

# Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation

## Appendix E

Electricity Distribution Licence held by  
Northern Ireland Electricity Networks  
Limited Proposed modifications

This appendix sets out the proposed modifications to the electricity distribution licence.

Proposed deletions are indicated by ~~red text~~ which has been struck through.

Proposed additions are indicated by red text which has been underlined.

This appendix only includes those conditions (in whole or in part) to which modifications have been proposed.

**THE NORTHERN IRELAND AUTHORITY FOR UTILITY  
REGULATION NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 14(2) OF THE ELECTRICITY  
(NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1992**

**MODIFICATIONS PROPOSED TO THE ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION  
LICENCE HELD BY NORTHERN IRELAND ELECTRICITY NETWORKS  
LIMITED**

The Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation (the **Authority**) proposes to modify the conditions of a licence in exercise of its powers under Article 14(1) of the Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 (the **Order**).

In accordance with Article 14(2) of the Order the Authority gives notice as follows:

1. The Authority proposes to make modifications to the electricity distribution licence ("the Licence") granted or treated as granted by the Authority under and in accordance with Article 10(1)(bb) of the Order and held by Northern Ireland Electricity Networks Limited (Registered Company Number: NI026041) (the **Licensee**).
2. The proposed modifications are to the conditions of the Licence as discussed and explained in the consultation document entitled 'Combined Consultation on Licence Modification for Provision of Information' as published by the Authority on the same date as this notice.
3. The actual text of the proposed modifications is as set out in Schedule 1 to the notice below ("Schedule 1"). The original licence text that is being retained is in black, any new text is in red and any original text that is being removed is in red and strikethrough.
4. The reasons for and effect of the proposed modifications are set out in the 'Combined Consultation on Licence Modification for Provision of Information'.
5. A copy of the proposed modifications can be viewed during normal office hours, and can be obtained (free of charge) from:

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6. Representations with respect to any or all of the proposed modifications may be made on or before 5pm on **10 June 2025** by writing to or e-mailing to the same address.
7. The Authority has, in accordance with Article 14(4) of the Order, sent a copy of this notice to the Licensee, the Department for the Economy and the General Consumer Council.

Dated this 13 day of May 2025



**John French**

**Chief Executive**

**For and on behalf of the Utility Regulator**

## SCHEDULE 1

### **Proposed modifications to Condition 8 of the electricity distribution licence held by Northern Ireland Electricity Networks Limited.**

#### **Condition 8. Provision of Information to the Authority**

1 The Licensee shall, after receiving a request from the Authority for Information that the Authority may reasonably require or that it considers may be necessary to enable it to perform any of its functions relating to electricity as conferred, assigned, or transferred to it by or under any legislation, give that Information to the Authority when and in the form requested.

~~1 Subject to paragraphs 6 and 7, the Licensee shall furnish to the Authority, in such manner and at such times as the Authority may require, such information and shall procure and furnish to it such reports, as the Authority may consider necessary in the light of the Conditions or any Schedule or as it may require for the purpose of performing any of its functions relating to electricity conferred on, or assigned or transferred to, it by or under any legislation.~~

2 The Licensee shall, within 7 days after the date when these modifications this paragraph 2 first becomes effective or after the person in question becomes an ultimate controller (as the case may be), procure, from each person which the Licensee knows (or reasonably should know) is at any time an ultimate controller of the Licensee, a legally enforceable undertaking in favour of the Licensee in a form specified by the Authority, which undertaking shall provide that that ultimate controller will give to the Licensee, and will procure that each subsidiary of that ultimate controller (other than the Licensee and its subsidiaries) will give to the Licensee, all such information as may be necessary to enable the Licensee to comply fully with paragraph 1 of this Condition. Such undertaking shall remain in force for as long as the Licensee remains the holder of this Licence and the giver of the undertaking remains an ultimate controller of the Licensee.

3 The Licensee shall:

- (a) deliver to the Authority evidence (including a copy of each such undertaking) that the Licensee has complied with the obligation to procure any undertakings required pursuant to paragraph 2;
  - (b) inform the Authority immediately in writing, if the directors of the Licensee become aware that any such undertaking has ceased to be legally enforceable or that its terms have been breached; and
  - (c) comply with any direction from the Authority to enforce any such undertaking.
- 4 The Licensee shall not, save with the prior consent in writing of the Authority, enter (directly or indirectly) into any contract or arrangement with an ultimate controller of the Licensee or any of the subsidiaries of that ultimate controller (other than the subsidiaries of the Licensee) at a time when:
- (a) an undertaking complying with paragraph 2 is not in place in respect of that ultimate controller; or
  - (b) there is an unremedied breach of such an undertaking; or
  - (c) the Licensee is in breach of the terms of any direction issued by the Authority under paragraph 3 in respect of such an undertaking.
- ~~5—Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph 1, the Authority may call for the furnishing of accounting information which is more extensive than or differs from that required to be prepared and supplied to the Authority under Condition 2.~~
- ~~6—The Licensee may not be required by the Authority to furnish it under this Condition with information for the purpose of the exercise of its functions under Article 7 of the Energy Order.~~
- ~~7.5—The Licensee may not be required by the Authority to furnish it under this Condition with any information in relation to an enforcement matter which the Licensee could not be compelled to produce or give in evidence in civil proceedings in the High Court. The Licensee is not required to comply with~~

paragraph 1 if the Licensee could not be compelled to produce or give the Information in evidence in civil proceedings in the High Court.

8.6 The power of the Authority to request call for iinformation under paragraph 1 is in addition to the power of the Authority to request call for iinformation under or pursuant to any other Condition or any Schedule.

7—The Licensee shall, after receiving a request from the Authority for reasoned comments on the accuracy and text of any Information (including that which has been provided by the Licensee in accordance with paragraph 1) relating to the Licensee's activities under or pursuant to this Licence which the Authority proposes to publish under Article 7 of the Energy Order, give such comments to the Authority when and in the form requested.

9.8 In this Condition:

**“iinformation”** ~~shall include~~ means information (other than information subject to legal privilege) in any form or medium and of any description specified by the Authority and includes any documents, accounts, estimates, returns, records or reports and data of any kind (whether or not prepared specifically at the request of the Authority) ~~of any description specified by the Authority~~; and

**“ultimate controller”** means:

- a. any person which is a holding company of the Licensee, and which is not itself a subsidiary of another company; and/or
- b. any person who (whether alone or with a person or persons connected with him) is in a position to control, or to exercise significant influence over, the policy of the Licensee, or any holding company of the Licensee, by virtue of:
  - i. rights under contractual arrangements to which he is a party or of which he is a beneficiary;

- ii. rights of ownership (including rights attached to or deriving from securities or rights under a trust) which are held by him or of which he is a beneficiary,

but shall exclude any director or employee of a corporate body in his capacity as such and any minister, ministry, department, agency, authority, official or statutory person; and

a person shall be considered to be connected with another person if he is party to any arrangement regarding the exercise of any such rights as are described in paragraph (b) above.