

**CADENT GAS LIMITED
NATIONAL GRID ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION PLC
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NORTHERN GAS NETWORKS LIMITED
SOUTHERN GAS NETWORKS PLC AND SCOTLAND GAS NETWORKS PLC
SCOTTISH HYDRO ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION PLC
SP TRANSMISSION PLC
WALES & WEST UTILITIES LIMITED**

Appellants

and

GAS AND ELECTRICITY MARKETS AUTHORITY

Respondent

NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR DETERMINATION OF THE APPEALS

1. On 31 March 2021, the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) granted permission to appeal to all the appellants, subject to certain conditions involving the joining of the appeals of National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc and National Grid Gas plc and the joining of certain grounds of each appellants' appeals.
2. The Appeal Group has received and considered representations from the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority on the timing of the determination in relation to the appeals for which permission was granted and which are referred to in paragraph 1 above in accordance with section 11G(3)(a) of the Electricity Act 1989 and section 23F(3)(a) of the Gas Act 1986, as applicable.
3. The Appeal Group is satisfied, given the nature and scale of work involved in the appeals, that there are 'special reasons' (pursuant to section 11G(3)(b) of the Electricity Act 1989 and section 23F(3)(b) of the Gas Act 1986, as applicable) why the determinations cannot be made within the period of six months specified in section 11G(1)(a) of the Electricity Act 1989 and section 23F(1)(a) of the Gas Act 1986, as applicable.
4. Accordingly, the time period for determination of the appeals has been extended to seven months pursuant to section 11G(4)(a) of the Electricity Act 1989 and section 23F(4)(a) of the Gas Act 1986, as applicable. The deadline for determination of the appeals is now 30 October 2021.