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Annex 2: Proposed amendments to standard
conditions 37 and 43



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Condition 37: Roll-out Reporting and Provision of Information to the Secretary of State (Gas Supply) – Proposed modifications

Introduction

43.1 This condition provides for the Secretary of State to be able to obtain from the licensee information in respect of matters relating to the provision, installation, operation, maintenance, and use of meters.

Purposes

43.2 The purposes of this condition are to ensure that the Secretary of State may obtain such information as he may reasonably require to enable him, from time to time, to:

- (a) examine and assess the readiness of the licensee to comply with any Relevant SMS Condition;
- (b) monitor and review the steps taken, or to be taken, by the licensee to:
 - (i) install, arrange for the installation of, or provide (as the case may be) Smart Metering Systems and In-Home Displays in accordance with the requirements of any Relevant SMS Condition;
 - (ii) promote awareness and understanding by Energy Consumers of the use of Smart Metering Systems and In-Home Displays (and information that may be obtained through them);
- (c) evaluate:
 - (i) the scope and effectiveness of the licensee's consumer engagement activities; and
 - (ii) the implementation of the Consumer Engagement Plan;
- (d) identify and evaluate the costs associated with, and benefits attributable to, the provision, installation, operation, maintenance, and use of Smart Metering Systems and In-Home Displays, including in particular:
 - (i) energy savings made as a result of Energy Consumers being able to better manage their energy consumption and expenditure;

- (ii) cost savings and improvements in services resulting from changes made to energy industry activities and procedures;
- (e) decide whether or when there may be a need for him to exercise any of his powers under any Relevant SMS Condition or section 88 of the Energy Act 2008; and
- (f) publish information in respect of the matters set out in paragraphs (a) - (e).

Information Request

- 43.3 The Secretary of State may, for the purposes of this condition, from time to time issue a request for Information to be provided to him (an **Information Request**).
- 43.4 An Information Request (or any part of it) may be addressed to the licensee alone, to all Gas Suppliers or to a category of Gas Suppliers.
- 43.5 An Information Request may in particular, where the licensee supplies gas to at least 250,000 Domestic Customers, require the licensee to provide:
- (a) on an annual basis (and at such other times as may be specified in the Information Request) Information in respect of:
 - (i) its proposals, plans and projections for meeting its duties in relation to the provision, installation, operation, and maintenance of Smart Metering Systems and In-Home Displays; and
 - (ii) its progress against the proposals, plans and projections included in the previous year's roll-out report,
(together the **roll-out report**); and
 - (b) for such periods and at such frequency as may be specified in the Information Request, Information which sets out the licensee's progress against the proposals, plans and projections included in its latest roll-out report (the **monitoring report**).
- 43.6 An Information Request may in particular, where the licensee supplies gas to fewer than 250,000 Domestic Customers or supplies gas only to Non-Domestic Customers, require it to provide on an annual basis (and at such other times as may be specified in the Information Request) Information in respect of its proposals for and progress towards meeting its duties in relation to the provision, installation, operation, and maintenance of Smart Metering Systems and In-Home Displays (the **progress report**).

43.7 An Information Request may in particular specify:

- (a) the type and nature of Information to be provided, including in particular the type and nature of Information to be provided in a roll-out report, monitoring report, and progress report;
- (b) that the Information is to be accompanied by such supporting documents or data as may be described;
- (c) that all or some of the specified Information must continue to be provided at the intervals specified until such date as specified or until the Secretary of State issues a subsequent Information Request to the licensee or the category of Gas Suppliers of which it is a member; and
- (d) the form and manner in which, and the date by which, the specified Information is to be provided.

43.8 The licensee must comply with an Information Request addressed to it or to a category of Gas Suppliers of which it is a member.

43.9 The licensee must ensure that the Information it provides in response to an Information Request is complete and accurate.

43.10 The licensee is not required under this condition to provide any Information which it could not be compelled to produce or give in evidence in civil proceedings before a court.

Cessation

43.11 This condition shall cease to apply to the licensee from the date which is ~~12 months~~ **four years** after the date specified in paragraph 33.1 of standard condition 33 (Smart Metering System – Roll-out, Installation and Maintenance).

Interpretation and Definitions

43.12 In this condition:

Phrase	Definition
Consumer Engagement Plan	has the meaning given to it in standard condition 39 (Smart Metering Consumer Engagement).
Energy Consumer	means a consumer of gas or electricity.
Information	includes information in any form or medium and of any description specified by the Secretary of State and includes any documents, accounts, estimates, returns, records or reports and data of any kind, whether or not prepared specifically at the request of the Secretary of State.
Relevant SMS Condition	means any condition of this licence which imposes obligations or contains provisions in respect of any matter relating to the provision, installation, operation, maintenance, or use of a Smart Metering System or an In-Home Display.

Condition 43. Roll-out Reporting and Provision of Information to the Secretary of State (Electricity Supply) – Proposed modifications

Introduction

43.13 This condition provides for the Secretary of State to be able to obtain from the licensee information in respect of matters relating to the provision, installation, operation, maintenance, and use of meters.

Purposes

43.14 The purposes of this condition are to ensure that the Secretary of State may obtain such information as he may reasonably require to enable him, from time to time, to:

- (a) examine and assess the readiness of the licensee to comply with any Relevant SMS Condition;
- (b) monitor and review the steps taken, or to be taken, by the licensee to:
 - (i) install, arrange for the installation of, or provide (as the case may be) Smart Metering Systems and In-Home Displays in accordance with the requirements of any Relevant SMS Condition;
 - (ii) promote awareness and understanding by Energy Consumers of the use of Smart Metering Systems and In-Home Displays (and information that may be obtained through them);
- (c) evaluate:
 - (i) the scope and effectiveness of the licensee's consumer engagement activities; and
 - (ii) the implementation of the Consumer Engagement Plan;
- (d) identify and evaluate the costs associated with, and benefits attributable to, the provision, installation, operation, maintenance, and use of Smart Metering Systems and In-Home Displays, including in particular:
 - (i) energy savings made as a result of Energy Consumers being able to better manage their energy consumption and expenditure;

- (ii) cost savings and improvements in services resulting from changes made to energy industry activities and procedures;
- (e) decide whether or when there may be a need for him to exercise any of his powers under any Relevant SMS Condition or section 88 of the Energy Act 2008; and
- (f) publish information in respect of the matters set out in paragraphs (a) – (e).

Information Request

43.15 The Secretary of State may, for the purposes of this condition, from time to time issue a request for Information to be provided to him (an **Information Request**).

43.16 An Information Request (or any part of it) may be addressed to the licensee alone, to all Electricity Suppliers or to a category of Electricity Suppliers.

43.17 An Information Request may in particular, where the licensee supplies electricity to at least 250,000 Domestic Customers, require the licensee to provide:

- (a) on an annual basis (and at such other times as may be specified in the Information Request) Information in respect of:
 - (i) its proposals, plans and projections for meeting its duties in relation to the provision, installation, operation, and maintenance of Smart Metering Systems and In-Home Displays; and
 - (ii) its progress against the proposals, plans and projections included in the previous year's roll-out report,
(together the **roll-out report**); and
- (b) for such periods and at such frequency as may be specified in the Information Request, Information which sets out the licensee's progress against the proposals, plans and projections included in its latest roll-out report (the **monitoring report**).

43.18 An Information Request may in particular, where the licensee supplies electricity to fewer than 250,000 Domestic Customers or supplies electricity only to Non-Domestic Customers, require it to provide on an annual basis (and at such other times as may be specified in the Information Request) Information in respect of its proposals for and progress towards meeting its duties in relation to the provision, installation, operation, and maintenance of Smart Metering Systems and In-Home Displays (the **progress report**).

43.19 An Information Request may in particular specify:

- (a) the type and nature of Information to be provided, including in particular the type and nature of Information to be provided in a roll-out report, monitoring report, and progress report;
- (b) that the Information is to be accompanied by such supporting documents or data as may be described;
- (c) that all or some of the specified Information must continue to be provided at the intervals specified until such date as specified or until the Secretary of State issues a subsequent Information Request to the licensee or the category of Electricity Suppliers of which it is a member; and
- (d) the form and manner in which, and the date by which, the specified Information is to be provided.

43.20 The licensee must comply with an Information Request addressed to it or to a category of Electricity Suppliers of which it is a member.

43.21 The licensee must ensure that the Information it provides in response to an Information Request is complete and accurate.

43.22 The licensee is not required under this condition to provide any Information which it could not be compelled to produce or give in evidence in civil proceedings before a court.

Cessation

43.23 This condition shall cease to apply to the licensee from the date which is ~~12 months~~ **four years** after the date specified in paragraph 39.1 of standard condition 39 (Smart Metering System – Roll-out, Installation and Maintenance).

Interpretation and Definitions

43.24 In this condition:

Phrase	Definition
Consumer Engagement Plan	has the meaning given to it in standard condition 45 (Smart Metering Consumer Engagement).
Energy Consumer	means a consumer of gas or electricity.
Information	includes information in any form or medium and of any description specified by the Secretary of State and includes any documents, accounts, estimates, returns, records or reports and data of any kind, whether or not prepared specifically at the request of the Secretary of State.
Relevant SMS Condition	means any condition of this licence which imposes obligations or contains provisions in respect of any matter relating to the provision, installation, operation, maintenance, or use of a Smart Metering System or an In-Home Display.

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