

## **SCHEDULE 2B – NATIONAL TERMS OF CONNECTION**

### **SECTION 1**

A. ***Introduction:*** The electricity that is supplied to, or exported from, the premises is conveyed using the network of the network operator. In order that electricity can be supplied to, or exported from, the premises, there must be both:

- a connection agreement with the network operator to maintain the connection to its network; and
- arrangements for the supply, or export, of electricity (usually with an electricity supplier).

The National Terms of Connection set out the terms and conditions that the network operator requires you to accept in return for maintaining the connection of the premises to its network.

B. ***Application to you and the premises:*** These terms may apply to you in one of two ways:

- If you have entered into a contract with your electricity supplier for the supply of electricity to, or the export of electricity from, a particular premises, you will also have agreed with the network operator to accept these terms in respect of those premises. This is because your electricity supplier has been appointed as the agent of the network operator to make such an agreement.
- If you have not entered into any contract with your network operator in respect of a particular premise, but you are either the owner or occupier (or both the owner and occupier) of those premises, you are required to accept these terms pursuant to section 21 of the Electricity Act 1989 (and you will be taken to have accepted these terms unless and until your premises are permanently disconnected from the network or you agree different terms with your network operator).

C. ***Application to other premises:*** If the National Terms of Connection apply to you and a particular premises in accordance with the first bullet point of paragraph B above, you

also agree that the National Terms of Connection apply to any other connection of any other premises of which you are the owner or the occupier (or both the owner and the occupier).

D. ***Application of sections 2, 3 & 4:*** The National Terms of Connection contain 4 sections. This section 1 will always apply to you and the premises. In addition, one of section 2, 3 or 4 will also apply to you and the premises, depending on the physical nature of the connection at the premises:

- if the connection is metered directly by putting the full electrical current through the meter (known as ‘whole current metering’), section 2 will apply (this is usually the case with domestic properties and small industrial and commercial properties);
- if the connection is metered indirectly by using current transformers to induce a reference current which is then put through the meter (known as ‘C/T metering’), section 3 will apply (this is usually the case with large industrial and commercial properties); or
- if the network operator has agreed that the connection need not be metered (known as ‘unmetered supply’), section 4 will apply (this is usually the case with street lighting).

If you are not sure which of sections 2, 3, or 4 applies to the premises, or have any other questions about the National Terms of Connection, you should contact the network operator. Contact details are available from the Energy Networks Association (telephone 0207 706 5137) or at [www.connectionterms.co.uk](http://www.connectionterms.co.uk).

E. ***Duration and replacement terms:*** If the National Terms of Connection take effect under the first bullet point of paragraph B above, they will apply in respect of the premises from the time that the contract with your electricity supplier takes effect, and will continue (even if that contract ends) until either:

- another connection agreement takes effect in respect of the premises pursuant to another contract with an electricity supplier for the supply of electricity to, or the export of electricity from, the premises (as applicable); or
- the application of the National Terms of Connection is terminated, or otherwise ends, in accordance with section 2, 3 or 4 (as applicable), including where you agree a replacement agreement with the network operator.

**F.** ~~*Existing connection terms: Any existing terms and conditions applying to you and the connection of the premises to the network (except for standard terms which have effect by virtue of statute or pursuant to a contract with an electricity supplier, or which an electricity supplier procured your acceptance of) will apply instead of the National Terms of Connection to the extent that the two are inconsistent.*~~ **Existing connection agreement:** This paragraph F applies in the event that there is an existing agreement governing the connection of the premises to the network (except for standard terms which have effect by virtue of statute or pursuant to a contract with an electricity supplier, or of which an electricity supplier procured acceptance). Where this paragraph F applies, the existing agreement will apply instead of the National Terms of Connection to the extent that the two are inconsistent. If you are not a domestic customer, this paragraph F applies even where you are not party to the existing agreement, and you will be bound by the existing agreement as amended from time to time as if you were a party to it. Information about existing agreements can be obtained from the network operator.

**F.G.** **Interpretation:** In this section, the term “premises” includes any land, building, structure or electrical installation, and is a reference to the premises to which these terms apply; the term “network” means, for each connection at the premises, the licensed electricity distribution network through which electricity is conveyed to, and from, that connection; and the term “network operator” means the licensed electricity distributor for the network.