

**To: Electricity North West Ltd (ENWL)
Northern Powergrid (Northeast) plc (NPgN)
Northern Powergrid (Yorkshire) plc (NPgY)
London Power Networks plc (LPN)
South Eastern Power Networks plc (SPN)
Eastern Power Networks plc (EPN)
SP Distribution plc (SPD)
SP Manweb plc (SPMW)
Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution plc (SSEH)
Southern Electric Power Distribution plc (SSES)
Western Power Distribution (West Midlands) plc (WMID)
Western Power Distribution (East Midlands) plc (EMID)
Western Power Distribution (South Wales) plc (SWALES)
Western Power Distribution (South West) plc (SWEST)**

(the "Licensees")

Direction under Part C of Standard Condition 46 (Regulatory Instructions and Guidance) ("SLC 46") of the Electricity Distribution Licence granted to the Licensees under section 6(1)(c) of the Electricity Act 1989

Whereas –

1. The Licensees each hold an Electricity Distribution Licence (the "Licence") granted or treated as granted under section 6(1)(c) of the Electricity Act 1989 (the "Act") and is subject to the conditions contained in the Licence.
2. The RIIO-ED1 Electricity Distribution Price Control – Regulatory Instructions and Guidance ("the RIGs") are the primary means by which the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority (the "Authority"¹) directs the Licensees to provide information required by the Authority to administer the Charge Restriction Conditions (and such standard conditions as may be relevant) of the Licence, and, where not referenced in the Charge Restriction Conditions of the Licence, the RIIO-ED1 Final Determination.
3. In accordance with paragraph 46.10 of SLC 46, the Authority gave Notice² on 30 April 2020 (the "Notice") that it proposed to modify the Annex A Glossary and Annex F of the RIGs and RIIO-ED1 Electricity Distribution Guaranteed Standards of Performance Reporting Pack Template. We proposed a series of other modifications to the RIGs in a previous consultation on 9th March 2020 and we have now published the associated Direction on our website.³

¹ The "Authority", "Ofgem", "we" and "our" are used interchangeably in this document. The Office of Gas and Electricity Markets (Ofgem) supports the Authority in its day to day work.

² <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/notice-proposing-modifications-annex-f-regulatory-instructions-and-guidance-rigs-riio-ed1-version-60>

³ Notice: <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/notice-proposing-modifications-regulatory-instructions-and-guidance-rigs-riio-ed1-version-60>

Direction: <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/direction-make-modifications-regulatory-instructions-and-guidance-rigs-riio-ed1-version-60>

4. The Notice invited any representations on the proposed modifications on or before 5 June 2020. The Authority received 6 responses. All non-confidential responses are published on our website and can be found in the link in Appendix 1. In accordance with paragraph 46.10(e) of SLC 46, the Authority has considered the representations submitted and in response, we have made a small number of minor changes to the modifications proposed to Annex F of the RIGs and the RIIO-ED1 Guaranteed Standards Reporting Pack Template. Our responses to the comments received and an explanation of the changes made are set out in the issues log referred to in Appendix 2.⁴
5. Appendix 2 to this Direction also provides a link to the following documents, which incorporate all the modifications, including those made in light of consultation responses:
 - (a) RIIO-ED1 Electricity Distribution Price Control – Regulatory Instructions and Guidance – Annex F (Interruptions) (all modifications are set out in red underlined font and the additional modifications following consultation are in yellow highlight, on pages 38 and 43).
 - (b) RIIO-ED1 Guaranteed Standards Reporting Pack Template (all modifications are set out in the issues log accompanying this direction and the additional modifications are highlighted in yellow and have been further identified under the “changes log” tab in the Guaranteed Standards Reporting Pack Template).
6. The RIIO-ED1 Guaranteed Standards Reporting Pack Template and RIIO-ED1 Electricity Distribution Price Control – Regulatory Instructions and Guidance – Annex F (Interruptions) that have been issued as part of this Direction have been updated to version 6.0 for consistency. For the avoidance of doubt, only the changes stated in Appendix 2 have been made.
7. Unless otherwise stated in the RIGs, the modifications apply to information required in terms of the RIGs from the reporting year 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020 until the final reporting year of RIIO-ED1 (1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023). DNOs submit this information each year by 31 July; in light of the impact of Covid-19, the reporting deadlines for 2020 were revised.⁵

Now therefore –

8. Pursuant to paragraph 46.9 of SLC 46, the Authority hereby modifies the RIGs in the manner specified in the documents that can be accessed via the hyperlink in Appendix 2. Licensees are required to report in accordance with these modified RIGs for the purpose of regulatory reporting.
9. This document, including the Appendices, constitutes notice of the Authority’s reasons as required by section 49A of the Act.

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Steven McMahon
Deputy Director, Electricity Distribution and Cross Sector Policy
Duly authorised on behalf of the Authority
29 June 2020

⁴ Appendix 2 shows the modifications as set out in the consultation. It also includes responses to the consultation and our decision.

⁵ https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/system/files/docs/2020/05/covid-19_-_updated_riio-1_work_programme_-_final_may_2020.pdf

Appendix 1: Stakeholder representations

On 9 March 2020, we published our Notice proposing modifications to the RIIO-ED1 RIGs. The responses to this Notice can be found here:

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/direction-make-modifications-annex-f-regulatory-instructions-and-guidance-rigs-riio-ed1-version-60>

Appendix 2: Response to representations and the RIIO-ED1 RIGs Version 6.0

Our response to stakeholder representations and reasons for any differences between the proposed RIGs in the Notice and those in this Direction are in the issues log found in the link below. In summary, the minor changes we have made to the modifications proposed in the RIGs following our consultation on 9th March 2020 include providing additional clarity to cells in the reporting pack and correcting formula errors.

The RIIO-ED1 RIGs Version 6.0 and the RIIO ED-1 Guaranteed Standards Reporting Pack Template are also available on the Authority's website at the link below. This version includes the amendments made under the previous RIGs direction (see footnote 3):

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/direction-make-modifications-annex-f-regulatory-instructions-and-guidance-rigs-riio-ed1-version-60>