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Dear Colleagues

National Grid Metering Charges from 1st April 2013

Please find attached schedules showing National Grid's revised metering charges to apply from 1st April 2013. This notification is provided 3 months in advance of the effective date consistent with the notice period required in National Grid's Metering contracts¹.

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 services². National Grid's charges for these services must not exceed the tariff caps, which are adjusted each year in line with inflation (RPI).

Following Ofgem's Review of Metering Arrangements National Grid Metering launched an industry stakeholder engagement programme on 19th September 2012 and opened the consultation process on metering charges. The initial consultation period closed on 2nd November and we have placed stakeholder responses on our website³. We are now developing proposals taking into account the consultation responses and expect to issue our final proposals in the early part of 2013. Subject to licence conditions and any contractual conditions we will implement any changes to metering charges arising from the review as soon as it is practical to do so.

The prices set out in the tables below will apply until this process has concluded and we are able to implement any changes to tariff cap charges.

¹ 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).

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

³ <http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Metering/PricingConsultation/>

Domestic Sized Assets – U6

In general, the revised rental charges for Domestic sized meters effective from 1st April 2013 incorporate an inflationary increase of 2.95%. The tariff caps for domestic annual rental charges are £16.54 for a credit meter and £38.60 for a prepayment meter.

The transaction charge for domestic meter exchange has been amended in line with inflation to £67.67, the level of the regulated tariff cap.

Please find attached schedules showing National Grid's revised metering charges to apply from 1st April 2013. This notification is provided 3 months in advance of the effective date consistent with the notice period required in National Grid's Metering contracts⁴.

The revised charges will be effective from 1st April 2013, however should you have any questions about the new charges, please send an email to metcom@uk.ngrid.com for the attention of Stewart Love.

Yours sincerely

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Annual Rental Charges

These charges replace those set out in Table 2.2 of the “Metering Charges statement from 1st April 2012”

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	2.6931	£9.83	3.0767	£11.23
Installation	1.7507	£6.39	1.7507	£6.39
Maintenance	0.0877	£0.32	5.7479	£20.98
Total	4.5315	£16.54	10.5753	£38.60

Transactional Charges

These charges replace those set out in Table 2.3 of the “Metering Charges statement from 1st April 2012”

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	£83.73
Install Domestic Prepayment Meter	£95.66
Customer Requested Exchange (e.g. credit to PPM) ¹	£67.67
Ofgem Accuracy Test (Domestic)	£111.90
Exchange damaged meter	£89.43
Alter Position of Meter only (no service pipe modification) ²	£122.90
Remove meter	£68.08
Fit or remove Clamp (Lock) ³	£64.27
Fit Security Collar to meter	£36.40
National Grid Operative Hire – Half Day ⁴	£303.24
National Grid Operative Hire – Full Day ⁴	£503.76
National Grid Operative Hire – Hourly rate (normal hours) ⁴	£92.64

¹ Set to level of the tariff cap.

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

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

⁴ 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

Large diaphragm meter Accuracy tests

Capacity (scmh)	>= 11< 21	>=21<29	>=29<51	>=51<79	>=79<121	>=121
Ofgem accuracy test	£189.57	£195.63	£280.88	£355.47	£440.50	£566.73

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

Standard Purging Charges

Capacity (scmh)	>= 11< 21	>=21<29	>=29<51	>=51<79	>=79<121	>=121
Standard Purging	£179.61	£179.61	£179.61	£224.52	£246.97	£392.91

These charges are applicable if a standard rate for purging is requested for a standard low pressure diaphragm removal (including adversarial removals), rather than the purging being charging on a time and materials basis.

All other charges for work on industrial and commercial size meter installations, dataloggers and volume converters will be quoted on an individual basis

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)	£4.55
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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 1st April 2001

Capacity (scmh)	>= 11< 21	>=21<29	>=29<51	>=51<79	>=79<121	>=121
Charge	£99.15	£127.39	£203.98	£427.63	£518.29	£596.73

Charge for meters installed 1st January 2011 to 31st March 2012

Capacity (scmh)	>= 11< 21	>=21<29	>=29<51	>=51<79	>=79<121	>=121
Charge	£178.47	£229.30	£367.16	£769.73	£932.91	£1,074.11

Charge for meters installed 1st April 2012 to 31st March 2013

Capacity (scmh)	>= 11< 21	>=21<29	>=29<51	>=51<79	>=79<121	>=121
Charge	£188.39	£242.04	£387.56	£812.49	£984.74	£1,133.78

Charge for meters installed 1st April 2013 to 31st March 2014

Capacity (scmh)	>= 11 < 21	>=21<29	>=29<51	>=51<79	>=79<121	>=121
Charge	£198.30	£254.78	£407.96	£855.25	£1,036.57	£1,193.45

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 1st January 2011.

Quotation charges for transfer of title of ancillary equipment

Quotation type	Charge
Details provided by customer	£50.00
Based on Site survey	£157.86

SAP Rainbow system access

	Initial access charge (£)	Annual maintenance and administration charge (£)
Read / write access	£401.72	£80.34
Read only access	£200.88	£46.87

Daily Meter Reading services

The Annual charge for Daily Meter (DM) reading has been set to the tariff cap of £500.10. This charge is calculated on a daily basis, at 137.0137 pence per day.

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

	Pence per day	£ per annum
Provision	11.0657	£40.39
Installation	49.3699	£180.20
Maintenance	74.6795	£272.58
Total	135.1151	£493.17