## Notice under section 7A(9) of the Electricity Act 1989 (as amended) of the proposed partial transfer of the electricity transmission licence held by National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc to National Grid Electricity System Operator Limited

The Gas and Electricity Markets Authority ('the Authority')<sup>1</sup> hereby gives notice pursuant to Section 7A(9) of the Electricity Act 1989 (as amended) ('the Act') as follows:

- National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc (NGET) (company registration number 02366977) with its registered office at 1-3 Strand, London, WC2N 5EH, has written to us seeking the Authority's consent in accordance with the provisions of section 7A of the Act to a partial transfer of the electricity transmission licence granted or treated as granted to NGET ('Licence') to National Grid Electricity System Operator Limited (NGESO) (company registration number 11014226), the registered office of which is at 1-3 Strand, London, WC2N 5EH.
- The Authority proposes to consent to the proposed partial Licence transfer, such consent being subject to the conditions noted in para 3 below, for the following reasons:
  - a. NGET has applied to the Authority under Section 7A of the Act for the Authority's consent to the partial transfer of the Licence to NGESO; and
  - b. The Authority is satisfied that it would have been appropriate to (a) grant NGESO a licence under section 6(1)(b) of the Act to participate in the transmission of electricity ("electricity transmission licence") corresponding to so much of the licence as is proposed to be transferred had NGESO applied to the Authority for such a licence; and (b) to grant NGET an electricity transmission licence corresponding to so much of the licence as is proposed to be retained.
- 3. In accordance with the provisions of sections 7A(1) to (5) of the Act, we propose to consent, to NGET's request to transfer part of its Licence to NGESO subject to the following conditions:
  - The Standard and Special Conditions of the Licence held by NGET and the Standard and Special Conditions of the electricity transmission licence to be transferred to NGESO are modified as outlined in the Schedule and Annexes to this Notice;
  - b. NGET's existing relevant derogations granted by the Authority in accordance with the Licence and which are in effect immediately prior to the date of the partial transfer of the licence conditions under which they were granted, will continue to have effect as if they had been granted to NGESO under the relevant conditions being transferred to NGESO;
  - c. NGET's existing relevant consents granted by the Authority in accordance with the existing NGET Licence are, where relevant, to be appropriately granted in favour of NGESO;
  - d. NGESO attains certification by the Authority that it complies with the European Commission's ownership unbundling requirements as required by section 10D of the Act; and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The terms "the Authority", "we", "our" and "us" are used interchangeably in this document.

- e. Appropriate modifications are made to the GB electricity industry codes to reflect the new arrangements resulting from the partial transfer of NGET's Licence to the NGESO who will take over NGET's existing system operator functions under the partial transfer.
- 4. The Authority has set out in more detail its consideration of the proposed partial electricity transmission licence transfer in a consultation document dated 01 December 2017 and an associated update letter dated 14 March 2018.<sup>2</sup> These publications included indicative drafting of the proposed modifications that are to be effected.
- 5. Any representations or objections in relation to the proposal by the Authority to grant consent to the proposed partial Licence transfer should be made in writing no later than 24 July 2018 to the Authority, either:
  - a. by post to: Grendon Thompson, Office of Gas and Electricity Markets, Energy Systems Transition Team, 10 South Colonnade, London, E14 4PU; or
  - b. by email to: <a href="mailto:electricitySOreform@ofgem.gov.uk">electricitySOreform@ofgem.gov.uk</a>

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<sup>2</sup> Future Arrangements for the Electricity System Operator: Informal Consultation on ESO Licence Drafting (01 December 2017), <u>https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/future-arrangements-electricity-system-operator-informal-consultation-eso-licence-drafting</u> and Industry update following our Future Arrangements for the Electricity System Operator: Informal Consultation on ESO Licence Drafting (14 March 2018), <u>https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/industry-update-following-our-future-arrangements-electricity-system-operator-informal-consultation-eso-licence-drafting</u>

## Schedule

## Summary of modifications to Standard and Special Conditions of the electricity transmission licence held by NGET

The Authority proposes to modify Standard and Special Conditions of the electricity transmission licence held by NGET granted or treated as granted under section 6(1)(b) of the Act by amending the following conditions in accordance with section 7A(4) of the Act unless indicated otherwise. The table below indicates whether amendments are proposed to be made to the retained conditions in NGET's licence and/or to the transferred conditions in NGESO's new licence. The proposed modifications to the licence text can be found in the Annexes to this Notice.

|   | NGET licence<br>conditions             | NGESO licence<br>conditions            |
|---|--|--|
| Chapter 1   |  |  |
| Special 1A - Definitions and Interpretations  | Proposed amendments                    | Transfer with proposed amendments      |
| Special 1B - Transmission Area  | Retain with no change                  | Not transferred/used                   |
| Special 1C - Amended Standard Conditions  | Proposed amendments                    | Transferred with proposed amendments   |
| Chapter 2   |  |  |
| Special 2A - Activities Restrictions  | Retain with no<br>modification         | Not transferred/used                   |
| Special 2B - Restriction on the Use of<br>Information   | Proposed removal                       | Not transferred/used                   |
| Special 2C - Prohibited Activities and<br>Conduct of Transmission Business  | Proposed amendments                    | Transfer with proposed amendments      |
| Special 2D  | Not used (no<br>modification proposed) | Not used (no<br>modification proposed) |
| Special 2E  | Not used (no<br>modification proposed) | Not used (no<br>modification proposed) |
| Special 2F - Role in Respect of the National<br>Electricity Transmission System Operator<br>Area located in Offshore Waters | Proposed removal                       | Transfer with proposed amendments      |
| Special 2G - Prohibition on Engaging in<br>Preferential or Discriminatory Behaviour   | Proposed removal                       | Transfer with proposed amendments      |

| Special 2H -Appointment of Compliance<br>Officer  | Proposed removal                       | Not transferred/used                   |
|---|--|--|
| Special 21  | Not used (no<br>modification proposed) | Not used (no<br>modification proposed) |
| Special 2J - Network Access Policy  | Proposed amendments                    | Transfer with proposed amendments      |
| Special 2K - Transmission Losses  | Retain with no<br>modification         | Not transferred/used                   |
| Special 2L - Methodology for Network<br>Output Measures   | Retain with no<br>modification         | Not transferred/used                   |
| Special 2M - Specification of Network<br>Replacement Outputs  | Retain with no<br>modification         | Not transferred/used                   |
| Special 2N - (NGESO) Electricity Market<br>Reform / (NGET) Provision of Information<br>to System Operator   | Proposed amendments                    | Transfer with proposed amendments      |
| Special 2O - Business separation<br>requirement and compliance obligations<br>and conduct of the System Operator in<br>performing its Relevant System Planning<br>Activities. | Proposed amendments                    | Transfer with proposed amendments      |
| Chapter 3   |  |  |
| Special 3A - Restriction of Transmission<br>Network Revenue   | Proposed amendments                    | Transfer with proposed amendments      |
| Special 3B Calculation of allowed Pass-<br>Through Items  | Proposed amendments                    | Transfer with proposed amendments      |
| Special 3C - Reliability Incentive<br>Adjustment in Respect of Energy Not<br>Supplied   | Retain with no<br>modification         | Not transferred/used                   |
| Special 3D - Stakeholder Satisfaction<br>Output   | Retain with no<br>modification         | Not transferred/used                   |
| Special 3E - Incentive in Respect of Sulphur<br>Hexaflouride Gas Emissions  | Retain with no<br>modification         | Not transferred/used                   |

| Special 3F - Adjustment in Respect of the<br>Environmental Discretionary Reward<br>Scheme  | Retain with no<br>modification   | Not transferred/used  |
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| Special 3G - Financial Incentive for Timely  | Not used (no   | Not used (no  |
| Connections Output   | modification proposed)   | modification proposed)  |
| Special 3H - The Network Innovation  | Proposed amendments  | Transfer with proposed  |
| Allowance  |  | amendments  |
| Special 3I - The Network Innovation  | Proposed amendments  | Transfer without  |
| Competition  |  | amendment   |
| Special 3J - Transmission Investment for   | Retain with no   | Not transferred/used  |
| Renewable Generation   | modification   |   |
| Special 3K - Allowances in Respect of a  | Proposed amendments  | Transfer with proposed  |
| Security Period  |  | amendments  |
| Special 3L - Pre-construction Engineering  | Retain with no   | Not transferred/used  |
| Outputs for prospective Strategic Wider  | modification   |   |
| Works  |  |   |
| Chapter 4  |  |   |
|  |  |   |
| All Special Conditions in Chapter 4  | Proposed removal   | Transfer with proposed<br>minor amendments (eg<br>references to NGET<br>updated to refer to<br>NGESO)   |
| All Special Conditions in Chapter 4 Chapter 5  | Proposed removal   | minor amendments (eg<br>references to NGET<br>updated to refer to   |
|  | Proposed removal Proposed amendments   | minor amendments (eg<br>references to NGET<br>updated to refer to   |
| Chapter 5  |  | minor amendments (eg<br>references to NGET<br>updated to refer to<br>NGESO)   |
| Chapter 5<br>Special 5A - Governance of ET1 Price  |  | minor amendments (eg<br>references to NGET<br>updated to refer to<br>NGESO)<br>Transfer with proposed   |
| Chapter 5<br>Special 5A - Governance of ET1 Price<br>Control Financial Instruments   | Proposed amendments  | minor amendments (eg<br>references to NGET<br>updated to refer to<br>NGESO)<br>Transfer with proposed<br>amendments   |
| Chapter 5<br>Special 5A - Governance of ET1 Price<br>Control Financial Instruments<br>Special 5B - Annual Iteration Process for  | Proposed amendments  | minor amendments (eg<br>references to NGET<br>updated to refer to<br>NGESO)<br>Transfer with proposed<br>amendments<br>Transfer with proposed                                       |
| Chapter 5<br>Special 5A - Governance of ET1 Price<br>Control Financial Instruments<br>Special 5B - Annual Iteration Process for<br>the ET1 Price Control Financial Model   | Proposed amendments  | minor amendments (eg<br>references to NGET<br>updated to refer to<br>NGESO)<br>Transfer with proposed<br>amendments<br>Transfer with proposed                                       |
| Chapter 5<br>Special 5A - Governance of ET1 Price<br>Control Financial Instruments<br>Special 5B - Annual Iteration Process for<br>the ET1 Price Control Financial Model<br>Chapter 6  | Proposed amendments<br>Proposed amendments   | minor amendments (eg<br>references to NGET<br>updated to refer to<br>NGESO)<br>Transfer with proposed<br>amendments<br>Transfer with proposed<br>amendments                         |
| Chapter 5<br>Special 5A - Governance of ET1 Price<br>Control Financial Instruments<br>Special 5B - Annual Iteration Process for<br>the ET1 Price Control Financial Model<br>Chapter 6<br>Special 6A - Legacy Price Control   | Proposed amendments<br>Proposed amendments<br>Retain with no                       | minor amendments (eg<br>references to NGET<br>updated to refer to<br>NGESO)<br>Transfer with proposed<br>amendments<br>Transfer with proposed<br>amendments                         |
| Chapter 5<br>Special 5A - Governance of ET1 Price<br>Control Financial Instruments<br>Special 5B - Annual Iteration Process for<br>the ET1 Price Control Financial Model<br>Chapter 6<br>Special 6A - Legacy Price Control<br>Adjustments (Transmission Owner)   | Proposed amendments<br>Proposed amendments<br>Retain with no<br>modification       | minor amendments (eg<br>references to NGET<br>updated to refer to<br>NGESO)<br>Transfer with proposed<br>amendments<br>Transfer with proposed<br>amendments<br>Not transferred/used |
| Chapter 5<br>Special 5A - Governance of ET1 Price<br>Control Financial Instruments<br>Special 5B - Annual Iteration Process for<br>the ET1 Price Control Financial Model<br>Chapter 6<br>Special 6A - Legacy Price Control<br>Adjustments (Transmission Owner)<br>Special 6B - Supplementary provisions in | Proposed amendments Proposed amendments Retain with no modification Retain with no | minor amendments (eg<br>references to NGET<br>updated to refer to<br>NGESO)<br>Transfer with proposed<br>amendments<br>Transfer with proposed<br>amendments<br>Not transferred/used |

| Special 6C - Determination of PCFM<br>Variable Values for Totex Incentive<br>Mechanism Adjustments - Transmission<br>Owner                  | Retain with no<br>modification | Not transferred/used  |
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| Special 6D - Specified financial adjustments<br>- Transmission Owner  | Retain with no<br>modification | Not transferred/used  |
| Special 6E - The Innovation Roll-Out<br>Mechanism   | Retain with no modification    | Not transferred/used  |
| Special 6F - Baseline Generation<br>Connections Outputs and Generation<br>Connections volume driver   | Retain with no<br>modification | Not transferred/used  |
| Special 6G - Mitigating the impact of Pre-<br>existing Transmission Infrastructure on the<br>visual amenity of Designated Areas             | Proposed amendments            | Not transferred/used  |
| Special 6H - Arrangements for the recovery of uncertain costs   | Retain with no<br>modification | Not transferred/used  |
| Special 6I - Specification of Baseline Wider<br>Works Outputs and Strategic Wider Works<br>Outputs and Assessment of Allowed<br>Expenditure | Proposed amendments            | Not transferred/used  |
| Special 6J - Allowed Expenditure for<br>Incremental Wider Works   | Proposed amendments            | Not transferred/used  |
| Special 6K - Allowed Expenditure for<br>meeting planning requirements and<br>volume driver  | Retain with no<br>modification | Not transferred/used  |
| Special 6L - Baseline Demand Related<br>Infrastructure Outputs and Allowed<br>Expenditure volume driver                                     | Proposed amendments            | Not transferred/used  |
| Chapter 7   |                                |   |
| All Special Conditions in Chapter 7   | Proposed removal               | Transfer with proposed<br>minor amendments (eg<br>references to NGET<br>updated to refer to<br>NGESO) |
| Chapter 8   | •                              |   |

| Special 8A - Disapplication of Relevant   | Proposed amendments | Transfer with proposed |
|---|---------------------|------------------------|
| Special Conditions                        |                     | amendments             |
| Special 8B - Services treated as Excluded | Proposed amendments | Transfer with proposed |
| Services                                  |                     | amendments             |
| Special 8C                                | Proposed amendments | Not transferred/used   |
| Chapter 9                                 |                     |                        |
| All Schedules in Chapter 9                | Proposed removal    | Not transferred/used   |

## Annexes

The following annexes are attached to this notice:

- Annex A: NGET Special Licence Conditions proposed modifications
- Annex B: NGET Standard Licence Conditions proposed modifications
- Annex C: NGET Part I Terms of the Licence
- Annex D: NGET Part II The Standard Conditions
- Annex E: NGET Schedules
- Annex F: NGESO Special Licence Conditions proposed modifications
- Annex G: NGESO Standard Licence Conditions proposed modifications
- Annex H: NGESO Part I Terms of the Licence
- Annex I: NGESO Part II The Standard Conditions
- Annex J: NGESO Schedules