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Dear Mark,

National Grid NTS Metering Charges from 1st April 2006

Please find attached schedules showing National Grid NTS's revised metering charges to apply from 1st April 2006. National Grid NTS has submitted revised metering charges for those services that it is obliged to offer under its Gas Transporter (GT) Licence coupled with those services that are currently offered for historical/legacy purposes (i.e where a Datalogger or Converter has been fitted at an NTS Site or there is a maintenance requirement for an NTS High Pressure Meter Installation).

National Grid NTS has removed charges for those services that either; it does not offer, or is not obliged to offer under the GT Licence, this has been done to improve clarity compared to the previous statement of NTS Metering charges (please see appendix 1).

This notification is provided 2 months in advance of the effective date consistent with the notice period required under Section B 1.8.2 (b) of the Uniform Network Code.

National Grid NTS's metering charges are regulated by a price control set by Ofgem. To achieve price control, Ofgem has set tariff caps for four key metering services: Credit Meters, Prepayments Meters, Domestic Meter Exchanges and Daily Meter (DM) Reading. National Grid's charges for these services must not exceed the tariff caps, which are increased each year by inflation (RPI), as set out in the attached schedules. This has resulted in the following changes -

- The revised domestic rental charges for 2006/7 will incorporate an increase of 2.7% in respect of inflation. The domestic rental charges will be set to the regulated tariff caps and are £13.08 for a credit meter and £30.53 for a prepayment meter.

- National Grid NTS will also increase its transaction charges for meter works by inflation to reflect the costs of providing these services.
- Daily Meter Reading annual charge has been increased by inflation to the tariff cap of £395.70

Maintenance Charges for High Pressure meters are calculated on a cost reflective basis factoring in unit costs, average time spent at site, materials and frequency of maintenance visits.

The revised charges effective from 1 April 2006 will be published on National Grid's Internet site www.nationalgrid.com/uk/gas (under the Charging and Metering Charges pages), by the end of January 2006. If you have any questions about the new charges, please contact myself or Karin Elmhirst on 01926 655540.

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 May 2005

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	2.1589	£7.88	2.8712	£10.48
Installation	1.3836	£5.05	1.3836	£5.05
Maintenance	0.0411	£0.15	4.1096	£15.00
Total	3.5836	£13.08	8.3644	£30.53

Installation Charges are only applied where a domestic meter has been installed prior to 2000. Any requests for a domestic meter to be fitted will be treated in accordance with Condition 4B of the GT Licence and will be quoted on an individual basis.

High Pressure Metering Installations (>7 barg)

Capacity (scmh)	< 10,192	>=10,192<14,906	>=14,906<25,878	>=25,878<36,866	>=36,866<63,524	>=63,524
£ per annum						
Maintenance	£4,922.39	£5,520.13	£6,881.29	£6,033.36	£7,229.60	£12,472.99
Total	£4,922.39	£5,520.13	£6,881.29	£6,033.36	£7,229.60	£12,472.99
Pence per day						
Maintenance	1,348.6000	1,512.3644	1,885.2849	1,652.9753	1,980.7123	3,417.2575
Total	1,348.6000	1,512.3644	1,885.2849	1,652.9753	1,980.7123	3,417.2575

Volume converters (Correctors)

	Pence per day	£ per annum
Provision	31.6329	£115.46
Installation	12.7534	£46.55
Maintenance	21.5425	£78.63
Total	65.9288	£240.64

Charges are only applied only where a Volume Converter has been installed. Any requests for a Volume Converter to be fitted will be treated in accordance with Condition 4B of the GT Licence and will be quoted on an individual basis.

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

	Pence per day	£ per annum
Provision	8.7561	£31.96
Installation	39.0630	£142.58
Maintenance	59.0877	£215.67
Total	106.9068	£390.21

The above charges are only applied where a Datalogger has been installed.

Transactional Charges

These charges replace those set out in Table 2.3 of “Transco Metering Charges from April 2005”

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 in accordance with Condition 4B of the GT Licence and will be quoted on an individual basis.

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
Customer Requested Exchange (credit to ppm or vice versa)	£53.54
Exchange damaged meter	£51.05

Daily Meter Reading services

The Annual charge for Daily Meter (DM) reading has been set to the tariff cap of £395.70. This charge is calculated on a daily basis, at 108.411 pence per day.

Appendix 1 – Charges Removed by National Grid NTS

Charge	Applicable to NTS
1. Annual Rental Charges	
Metering Installations <= 7barg	
- Provision	No
- Installation	No
- Maintenance	No
High Pressure Metering Installations > 7barg	
- Provision	No
- Installation	No
2. Transactional Charges	
Domestic Sized Meters	
Install Domestic Credit Meter	No
Install Domestic Prepayment Meter	No
Exchange damaged meter	No
Alter Position of Meter only (no service pipe modification)	No
Remove meter	No
Fit or remove Clamp (Lock)	No
Fit Security Collar to meter	No
TCP Hire – Half Day	No
TCP Hire – Full Day	No
TCP Hire – Hourly rate (normal hours)	No
TCP Hire – Hourly Rate (out of hours)	No
Industrial and Commercial Size Meters	
Large Diaphragm Meter Installation Charges	No
Large Diaphragm Meter Removal Charges	No
Large Diaphragm Meter Accuracy Tests	No
3. Other Metering Charges	
Sale of Installation Kit for Domestic Meters	No
Sale of Installation Kit for Low Pressure Large Diaphragm Meters	No
SAP Rainbow System Access Charges	No

1. Annual Rental Charges

Metering Installations ≤ 7 barg

All Provision, Installation and Maintenance charges relating to Industrial & Commercial meters ≤ 7 barg. This will include:

Larger Diaphragm Meters
Rotary Meters
Turbine Meters

National Grid NTS has no population of Industrial & Commercial meters ≤ 7 barg and has no current obligation to provide them.

High Pressure Metering Installations (>7 barg)

All Provision and Installation charges relating to High Pressure meters.

Currently the population of National Grid NTS High Pressure metering installations that "Provision" and "Installation" charges are levied upon is zero. All High Pressure meters fitted by National Grid NTS post 2000 do not incur annualised Provision and Installation charges.

2. Transactional Charges

Domestic Sized Meters

These charges relate to services that are not offered by National Grid NTS, where such services are requested they will be treated in accordance with Condition 4B of the GT Licence and will be quoted on an individual basis.

Industrial and Commercial Size Meters

These charges relate to low pressure Industrial and Commercial installations. National Grid NTS does not provide and has no obligation to provide such services.

3. Other Metering Charges

Transfer of title of in-situ ancillary equipment

Charges for the sale of installation kit for Domestic meters are only applied where the domestic meter has been fitted prior to 2000 and the annualised installation charge applies.

Charges for the sale of installation kit for low pressure large diaphragm meters are applied to Industrial and Commercial installations. National Grid NTS does not provide and has no obligation to provide such a service.

SAP Rainbow system access

National Grid NTS does not provide access to the SAP Rainbow System. The following charges are not relevant to National Grid NTS:

Initial Access Charges - both "read/write access" and "read only"

Annual Maintenance and Administration Charges - both "read/write access" and "read only"