

To: All holders of an electricity distribution licence (each the 'licensee')

**Electricity Act 1989
Section 11A(1)(b)**

Modification of the standard conditions of all electricity distribution licences

1. Each of the licensees to whom this document is addressed has an electricity distribution licence which has been granted or treated as granted under section 6(1)(c) of the Electricity Act 1989 ('the Act').
2. Under section 11A(2) of the Act, the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority ('the Authority')¹ gave notice² on 2 April 2019 ('the Notice') that we propose to modify Standard Licence Condition 24 (Distribution System planning standard and quality of performance reporting) ('SLC 24'). We stated that any representations to the modification proposal must be made on or before 3 May 2019.
3. A copy of the Notice was sent to the Secretary of State in accordance with section 11A(4)(b) of the Act, and we have not received a direction that the change should not be made.
4. We received four responses to the Notice, which we carefully considered. We have placed all non-confidential responses on our website. All consultation responses were supportive of the modification, however, one respondent suggested drafting changes to the proposed text. Our response to these suggested changes is in the letter published alongside this notice.
5. We are making these licence modifications in order to:
 - a. maintain consistency between the Distribution Code and the electricity distribution licence such that they both refer to the current electricity network planning standards, and
 - b. enable the Authority to direct a change to the P2 issue number, rather a licence modification being required.
6. The effect of the modifications is that the licensee is required to plan and develop its distribution system in accordance with Engineering Recommendation P2/7, and the Authority will be able to change the P2 issue number by direction in the future.
7. Where an application for permission to appeal our decision is made to the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) under section 11C of the Act, Rule 5.7 of the Energy Licence Modification Appeals: Competition and Markets Authority Rules³ requires that the appellant must send to any relevant licence holders who are not parties to the appeal a non-sensitive notice setting out the matters required in Rule 5.2. The attached Schedule 2 provides a list of the relevant licence holders in relation to this modification. Section 11A(10) of the Act sets out the meaning of 'relevant licence holder'.

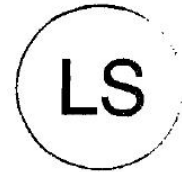
¹ The terms "the Authority", "we" and "us" are used interchangeably in this document.

² <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/statutory-consultation-standard-licence-condition-24-electricity-distribution-licence>

³ CMA70 https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/655601/energy-licence-modification-appeals-rules.pdf

8. Under the powers set out in section 11A(1)(b) of the Act, we hereby modify the standard licence conditions for all electricity distortion licences in the manner specified in attached Schedule 1. This decision will take effect from 10 August 2019.
9. This document is notice of the reasons for the decision to modify the electricity distribution licences as required by section 49A(2) of the Act.

**The Official Seal of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority
here affixed is authenticated by the signature of**



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**Peter Bingham Duly authorised on behalf of the
Gas and Electricity Markets Authority**

14 June 2019

Schedule 1: Licence Drafting

- Text which has been deleted is struck through: ~~Example~~
- Text which has been added is bold and double underlined: **Example**

24.1 The licensee must plan and develop its Distribution System in accordance with:

(a) a standard not less than that set out in Engineering Recommendation P.2/67 of the Energy Networks Association, **or set out in any subsequent Engineering Recommendation in the EREC P2 series of the Energy Networks Association, as may be directed by the Authority**, so far as that standard is applicable to it; or

Schedule 2: Relevant Licence Holders⁴

Company	Registered Company No
Eclipse Power Networks Limited	09633506
Energetics Electricity Limited	SC234694
Energy Assets Networks Limited	10068882
Energy Assets Power Networks Limited	10326097
ESP Electricity Limited	04718806
Fulcrum Electricity Assets Limited	08019627
Harlaxton Energy Networks Limited	07330883
Independent Power Networks Limited	04935008
Leep Electricity Networks Limited	06684589
Murphy Power Distribution Limited	10622250
The Electricity Network Company Limited	05581824
UK Power Distribution Limited	06339585
Utility Assets Limited	07255054
Vattenfall Networks Limited	02731769
Eastern Power Networks Plc	02366906
Electricity North West Limited	02366949
London Power Networks Plc	03929195
Northern Powergrid (Northeast) Limited	02906593
Northern Powergrid (Yorkshire) Plc	04112320
Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution Plc	SC213460
South Eastern Power Networks Plc	03043097
Southern Electric Power Distribution Plc	04094290
SP Distribution Plc	SC189125
SP Manweb Plc	02366937
Western Power Distribution (East Midlands) Plc	02366923
Western Power Distribution (South Wales) Plc	02366985
Western Power Distribution (South West) Plc	02366894
Western Power Distribution (West Midlands) Plc	03600574

⁴ Electricity licence holders are listed at: <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/all-electricity-licensees-registered-addresses>