

Charges for Legacy Metering Equipment

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Explanatory Notes

This statement has been prepared for Eastern Power Networks plc, London Power Networks plc and South Eastern Power Networks plc, collectively referred to herein as “UK Power Networks”, in accordance with Standard Licence Condition 36 of their Electricity Distribution Licence (“the Licence”). It describes the terms and conditions under which persons may use UK Power Networks’ Legacy Metering Equipment for the purposes of measurement of electricity consumption and sets out the basis of the charges made by UK Power Networks for such use.

Legacy Metering Equipment is defined in the Licence, which is issued under the Electricity Act 1989 (“the Act”) as amended from time to time. Words and expressions used in this statement have the definitions given to them in the Act and shall be construed accordingly. The Licence requires that the terms and charges contained in this statement will be reviewed at least once each year.

Charges and costs shown are current at the time of publication but are subject to change without notice, except as otherwise provided by agreement. In particular, this statement will be refined when reasonably practicable to enable charges to be estimated more closely in non-standard situations.

Entitlement and Conditions

Any person may apply to use UK Power Networks’ Legacy Metering Equipment. Prior to using the equipment, all persons will be required to enter into UK Power Networks’ metering agreement(s) and/or the Distribution Connection and Use of System Agreement (DCUSA).

Those who are authorised electricity operators (i.e. authorised by licence or by exemption under the Act to supply or generate electricity) will be required to (amongst other things):

- be a party (where the person is a licensed supplier) to the Master Registration Agreement (MRA) for the provision of metering point administration services within UK Power Networks’ distribution services area;
- be a party to the Balancing and Settlement Code;
- be a party to the Data Transfer Agreement;
- be a party to the National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) Connection and Use of System Code and any necessary supplemental agreement pursuant thereto, governing connections to and use of NGET’s transmission system, unless UK Power Networks is informed by NGET that this is not required in any particular case;
- comply with the provisions of the Distribution Code (a copy of the Distribution Code can be downloaded from the Distribution Code website at www.dcode.org.uk);
- enter into the DCUSA or a Use of System Agreement with UK Power Networks

Where a person ceases for whatever reason to be an authorised electricity operator, then the entitlement to use the equipment will cease forthwith, unless different arrangements are agreed with UK Power Networks as described below.

Those who are not authorised electricity suppliers will require different arrangements to be agreed with UK Power Networks. Such arrangements will not discriminate in the provision of Legacy Metering Equipment between authorised electricity suppliers and other persons or classes of persons. It will be necessary to satisfy the requirements and the obligations of the applicant, the applicant’s appointed electricity supplier and UK Power Networks. In particular, the person applying to use the equipment may be required to:

- be a party to the MRA for the provision of metering point administration services within the company’s distribution services area;
- be a party to the Data Transfer Agreement

Where persons wish to use non-standard industry dataflows it will be necessary to reach an individual agreement with UK Power Networks.

Persons will continue to be liable under the agreement unless and until all charges and liabilities which would have accrued had the agreement remained in place have been discharged and the agreement terminated. In order to avoid any liability in this regard, a person wishing to terminate the agreement or wishing to notify a change should give UK Power Networks notice as defined in the agreement and shall make arrangements to ensure that all registration of customers under the MRA has ceased. UK Power Networks will normally respond within 28 days of a notification of change.

Payment of Fees

Any person using Legacy Metering Equipment shall pay all and any appropriate charges due in respect of the Legacy Metering Equipment as described in this statement, the accompanying schedules and UK Power Networks' Legacy Metering Equipment agreement and as set out in the MRA and the Data Transfer Agreement.

Payment of charges for Legacy Metering Equipment will normally be payable in accordance with the billing period and payment terms agreed with the person using the equipment, or in the absence of such agreement, within 14 days.

The charges will be billed monthly as separately identified totals for each category of metering equipment and accompanied by a statement. Where a charge is made on a transactional basis the number of transactions of each type per MPAN will be shown on the statement.

Basis of charges for the provision of Legacy Metering Equipment

1. These charges are conditional on the person satisfying the criteria summarised in the opening explanatory note and are applicable to non-half hourly meters owned by UK Power Networks.
2. The charges have been determined on the basis that the person will use the Data Transfer System in normal circumstances.
3. Legacy Metering Equipment is provided on the basis of supplying appropriate metering equipment (charged per metering point per day) only. The charges for Legacy Metering Equipment cover the provision of the meter and any related timing device or other associated equipment (charged per metering point per day) only. The Legacy Metering Equipment service does not include any equipment installation, commissioning or removal services.
4. Where use is made of UK Power Networks' Legacy Metering Equipment, a charge for use of the equipment will be levied. The relevant charges are described in the attached Schedule and are payable by reference to the characteristics of the meter, in accordance with the categories of meter described therein.
5. UK Power Networks will make its offer of terms as soon as practicable and in any event not more than 28 days after receipt by UK Power Networks from any person of an application containing all such information as UK Power Networks may reasonably require for the purpose of formulating the terms of the offer.

The following services are not covered by this statement:

- Meter Point Administration services (in accordance with the MRA)
- Data Transfer Services

The costs for these are recovered through either UK Power Networks' Use of System charges and/or Miscellaneous charges.

6. VAT at the appropriate prevailing rate will be added to the charges contained in the Schedule.
7. Charges and costs shown are effective from the date stated. UK Power Networks reserves the right to vary the charges without notice except as otherwise provided by the Agreements for provision of the Services when prior notice will be given of any variation of charges.
8. UK Power Networks reserves the right to require appropriate security in respect of the charges estimated to arise.
9. The charges in the attached Schedule do not include Data Services (Data Retrieval, Data Processing & Data Aggregation) Charges, Meter Operation Charges, Non-Legacy Metering Equipment Charges and Provision of Revenue Protection Service.

Schedule of charges for the provision of Legacy Metering Equipment

The rental charges for UK Power Networks' metering equipment are detailed below. Charges will be based on the numbers of each category of meter registered to a Supplier calculated via the following formula:

$(\text{Number on First Day of Period} + \text{Number on Last Day of Period}) / 2$

The invoice period and charging period shall be a calendar month unless otherwise stated. Counts of MPANs are taken just prior to the time of invoicing and will not be reconciled for any subsequent registration changes or disconnections.

| Category of Meter | Pence per Metering Point per Day |
|------------------------------|---|
| <u>Single Phase Credit</u> | |
| C1 Single Rate | 0.427 |
| C2 Two Rate | 1.679 |
| C3 Multi Rate | 2.405 |
| C4 Restricted Hours | 1.679 |
| <u>Multi-Phase Credit</u> | |
| C5 Single Rate | 1.712 |
| C6 Two Rate | 2.636 |
| C7 Multi Rate | 5.597 |
| C8 Restricted Hours | 2.964 |
| <u>Prepayment</u> | |
| P1 Key Operated | 3.175 |
| P2 Token Operated | 3.263 |
| <u>Additional Categories</u> | |
| A1 Radio Telemeter | 4.427 |
| A2 NHH Multiphase MD | 5.285 |

"Metering Point" in this context means each MPAN with the exception of customers taking complex supplies which require two MPANs to function. Such customers will see the above detailed charge levied once for each unique Radio Telemeter controlled supply.

Glossary

Data Transfer Agreement means the national agreement covering arrangements for data transfer. For further information see condition 37 of the Licence.

Master Registration Agreement (MRA) means the national agreement prepared in accordance with condition 23 of the Licence.

Meter Operation (MOp) is the installation, testing, commissioning and maintenance of the customer's meters.

Meter Asset Provision (MAP) is the provision of meters.

Supplier means an organisation with a Supply Licence that can register itself as supplying electricity to any metering point.

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