

The Energy Bill Relief Scheme (Northern Ireland) (No.2) (Amendment) Rules 2023

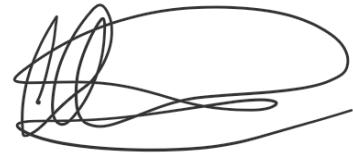
The Secretary of State makes the following Rules under regulation 33 of the Energy Bill Relief Scheme (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2022 (S.I. 2022 / 1106).

1 Citation, commencement and interpretation

- 1.1 These rules may be cited as the Energy Bill Relief Scheme (Northern Ireland) (No.2) (Amendment) Rules 2023.
- 1.2 They come into force on 27 January 2023.

2 Amendment

- 2.1 The Energy Bill Relief Scheme (Northern Ireland) (No.2) Rules 2022 are amended as follows.
- 2.2 For Schedule 1, substitute Schedule 1 as set out in the Schedule to these Rules.



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**Schedule: Text to be substituted for Schedule 1 to the Energy Bill Relief Scheme
(Northern Ireland (No.2) Rules 2022**

Schedule 1

Details to be included in a discount recovery claim

Part 1 – information about the supplier

1. The supplier's name and address
2. Details of the supplier's designated account
3. If the claim is under the electricity scheme, the supplier's registered licence holder name
4. If the claim is under the gas scheme:
 - a. the supplier's gas licence number;
 - b. the short code used by the supplier

Part 2 – information about each of the supplier's supply contracts

Information to be supplied about each supply contract (unless otherwise stated, this applies to every supply contract, whether or not discount recovery is claimed for it, and whether it relates to electricity or gas; and, where electricity and gas are supplied under a single contract, information is to be supplied separately for each form of energy, even if it is the same in each case)

5. Whether the supplier has reduced the supply price under the supply contract by the discount
6. To which category (fixed price contract, variable price contract or flexible price contract, or in the case of electricity, DAI price contract) the supplier has determined that the supply contract belongs
7. Where discount recovery is claimed for a contract, whether the supplier has determined that it is to be treated as two or more separate contracts (and, if so, on what basis)
8. The contract start date
9. The contract end date (if applicable)
10. In the case of a fixed price contract, the price-fix date (in the case of a supply contract where discount recovery is not claimed, to be supplied if available)
11. The period of supply
12. The supply price applicable in respect of energy supplied during the period of supply
13. Any standing charge applicable in respect of the period of supply
14. How often the customer is sent a bill
15. Whether payment is to be made in arrears

16. Customer meter type (smart, advanced or traditional)
17. In each discount recovery claim submitted in a claim window that begins on or after 11 February 2023:
 - a. The supply price for each month between 1 April 2022 and 30 September 2022
 - b. Any standing charge applicable for each month between 1 April 2022 and 30 September 2022
 - c. The address of the premises supplied
 - d. The post code of the premises supplied
18. In each discount recovery claim submitted in a claim window that begins on or after 25 February 2023:
 - a. The Unique Property Reference Number of the premises supplied (if available)
 - b. The customer's name (being the name of the organisation supplied, and not that of an individual as a point of contact, except in the case of a customer that is a sole trader)
 - c. The number under which the customer is registered in any register of companies, charities or other bodies, that is maintained under any enactment, and in which it is registered (if applicable and available)
 - d. Within the meaning of the Office for National Statistics' "UK Standard Industrial Classification of Economic Activities 2007" ("SIC 2007"), to which Division of that classification (also known as a two-digit code) the customer belongs (if available)
 - e. Within the meaning of SIC 2007, to which Class of that classification (also known as a four-digit code) the customer belongs (if available)

Additional information to be supplied about each electricity supply contract

19. The relevant meter point reference number
20. The following information associated with the relevant meter point reference number:
 - a. If the customer has a connection to a transmission system, details of the relevant Metering Sub-Code (as defined in SONI Grid Code¹);
 - b. If the customer has a connection to a distribution system, the relevant meter configuration code and DUOS group applied by Northern Ireland Electricity Networks
21. Volume of electricity supplied in the period of supply
22. Whether that volume (or part of it) has been estimated

¹ See Grid Code paragraph MC2.3 and the sub-codes referred to there (available at <https://www.soni.ltd.uk/how-the-grid-works/grid-codes/>).

Additional information to be supplied about each gas supply contract

23. The relevant supply meter point number
24. The classification of the supply meter point for the purposes of the gas distribution network code published by the person licensed, pursuant to Article 8(1)(a) of the Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996², to operate the gas distribution system to which the customer is connected (that is, whether the supply meter point is classified for those purposes as a DM Supply Meter Point, a Larger NDM Supply Meter Point or Smaller NDM Supply Meter Point, as well as the relevant EUC (End User Category) applicable to such supply meter point)³
25. Volume of gas supplied in the period of supply
26. Whether that volume (or part of it) has been estimated

Part 3 – further information about discount recovery claim

27. The total number of contracts for which discount recovery is claimed that the supplier has determined belong in each of the categories mentioned in paragraph 6 of this Schedule
28. The number of supply contracts under which the supplier made an NI non-domestic electricity supply or an NI non-domestic gas supply during the period to which the claim relates, for which discount recovery is not claimed, either as the result of an opt-out notice being issued or because they are excluded fixed price contracts
29. The total quantity of gas or (as the case may be) electricity (each in kWh) that the supplier has supplied, during the period of supply to which the claim relates, under supply contracts:
 - a. for which discount recovery is claimed;
 - b. for which discount recovery is not claimed

Part 4 – interpretation of this Schedule

30. For the purposes of this Schedule:
 - a. an item of information is "available", if it is held by the supplier, or it is reasonably practicable for the supplier to obtain it;
 - b. the "period of supply":
 - i. in the case of a supply contract in respect of which discount recovery is claimed, has the meaning given in the Regulations;
 - ii. in the case of a supply contract in respect of which discount recovery is not claimed, means the period (being a whole number of consecutive days) during which the supplier has supplied energy to the customer under the supply contract and in

² S.I. 1996 / 275 (N.I. 2).

³ All terms otherwise undefined for the purposes of these Rules and distinguished by initial upper case letters having the meanings given to them in the relevant distribution code.

respect of which the supplier provides information about that supply in a particular discount recovery claim;

- c. the "premises supplied" are the premises to which a supply is given under the supply contract;
- d. a "standing charge" is an amount chargeable to the customer on a daily (or other periodic) basis under a supply contract in addition to the amounts chargeable to the customer in respect of each unit of energy supplied under that supply contract.