

Smart Metering Programme – December 2015 Consultation – Proposed amendments to Gas Supply Licence Conditions re. Advanced Metering Exception

Condition 33: Smart Metering System – Roll-out, Installation and Maintenance

PART A - ROLL-OUT DUTY AND EXCEPTIONS TO THE DUTY

The roll-out duty

33.1 The licensee must take all reasonable steps to ensure that a Smart Metering System is installed on or before 31 December 2020 at each Domestic Premises or Designated Premises in respect of which it is the Relevant Gas Supplier.

33.2 The requirement in paragraph 33.1 is subject to paragraphs 33.3, 33.4 and 33.5.

Exception for Domestic and Designated Premises – Current Transformer Meters

33.3 The requirement in paragraph 33.1 does not apply in respect of any Domestic Premises or Designated Premises at which either:

- (a) the existing Gas Meter is a Large Gas Meter; or
- (b) any New Gas Meter or Replacement Gas Meter installed or arranged to be installed by the licensee is a Large Gas Meter,

and where in either case:

- (c) that Large Gas Meter meets any requirements which apply to it by virtue of paragraph 12.27 or 12.29 of standard condition 12 (Matters relating to Gas Meters).

Exception for Designated Premises - Advanced Meter Arrangements

33.4 The requirement in paragraph 33.1 does not apply in respect of any Designated Premises:

- (a) where:
 - (i) the licensee or any other person has, prior to ~~6 April 2016~~ (‘the Rrelevant Date’), made arrangements for an Advanced Meter to be installed at that Designated Premises; and
 - (ii) the obligation under those arrangements to install an Advanced Meter is to be satisfied by a date which is also prior to the Rrelevant Date; and
- (b) where either:

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- (i) the ~~R~~relevant ~~D~~ate has not yet occurred; or
- (ii) the ~~R~~relevant ~~D~~ate has occurred and the Gas Meter installed at the Designated Premises is an Advanced Meter that was installed prior to that date.

Exception for Designated Premises - Advanced Meter Contract

33.5 The requirement in paragraph 33.1 does not apply in respect of any Designated Premises:

- (a) where:
 - (i) the licensee or any other person has, prior to 6 April 2016, entered into a contract with the Customer at the Designated Premises to install or arrange the installation of an Advanced Meter at that Designated Premises; and
 - (ii) the obligation under that contract is for the Advanced Meter to be installed prior to 1 January 2021 (~~‘the relevant date’~~); and
- (b) where either:
 - (i) ~~the relevant date~~ 1 January 2021 has not yet occurred; or
 - (ii) ~~the relevant date~~ 1 January 2021 has occurred and the Gas Meter installed at the Designated Premises is the Advanced Meter that was first installed, pursuant to the contract, prior to that date.

PART B - DUTY IN RELATION TO REPLACEMENT METERS AND NEW CONNECTIONS AND EXCEPTIONS FROM THE DUTY

The duty in relation to replacement meters and new connections

33.6 The licensee must take all reasonable steps to ensure that at each Domestic Premises or Designated Premises in respect of which:

- (a) it is the Relevant Gas Supplier, any Replacement Gas Meter which is installed or is arranged to be installed forms part of a Smart Metering System;
- (b) it is to be the first Relevant Gas Supplier, any New Gas Meter which is installed or is arranged to be installed forms part of a Smart Metering System.

33.7 The requirement in paragraph 33.6 is subject to paragraphs 33.9, 33.10 and 33.11.

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33.8 The requirement in paragraph 33.6 and paragraphs 33.9, 33.10 and 33.11 apply only with effect from any date specified by the Secretary of State in a direction issued to the licensee in accordance with this paragraph.

Exception for Domestic and Designated Premises – Current Transformer Meters

33.9 The requirement in paragraph 33.6 does not apply in respect of any Domestic Premises or Designated Premises at which either:

- (a) the existing Gas Meter is a Large Gas Meter; or
- (b) any New Gas Meter or Replacement Gas Meter installed or arranged to be installed by the licensee is a Large Gas Meter,

and where in either case:

- (c) that Large Gas Meter meets any requirements which apply to it by virtue of paragraph 12.27 or 12.29 of standard condition 12 (Matters relating to Gas Meters).

Exception for Designated Premises - Advanced Meter Arrangements

33.10 The requirement in paragraph 33.6 does not apply in respect of any Designated Premises where:

- (a) the licensee or any other person has, prior to ~~6 April 2016~~ ('the ~~R~~relevant ~~D~~ate'), made arrangements for an Advanced Meter to be installed at that Designated Premises;
- (b) the obligation under those arrangements to install an Advanced Meter is to be satisfied by a date which is also prior to the ~~R~~relevant ~~D~~ate; and
- (c) the ~~R~~relevant ~~D~~ate has not yet occurred.

Designated Premises – Advanced Meter Contract

33.11 The requirement in paragraph 33.6 does not apply in respect of any Designated Premises

- (a) where:

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- (i) the licensee or any other person has, prior to 6 April 2016, entered into a contract with the Customer at the Designated Premises to install or arrange the installation of an Advanced Meter at that Designated Premises; and
 - (ii) the obligation under that contract is for the Advanced Meter to be installed prior to 1 January 2021 (~~‘the relevant date’~~); and
- (b) where both:
- (i) the Advanced Meter has not yet been installed at the Designated Premises pursuant to the contract; and
 - (ii) ~~the relevant date~~ 1 January 2021 has not yet occurred.

PART C – DUTIES AFTER INSTALLATION AND DEFINITIONS

The duties after installation

33.12 The licensee must take all reasonable steps to ensure that, at each Domestic Premises or Designated Premises in respect of which it is the Relevant Gas Supplier and at which a Smart Metering System has been installed, the Smart Metering System continues to satisfy the requirements of the SME Technical Specification that was applicable (in accordance with paragraph 47.12 of standard condition 47 (Technical Specifications)) on its Installation Date.

33.13 The requirement in paragraph 33.12 is subject to paragraph 33.14.

Exception

33.14 The requirement in paragraph 33.12 does not apply in respect of any part of a Smart Metering System which consists of a Communications Hub.

Definitions

33.15 For the purposes of this condition:

Advanced Meter means a Gas Meter which satisfies the definition of ‘advanced meter’ in paragraph 12.22 of standard condition 12 (Matters relating to Gas Meters) but which does not form part of a Smart Metering System.

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<u>Domestic Energy Premises</u>	<u>means premises which (with respect to the supply of gas) are Domestic Premises, or (with respect to the supply of electricity) satisfy the definition of 'Domestic Premises' at standard condition 6 of the Electricity Supply Licence.</u>
<u>Energy Supplier</u>	<u>means the holder of an Electricity Supply Licence and/or a Gas Supply Licence.</u>
<u>Large Energy Supplier</u>	<u>means an Energy Supplier which is not a Small Energy Supplier.</u>
New Gas Meter	means the Gas Meter that is the first Gas Meter to be installed or arranged to be installed at the relevant premises.
<u>Relevant Date</u>	<u>means:</u> <u>(a) where the licensee is a Large Energy Supplier, 28 April 2017; and</u> <u>(b) where the licensee is a Small Energy Supplier, 17 August 2017,</u> <u>or (in either case) such later date as the Secretary of State may direct.</u>
Replacement Gas Meter	means a Gas Meter that replaces a Gas Meter previously installed at the relevant premises.
<u>Small Energy Supplier</u>	<u>means an Energy Supplier which supplied (whether with electricity, or gas, or both) fewer than 250,000 (two hundred and fifty thousand) Domestic Energy Premises on 15 February 2015.</u>