

**CADENT GAS LIMITED
NORTHERN GAS NETWORKS LIMITED
SOUTHERN GAS NETWORKS PLC AND SCOTLAND GAS NETWORKS 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 2026, the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) granted permission to appeal to all the Appellants, subject to the condition that the grounds of appeal relating to the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority's (GEMA) assessment of Ongoing Efficiency, which each of the Appellants has raised in their respective notices of appeal, be considered together. On 28 April 2026, the CMA issued its decision, following an application from Citizens Advice, to allow Citizens Advice to intervene in the appeals in relation to the grounds of appeal relating to Ongoing Efficiency.
2. The Appeal Group has received and considered representations from the Appellants, GEMA and Citizens Advice on the timing of the determination of the appeals for which permission was granted and which are referred to in paragraph 1 above in accordance with section 23F(3)(a) of the Gas Act 1986.
3. The Appeal Group is satisfied, given the time needed for the CMA's conscientious consideration of the responses to its provisional determinations in the appeals, including questions of admissibility or relevance of evidence, reasoning and arguments set out by the Appellants in their response to the provisional determinations (and any representations on same by other parties to the appeals), that there are 'special reasons' (pursuant to section 23F(3)(b) of the Gas Act 1986) why the determinations cannot be made within the period of six months specified in section 23F(1)(a) of the Gas Act 1986.
4. Accordingly, the time period for determination of the appeals has been extended to seven months pursuant to section 23F(4)(a) of the Gas Act 1986. The deadline for determination of the appeals is now 31 October 2026.