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision	No revision

Schedule 2 to Directions issued by the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority to SP Transmission plc dated 30 November 2015

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

	Licence Condition	Price Base	Licence term	31 Mar 2014	31 Mar 2015	31 Mar 2016	31 Mar 2017	31 Mar 2018	31 Mar 2019	31 Mar 2020	31 Mar 2021
Allowed percentage cost of debt	6D	annual real %	CDE	2.92%	2.72%	2.55%	2.38%	2.38%	2.38%	2.38%	2.38%
Actual load related capex expenditure	6C	£m 09/10 prices	ALC	104.4	141.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Actual asset replacement capex expenditure	6C	£m 09/10 prices	ARC	64.6	55.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Actual other capex expenditure	6C	£m 09/10 prices	AOC	16.0	17.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Actual controllable opex	6C	£m 09/10 prices	ACO	21.9	22.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Actual non-operational capex	6C	£m 09/10 prices	ANC	1.2	1.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Uncertain costs - enhanced security	6H	£m 09/10 prices	IAEEPS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Uncertain costs – workforce renewal (SPTL only)	6H	£m 09/10 prices	IAEWR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Uncertain costs – BT 21st Century (SHETPLC only)	6H	£m 09/10 prices	IAEBT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Uncertain costs – compensation costs for landowners for wayleave (SHETPLC only)	6H	£m 09/10 prices	IAEWL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Baseline and strategic wider works outputs	6I	£m 09/10 prices	WWE	85.6	122.4	111.1	12.5	-	-	-	-
Network development and wider works volume driver (NGET only)	6J	£m 09/10 prices	WWI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enhancements to pre-existing infrastructure	6G	£m 09/10 prices	EPIE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Demand related infrastructure volume driver	6L	£m 09/10 prices	DRI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Undergrounding volume driver	6K	£m 09/10 prices	UCE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generation connections volume driver	6F	£m 09/10 prices	GCE	66.8	66.2	32.7	2.9	4.6	5.5	5.9	2.8
Innovation roll out mechanism	6E	£m 09/10 prices	IRM	-	-	-	17.8	2.4	-	-	-
Exceptional sub sea cable fault costs (SHETPLC only)	6H	£m 09/10 prices	IAESSCM	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-load related work costs (SPTL only)	6H	£m 09/10 prices	IAENLUM	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tax liability - gearing/interest costs	6D	£m nominal	TGIE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tax liability - tax trigger events	6D	£m 09/10 prices	TTE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pension scheme administration and Pension Protection Fund Levy	6D	£m 09/10 prices	APFE	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Pension Scheme Established Deficit	6D	£m 09/10 prices	EDE	0.2	0.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1
Legacy price control adjustments to allowed revenue	6A	£m 09/10 prices	LAR	11.5							
Legacy price control adjustments to RAV	6A	£m 09/10 prices	LRVAV	(28.9)							