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Dear Network Companies,

Direction under Part B of Special Condition 9.4 (Re-opener Guidance and Application Requirements Document) to issue the Re-opener Guidance and Application Requirements Document.

1. Each of the companies to whom this direction is addressed is the holder of a licence granted or treated as granted under section 6(1)(b) of the Electricity Act 1989 or section 7 of the Gas Act 1989.
2. In accordance with paragraph 9.4.7 of Special Condition 9.4 (Re-opener Guidance and Application Requirements Document), on 17 December 2020 the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority ("the Authority")¹ published on its website the text of the proposed Re-opener Guidance and Application Requirements Document and stated that representations must be made on or before 29 January 2021.
3. We received 14 responses, which we have carefully considered. We have placed all non-confidential responses on our website. Our response to these comments is set out in the issues log, which can be found at: <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/re-opener-guidance-and-application-requirements-document-0>.
4. We have made a number of changes to the proposed text as a result of consultation responses. The full text of the Re-opener Guidance and Application Requirements Document as well as a track change version compared with that published on 17 December 2020 can be found at: <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/re-opener-guidance-and-application-requirements-document>.
5. The reason for this direction is to give effect to our decision in Final Determinations² to have a Re-opener Guidance and Application Requirements Document to provide further detail on the licensees' obligations when preparing any applications for Re-openers, as required by Part A of Special Condition 9.4.

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

² Section 7 Managing Uncertainty, https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/system/files/docs/2020/12/final_determinations_-_core_document.pdf

6. This direction is our notice of reasons for the purposes of section 49A of the Electricity Act 1989 and section 38A of the Gas Act 1986.
7. Now the Authority pursuant to the provisions of Special Condition 1.1 (Interpretation and definitions) and Special Condition 9.4 hereby directs that the Re-opener Guidance and Application Requirements Document is issued and will have effect from 1 April 2021.

For more information regarding this Direction you should contact Graham Craig, Graham.Craig@ofgem.gov.uk.

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Signed on behalf of the Authority and authorised for that purpose by the Authority