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Dear Colleagues

### **National Grid Metering Charges from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012**

This notification is provided 3 months in advance of the effective date of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012 consistent with the notice period required in National Grid's Metering contracts<sup>1</sup>.

National Grid's Domestic metering charges are regulated by a price control set by Ofgem, the gas industry regulator, under which it has set tariff caps for four key metering services<sup>2</sup>. National Grid's charges for these services must not exceed the tariff caps, which are adjusted each year in line with inflation (RPI).

#### **Domestic Sized Assets (U6)**

In general, the revised rental charges for domestic sized meters effective from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012 incorporate an inflationary increase of 5.2%. The domestic annual rental charges are set to the regulated tariff caps and are £16.07 for a credit meter and £37.49 for a prepayment meter.

The transaction charge for domestic meter exchange has been amended in line with inflation to £65.73, the level of the regulated tariff cap.

The revised charges shall be effective from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012, however should you have any questions about the new charges, please send an email to [metcom2@uk.ngrid.com](mailto:metcom2@uk.ngrid.com) for the attention of Stewart Love.

Yours sincerely

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<sup>1</sup> Agreement and General Conditions of Contract for; The Provision and Maintenance of Metering Equipment; Transactional Meter Works not exceeding 7 bar; Above 7 bar Transactional Meter Works; Adversarial Meterworks, Rainbow System User Agreement and Network Metering Equipment Agreement (NMEA).

<sup>2</sup> Tariff caps apply to domestic credit meter rental, prepayment meter rental, domestic customer requested exchange and daily meter reading services

## Annual Rental Charges Applicable 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012

These charges replace those set out in Table 2.2 of the “Metering Charges statement from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011”

### Low, Medium and Intermediate Pressure Metering Installations (<= 7barg)

#### Domestic Size Meters (Meter capacity less than 11 scmh)

	Credit meter		Prepayment meter	
	Pence per day	£ per annum	Pence per day	£ per annum
Provision	2.6164	£9.55	2.9862	£10.90
Installation	1.7014	£6.21	1.7014	£6.21
Maintenance	0.0849	£0.31	5.5836	£20.38
<b>Total</b>	<b>4.4027</b>	<b>£16.07</b>	<b>10.2712</b>	<b>£37.49</b>

## Transactional Charges

These charges replace those set out in Table 2.3 of the “Metering Charges statement from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011”

Any work downstream of the outlet of the meter is excluded unless specifically mentioned. In all cases, service pipe installation, alteration and disconnection and meter box provision is excluded and will be subject to additional charges.

### *Domestic-Size Meters*

The following charges relate to domestic-size meter installations, where the meter capacity is less than 11 standard cubic metres per hour (scmh).

Title	Charge
Install Domestic Credit Meter	£85.83
Install Domestic Prepayment Meter	£95.72
Customer Requested Exchange (e.g. credit to PPM) <sup>1</sup>	£65.73
Ofgem Accuracy Test (Domestic)	£108.69
Exchange damaged meter	£88.66
Alter Position of Meter only (no service pipe modification) <sup>2</sup>	£122.28
Remove meter	£68.15
Fit or remove Clamp (Lock) <sup>3</sup>	£62.43
Fit Security Collar to meter	£35.36
National Grid Operative Hire – Half Day <sup>4</sup>	£294.25
National Grid Operative Hire – Full Day <sup>4</sup>	£489.60
National Grid Operative Hire – Hourly rate (normal hours) <sup>4</sup>	£89.67

<sup>1</sup> Set to level of the tariff cap.

<sup>2</sup> Additional outlet pipe work, in excess of 2m, will be charged at current labour and materials rates in addition to the above charges.

<sup>3</sup> National Grid supplied clamps and locks can only be fitted and removed by authorised National Grid operatives.

<sup>4</sup> All work shall be carried out in accordance with “General Conditions of Contract for Adversarial Meterworks”. These charge rates also apply in respect of purging meters and downstream installations.

## Other Metering Charges

### Transfer of title of in-situ ancillary equipment

#### Domestic meters – charge for sale of installation kit

Standard charge for installation kit (excludes meter)	£4.42
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Note. No charge applies for title transfer where the meter installation is exempted from the “install” component of annual rental charges. That is where the installation was made after 1 October 2000.

#### Large diaphragm meters - charges for sale of installation kit

Charge for meters installed prior to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2001

Capacity (scmh)	>= 11 < 21	>=21<29	>=29<51	>=51<79	>=79<121	>=121
Charge	£101.55	£125.14	£200.29	£421.84	£516.21	£586.82

Charge for meters installed 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012

Capacity (scmh)	>= 11 < 21	>=21<29	>=29<51	>=51<79	>=79<121	>=121
Charge	£192.94	£237.77	£380.54	£801.50	£980.80	£1,114.96

Charge for meters installed 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013

Capacity (scmh)	>= 11 < 21	>=21<29	>=29<51	>=51<79	>=79<121	>=121
Charge	£203.09	£250.28	£400.57	£843.68	£1,032.42	£1,173.64

Note. No charge applies for title transfer where the meter installation is exempted from the “install” component of annual rental charges. That is where the installation was made after 1 April 2001 and before 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011.

Quotation charges for transfer of title of ancillary equipment

Quotation type	Charge
Details provided by customer	£48.57
Based on Site survey	£161.45

#### Large diaphragm meter Accuracy tests

Capacity (scmh)	>= 11 < 21	>=21<29	>=29<51	>=51<79	>=79<121	>=121
Ofgem accuracy test	£184.14	£190.02	£272.83	£345.28	£427.88	£550.49

Includes transportation of the meter, time and materials required to exchange a meter, transportation box, testing, purging and re-lighting but excludes any associated trace and repair work. Excludes the cost of the meter itself.

### SAP Rainbow system access

	<b>Initial access charge (£)</b>	<b>Annual maintenance and administration charge (£)</b>
Read / write access	£390.21	£78.04
Read only access	£195.12	£45.53

### Daily Meter Reading services

The Annual charge for Daily Meter (DM) reading has been set to the tariff cap of £485.77. This charge is calculated on a daily basis, at 133.0877 pence per day.

### Dataloggers (This charge excludes the daily meter reading charge set at the tariff cap)

	<b>Pence per day</b>	<b>£ per annum</b>
Provision	10.7479	£39.23
Installation	47.9562	£175.04
Maintenance	72.5397	£264.77
<b>Total</b>	<b>131.2438</b>	<b>£479.04</b>