

Appendix 2

To: National Grid Viking Link Limited

**Electricity Act 1989
Section 11A(1)(a)**

**Modification of the special conditions of the electricity interconnector licence held
by National Grid Viking Link Limited**

1. National Grid Viking Link Limited ('NGVL') is the holder of an electricity interconnector licence ('the Licence') granted or treated as granted under section 6(1)(e) of the Electricity Act 1989 ('the Act').
2. Under section 11A(2) of the Act, the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority ('the Authority')¹ gave notice on 8 November 2024 ('the Notice') as part of wider consultation on the NGVL Post Construction Review (PCR) that we propose to modify the Licence by amending the special conditions as specified in the schedule accompanying the Notice.² We stated that any representations to the modification proposal must be made on or before 18 December 2024.
3. A copy of the Notice was sent to the Secretary of State in accordance with section 11A(4)(b) of the Act, and we have not received a direction that the change should not be made.
4. We received one response to NGVL's PCR consultation and no specific response or comments to the Notice. We have placed the non-confidential responses on our website.
5. We are making these licence changes in order to:
 - a) reflect the changes in the governance of, and updates made to, the NGVL Cap and Floor Financial Models (VLCFFMs); and
 - b) reflect consequential changes to update references to the VLCFFMs in the licence; and
 - c) update the definition of the Floor Start Date and Full Commissioning Date.

¹ The terms "the Authority" and "we" are used interchangeably in this document.

² [Proposed modifications to special conditions for the electricity interconnector licence held by NGVL:](https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2024-11/Schedule_3A_proposed_changes_to_NGVLs_licence.pdf)
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6. Further details on the reasons and effect of the modifications can be found in the schedule accompanying the Notice.³
7. Where an application for permission to appeal our decision is made to the Competition and Markets Authority (**CMA**) under section 11C of the Act, Rule 5.7 of the CMA's Energy Licence Modification Appeals Rules⁴ requires that the appellant must send to any relevant licence holders who are not parties to the appeal, a non-confidential notice setting out the matters required in Rule 5.2. The relevant licence holder in relation to this modification is NGVL. Section 11A(10) of the Act sets out the meaning of 'relevant licence holder'.

Under the powers set out in section 11A(1)(a) of the Act, we hereby modify the electricity interconnector licence held by NGVL in the manner specified in attached Schedule 1. This decision will take effect from 5 September 2025.

This document is notice of the reasons for the decision to modify the electricity interconnector licence held by NGVL as required by section 49A of the Act.



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Duly authorized on behalf of the
Gas and Electricity Markets Authority

Date 11 July 2025

³ [Reasons and effects of proposed modifications to the special conditions into the electricity interconnector licence held by NGVL](https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2024-11/Schedule_3B_Reasons_and_effects_of_proposed_changes_to_NGVLs_licence.pdf): https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2024-11/Schedule_3B_Reasons_and_effects_of_proposed_changes_to_NGVLs_licence.pdf

⁴ The rules were published by the Competition Commission in September 2012. On 1 April 2014, the Competition Commission was abolished, and its functions transferred to the CMA.