

To the Company Secretary:

Northern Powergrid (Northeast) Limited
Company Number: 02906593

DIRECTIONS ISSUED BY THE GAS AND ELECTRICITY MARKETS AUTHORITY TO NORTHERN POWERGRID (NORTHEAST) LIMITED UNDER THE SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF ITS ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION LICENCE IN RESPECT OF THE ANNUAL ITERATION PROCESS FOR THE ED1 PRICE CONTROL FINANCIAL MODEL (PCFM)

WHEREAS

1. Northern Powergrid (Northeast) Limited ('the licensee') is the holder of an electricity distribution licence ('the licence') granted or treated as granted under section 6(1)(c) of the Electricity Act 1989 ('the Act').
2. For the purposes of these directions:
 - (a) the expression 'Regulatory Year t' has the same meaning as is given to it in CRC 1B (Interpretation of Part 4) of the licence and references to Regulatory Year t-1 are to be construed accordingly; and
 - (b) Regulatory Year t is the Regulatory Year that commences on 1 April 2021 and ends on 31 March 2022 ('Regulatory Year 2021/22').
3. CRC 4B (Annual Iteration Process for the ED1 Price Control Financial Model) requires the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority ('the Authority') to:
 - (a) carry out the Annual Iteration Process for the ED1 Price Control Financial Model; and
 - (b) direct the value of the term MOD for Regulatory Year t for the purposes of the formula specified in Part C of CRC 2A (Restriction of Allowed Distribution Network Revenue);
by 30 November in Regulatory 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 ED1 Price Control Financial Model that forms part of CRC 4A (Governance of ED1 Price Control Financial Instruments) of the licence:
 - CRC 3A (Legacy price control adjustments) in respect of LTPG, LTPS, LTPD, LTPC, OLREV, OLRAV and RIREV values;
 - CRC 3B (Determination of PCFM Variable Values relating to actual Totex expenditure for Totex Incentive Mechanism Adjustments) in respect of ALC, ANLR, ANLO, AFE, ARP, ACO and TRE values;
 - CRC 3C (Specified financial adjustments) in respect of EDE, TTE, TGIE and CDE values;
 - CRC 3D (The Innovation Roll-out mechanism) in respect of IRM values;
 - CRC 3E (Smart Meter Roll-out Costs) in respect of SMAE values;
 - CRC 3F (Arrangements for the recovery of uncertain costs) in respect of UCHVP, UCEPS, UCSSW, UCRE and UCLB values;
 - CRC 3G (Revising the allowed level of Load Related Expenditure) in respect of LRRC values;
 - CRC 3H (Allowed expenditure on improving services to Worst Served Customers) in respect of WSCC values; and
 - CRC 3J (Allowed expenditure on Visual Amenity Projects) in respect of VAA 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 ED1 Price Control Financial Handbook containing that methodology.
6. The reason for this direction is to revise the PCFM Variable Values as used in the Annual Iteration Process for the ED1 Price Control Financial Model (as each of those terms is defined in CRC 1B). The Annual Iteration Process is used to calculate the value of the term MOD for the purposes of the formula specified in CRC 2A (Restriction of Allowed Distribution Network Revenue).
7. In accordance with requirements set out in the Special Conditions referred to in paragraph 4, on 10 November 2020 the Authority gave notice of the revised PCFM Variable Values that it proposed to direct by 30 November 2020 in Regulatory 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:**

- (a) the PCFM Variable Values referred to in paragraph 4 are to be revised as shown in Schedule 1 to these directions; and
- (b) the term MOD for the licensee for Regulatory Year 2021/22 is to take the value -£7.0m.

Schedule 2 to these directions shows the complete PCFM Variable Values Table 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 49A of the Act.

Steve McMahon



Deputy Director, Network Price Controls

Duly authorised on behalf of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority
27 November 2020

SCHEDULE 1 TO THE AUTHORITY'S DIRECTIONS - REVISIONS TO VARIABLE VALUES (shown to 1 d.p., except CDE shown to 2 d.p.)

NPgN				Regulatory Year Ending										
PCFM Variable Value		Special Condition	Price Base / Units	DPCR5 Legacy		RIIO-ED1								
				31 March 2014	31 March 2015	31 March 2016	31 March 2017	31 March 2018	31 March 2019	31 March 2020	31 March 2021	31 March 2022	31 March 2023	
CDE	Allowed percentage cost of corporate debt	CRC 3C	Annual Real %			No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	1.62%	1.62%
ALC	Actual load-related capex expenditure	CRC 3B	£m 12/13 Prices			No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	8.5	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision
ANLR	Actual non-load related capex expenditure - asset replacement	CRC 3B	£m 12/13 Prices			No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	67.6	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision
ANLO	Actual non-load related capex - other	CRC 3B	£m 12/13 Prices			No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	10.2	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision
AFE	Actual faults expenditure	CRC 3B	£m 12/13 Prices			No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	25.4	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision
TRE	Actual tree cutting	CRC 3B	£m 12/13 Prices			No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	3.2	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision
ARP	Actual 100% 'revenue pool' expenditure	CRC 3B	£m 12/13 Prices			No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	6.6	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision
ACO	Actual controllable opex expenditure	CRC 3B	£m 12/13 Prices			No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	59.8	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision
UCEPS	Allowed Expenditure - Enhanced Physical Site Security	CRC 3F	£m 12/13 Prices			No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision
UCHVP	Allowed Expenditure - High Value Projects	CRC 3F	£m 12/13 Prices			No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision
VAA	Allowed Expenditure - Visual Amenity Projects	CRC 3J	£m 12/13 Prices			No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	1.5	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision
WSCC	Allowed Expenditure - Worst Served Customer Projects	CRC 3H	£m 12/13 Prices			No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision
SMAE	Allowed Expenditure - Smart Meter Roll-out costs	CRC 3E	£m 12/13 Prices			No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	1.3	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision
UCSSW	Allowed Expenditure - Specified Street Works	CRC 3F	£m 12/13 Prices			No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision
LRRC	Allowed Expenditure - Load Related	CRC 3G	£m 12/13 Prices			No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision
RE	Allowed Expenditure - Rail Electrification (WPD)	CRC 3K	£m 12/13 Prices			No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision
UCMC	Allowed Expenditure - Moorside Costs	CRC 3L	£m 12/13 Prices			No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision
UCSFE	Allowed Expenditure - Shetland Uncertain Energy (SSEH)	CRC 3F	£m 12/13 Prices			No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision
UCCPC	Allowed Expenditure - Shetland Competitive Process (SSEH)	CRC 3F	£m 12/13 Prices			No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision
UCLB	Allowed Expenditure - Link Boxes	CRC 3F	£m 12/13 Prices			No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision
UCSC	Allowed Expenditure - Subsea Cables (SSEH)	CRC 3F	£m 12/13 Prices			No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision
UCRE	Allowed Expenditure - Uncertain Rail Electrification Costs	CRC 3F	£m 12/13 Prices			No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision
IRM	Allowed Expenditure - Innovation Roll-out Mechanism	CRC 3D	£m 12/13 Prices			No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision
UCSEFEC	Allowed Expenditure - Shetland Extension Fixed Energy Costs (SSEH)	CRC 3F	£m 12/13 Prices			No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision
UCSESPC	Allowed Expenditure - Shetland Enduring Solution Process Costs (SSEH)	CRC 3F	£m 12/13 Prices			No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision
UCSEBC	Allowed Expenditure - Shetland Extension Battery Costs (SSEH)	CRC 3F	£m 12/13 Prices			No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision
EDE	Pension Scheme Established Deficit revenue adjustment	CRC 3C	£m 12/13 Prices			No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	10.7	4.4	
OLREV	Other legacy adjustments' price control allowed revenue adjustment	CRC 3A	£m 12/13 Prices			No Revision								
OLRAV	Other legacy adjustments' price control RAV additions adjustment	CRC 3A	£m 12/13 Prices	No Revision	No Revision									
RIREV	RAV Rolling Incentive legacy adjustments' price control allowed revenue adjustment	CRC 3A	£m 12/13 Prices			No Revision								
TGIE	Tax liability revenue allowance adjustments - gearing / debt interest costs	CRC 3C	£m Nominal			No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision
TTE	Tax liability revenue allowance adjustments - tax trigger events	CRC 3C	£m 12/13 Prices			No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision	0.0	No Revision	No Revision	No Revision
LTPG	Legacy general tax pool adjustment	CRC 3A	£m Nominal	No Revision	No Revision									
LTPS	Legacy special tax pool adjustment	CRC 3A	£m Nominal	No Revision	No Revision									
LTPD	Deferred Revenue Expenditure pre-RIIO movement adjustment	CRC 3A	£m Nominal	No Revision	No Revision									
LTPC	DRE: Gross capex adjustment	CRC 3A	£m Nominal	No Revision	No Revision									

NPgN			Financial Handbook	Price Base	31 March 2014	31 March 2015	31 March 2016	31 March 2017	31 March 2018	31 March 2019	31 March 2020	31 March 2021	31 March 2022	31 March 2023
Incremental Legacy Adjustments used to calculate OLREV														
PTU	Pension True-Up	Chapter 15	£m 12/13 Prices				0.1							
PPF	PPF Levy	Chapter 15	£m 12/13 Prices				0.0							
TCB	Tax Clawback	Chapter 15	£m 12/13 Prices				0.0							
Tax	Tax True-Up	Chapter 15	£m 12/13 Prices				-1.7							
DGS	Distributed Generation for DPCR5	Chapter 15	£m 12/13 Prices				-5.1							
BDC	Bad Debts	Chapter 15	£m 12/13 Prices				0.0							
TMA	Traffic Management Act	Chapter 15	£m 12/13 Prices				0.0							
UWS	Undergrounding & Worst Served Customers Improvements	Chapter 15	£m 12/13 Prices				0.0							
LRR	Load Related Reopener	Chapter 15	£m 12/13 Prices				0.0							
HVC	High Volume Low Cost Connections	Chapter 15	£m 12/13 Prices				0.2							
HVP	High Value Projects	Chapter 15	£m 12/13 Prices				0.0							
EPS	Enhanced Physical Site Security	Chapter 15	£m 12/13 Prices				0.0							
RLM	Rising & Lateral Mains	Chapter 15	£m 12/13 Prices				0.0							
SHET	Shetland	Chapter 15	£m 12/13 Prices				0.0							
FLD	Flood Prevention (SSEH Only)	Chapter 15	£m 12/13 Prices				0.0							
Incremental Legacy Adjustments used to calculate OLRAV														
RAV	RAV Additions	Chapter 15	£m 12/13 Prices		-0.4	26.5								
Incremental Legacy Adjustments used to calculate RIREV														
RRI	RRI Revenue Adjustment	Chapter 16	£m 12/13 Prices				-9.6							
RRI RLM	RRI RLM Adjustment	Chapter 16	£m 12/13 Prices				0.0							
RRI WFR	RRI WFR Adjustment	Chapter 16	£m 12/13 Prices				-0.1							

