

Condition 1 – Amendment to definition of Smart Metering System

Smart Metering System	<p>means, in respect of any Domestic Premises or Designated Premises;:</p> <p><u>(a)</u> a system installed at such premises for the purposes of the supply of gas to those premises which on the Installation Date:</p> <p class="list-item-l1">(i) consists of a Gas Meter and any associated or ancillary devices identified in a Version of the GSME Technical Specification which is:</p> <p class="list-item-l2"><u>(A)</u> within its Installation Validity Period; and</p> <p class="list-item-l2"><u>(B)</u> the same Version in respect of all such devices;</p> <p class="list-item-l1">(ii) as a minimum, has the functional capability specified by and complies with the other requirements of that Version of the GSME Technical Specification; and</p> <p class="list-item-l1">(iii) where the premises is a Domestic Premises, except where that Version of the GSME Technical Specification has a Principal Version number of 1, includes a Relevant Communications Hub,<u>or</u></p> <p><u>(b) a system installed at such premises on or before 30 June 2021 (or such later date as may be specified in a direction issued by the Secretary of State under this paragraph) for the purposes of the supply of gas to those premises which on the Installation Date:</u></p>
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	<p>(i) <u>consists of a Gas Meter and any associated or ancillary devices identified in a Version of the GSME Technical Specification with a Principal Version number of 1 and is the same Version in respect of all such devices; and</u></p> <p>(ii) <u>as a minimum, has the functional capability specified by and complies with the other requirements of that Version of the GSME Technical Specification.</u></p> <p>and where such a system installed at a Domestic Premises or Designated Premises is a Smart Metering System on the Installation Date it shall continue to be a Smart Metering System until such date as it is removed from the premises in its entirety.</p>
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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 the ARS Specified Date 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, 33.5 and 33.6.

Exception for Domestic and Designated Premises – Large Gas 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 the Relevant 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 Relevant Date; and

- (b) where either:

- (i) the Relevant Date has not yet occurred; or
- (ii) the Relevant Date 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 on or before the ARS Specified Date; and
- (b) where either:
 - (i) the date which falls immediately after the ARS Specified Date has not yet occurred; or
 - (ii) the date which falls immediately after the ARS Specified Date has occurred and the Gas Meter installed at the Designated Premises is the Advanced Meter that was first installed, pursuant to the contract, on or before the ARS Specified Date.

Exception for Designated Premises – Non-Domestic, Non-Micro Business Consumers

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

- (a) that are Designated Premises of a Non-MB Consumer; and
- (b) where:
 - (i) the licensee or any other person has either made arrangements for an Advanced Meter to be installed at the Designated Premises or entered into a contract with the Non-MB Consumer to install or arrange the installation of an Advanced Meter at the Designated Premises;

- (ii) the licensee has communicated, in plain and intelligible language, the Relevant Information to the Non-MB Consumer; and
- (iii) the Non-MB Consumer has chosen not to have a Smart Metering System installed at the Designated Premises.

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

33.7 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.

33.8 The requirement in paragraph 33.7 is subject to paragraphs 33.10, 33.11, 33.12 and 33.13.

33.9 The requirement in paragraph 33.7 and paragraphs 33.10, 33.11, 33.12 and 33.13 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 – Large Gas Meters

33.10 The requirement in paragraph 33.7 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

33.11 The requirement in paragraph 33.7 does not apply in respect of any Designated Premises where:

- (a) the licensee or any other person has, prior to the Relevant Date, 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 Relevant Date; and
- (c) the Relevant Date has not yet occurred.

Exception for Designated Premises - Advanced Meter Contract

33.12 The requirement in paragraph 33.7 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 on or before the ARS Specified 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 date which falls immediately after the ARS Specified Date has not yet occurred.

Exception for Designated Premises – Non-Domestic, Non-Micro Business Consumers

33.13 The requirement in paragraph 33.7 does not apply in respect of any Designated Premises:

- (a) that are Designated Premises of a Non-MB Consumer; and
- (b) where:

- (i) the licensee or any other person has either made arrangements for an Advanced Meter to be installed at the Designated Premises or entered into a contract with the Non-MB Consumer to install or arrange the installation of an Advanced Meter at the Designated Premises;
- (ii) the licensee has communicated, in plain and intelligible language, the Relevant Information to the Non-MB Consumer;
- (iii) the Non-MB Consumer has chosen not to have, or where there is installed at the Designated Premises a Smart Metering System has chosen not to continue to have, a Smart Metering System installed at the Designated Premises; and
- (iv) the Replacement Gas Meter or New Gas Meter installed or arranged to be installed at the Designated Premises is an Advanced Meter.

PART C – DUTIES AFTER INSTALLATION AND DEFINITIONS

The duties after installation – maintenance and replacement of Smart Metering Systems

33.14 Paragraphs 33.15 to 33.20 apply to the licensee in respect of each Domestic Premises and Designated Premises at which:

- (a) it is the Relevant Gas Supplier; and
 - (b) there is installed a Smart Metering System,
- (the **relevant premises**).

Maintenance of Smart Metering Systems

33.15 Where this paragraph applies, the licensee must take all reasonable steps to ensure that the Smart Metering System at the relevant premises is maintained so that at all times it satisfies the requirements in the Metering Equipment Section of a Version of the SME Technical Specification which is:

- (a) within its Maintenance Validity Period;
- (b) the same Version in respect of all devices (but excluding for this purpose a Communications Hub) comprised within that Smart Metering System;

- (c) where the Smart Metering System at the premises includes a Communications Hub, Compatible with the Version of the CH Technical Specification in accordance with which that Communications Hub is maintained by the DCC;
- (d) where there is installed at the relevant premises a PPMID, Compatible with the Version of the PPMID Technical Specification in accordance with which that PPMID is maintained by the licensee; and
- (e) where there is provided at the relevant premises an IHD, Compatible with the Version of the IHD Technical Specification in accordance with which that IHD is maintained by the licensee during the period which it is required to be maintained.

33.16 The requirement in paragraph 33.15 is subject to paragraphs 33.17, 33.19 and 33.20.

33.17 Where on any given date a Smart Metering System is maintained by the licensee such that it satisfies the requirements in the Metering Equipment Section of a particular Version of the SME Technical Specification, the licensee must take all reasonable steps to ensure that the Smart Metering System is not subsequently maintained by the licensee so as to satisfy the requirements of an earlier Version (as indicated by a lower Principal Version number and/or a lower Sub-Version number) of the SME Technical Specification notwithstanding that any such earlier Version may otherwise meet the requirements of paragraph 33.15.

Replacement of Smart Metering Systems

33.18 Paragraph 33.19 applies where:

- (a) paragraph 33.15 applies to the licensee in respect of a Smart Metering System at relevant premises;
- (b) the licensee removes or arranges to remove that Smart Metering System from the relevant premises in its entirety; and
- (c) the licensee installs or arranges to be installed at the relevant premises, by way of replacement (whether in accordance with the requirement of paragraph 33.7(a) or otherwise), a new Smart Metering System.

33.19 Where this paragraph applies the licensee must ensure that any Smart Metering System that is installed or arranged to be installed by it at the relevant premises, by way of replacement, satisfies the requirements in the Metering Equipment Section of a Version of the SME Technical Specification which is:

- (a) the same Version in respect of all devices (but excluding for this purpose a Communications Hub) comprised in the Smart Metering System; and
- (b) compliant with paragraph 33.20.

33.20 A Version of the SME Technical Specification is compliant with this paragraph where it is not earlier than the latest Version in accordance with which the licensee was required to maintain the Smart Metering System previously installed at the relevant premises by virtue of paragraph 33.17 (and, for these purposes, an earlier Version of the SME Technical Specification is indicated by a lower Principal Version and/or Sub-Version number, and a later Version by a higher Principal Version and/or Sub-Version number).

Exception

33.21 The requirement in paragraph 33.15 does not apply in respect of any part of a Smart Metering System which consists of a Communications Hub.

Definitions

33.22 For the purposes of Part A and Part B of this condition:

Smart Metering System

means, in respect of any Domestic Premises or Designated Premises a system installed at such premises for the purposes of the supply of gas to those premises which on the Installation Date:

(a) consists of a Gas Meter and any associated or ancillary devices identified in a Version of the GSME Technical Specification which is:

(i) within its Installation Validity Period; and

(ii) the same Version in respect of all such devices;

(b) as a minimum, has the functional capability specified by and complies with the other requirements of that Version of the GSME Technical Specification; and

(c) where the premises is a Domestic Premises, except where that Version of the GSME Technical Specification has a Principal Version number of 1, includes a Relevant Communications Hub.

~~33.22~~33.23 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.
Domestic Energy Premises	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
Energy Supplier	means the holder of an Electricity Supply Licence and/or a Gas Supply Licence.
Large Energy Supplier	means an Energy Supplier which is not a Small Energy Supplier.
Micro Business Energy Consumer	<p>means a consumer of gas or electricity (or both) that is a Micro Business Consumer in accordance with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) the meaning given to the term Micro Business Consumer in standard condition 7A (Supply to Micro Business Consumers); or(b) the meaning given to the term Micro Business Consumer in standard condition 7A of the Electricity Supply Licence.
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.

Non-MB Consumer	means a Non-Domestic Customer that is not a Micro Business Energy Consumer.
Relevant Date	<p>means:</p> <p>(a) where the licensee is a Large Energy Supplier, 28 April 2017; and</p> <p>(b) where the licensee is a Small Energy Supplier, 17 August 2017,</p> <p>or (in either case) such later date as the Secretary of State may direct.</p>
Relevant Information	means information, which shall be accurate, comprehensive and not misleading, on the factors the Non-MB Consumer should reasonably take into account in deciding whether to have an Advanced Meter or a Smart Metering System installed at the Designated Premises.
Replacement Gas Meter	means a Gas Meter that replaces a Gas Meter previously installed at the relevant premises.
Small Energy Supplier	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.