

21st December 2007

Dear Colleague,

National Grid Metering Charges from 1st April 2008

Please find attached schedules showing National Grid's revised metering charges to apply from 1st April 2008. This notification is provided 3 months in advance of the effective date consistent with the notice period required in National Grid's Metering contracts¹.

National Grid's metering charges are regulated by a price control set by Ofgem, the gas industry regulator. To achieve price control, Ofgem has set tariff caps for four key metering services. National Grid's charges for these services must not exceed the tariff caps, which are increased each year by inflation (RPI).

In general, the revised rental charges effective from 1st April 2008 incorporate an increase of 4.1% in respect of inflation. The domestic annual rental charges are set to the regulated tariff caps and are £14.10 for a credit meter and £32.92 for a prepayment meter.

The annual rental charges for Industrial and Commercial meters are also increased in line with inflation with rebalancing of charges between meter types to achieve better cost reflectivity. The rebalancing of charges in 2008/9 concludes the approach (to rebalance over 2 years) announced last year (18th December 2006).

National Grid is also adjusting its transaction charges for meter works to achieve better cost reflectivity. The impact of using latest costs, some of which have increased by more than inflation, is an overall increase in transaction charges of 9% although there is a mix of increases and reductions for individual charges. The transaction charge for domestic meter exchange has been set at £57.72 the level of the regulated tariff cap.

The revised charges effective from 1st April 2008 will be published on National Grid's Internet site <http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/metering>, by 31st December 2007. If you have any questions about the new charges, please send an email to metcom@uk.ngrid.com for the attention of Francis McHale.

Yours sincerely

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¹ Agreement and General Conditions of Contract for;
The Provision and Maintenance of Metering Equipment; Transactional Meter Works not exceeding 7 bar; Above 7 bar Transactional Meter Works; Adversarial Meterworks, Rainbow System User Agreement and Network Metering Equipment Agreement (NMEA).

Annual Rental Charges

These charges replace those set out in Table 2.2 of the "Metering Charges statement from 1st April 2007"

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	2.1369	£7.80	1.6739	£6.11
Installation	1.4932	£5.45	1.4932	£5.45
Maintenance	0.2329	£0.85	5.8521	£21.36
Total	3.8630	£14.10	9.0192	£32.92

Larger Diaphragm Meters

Capacity (scmh)	>= 11< 21	>=21<29	>=29<51	>=51<79	>=79<121	>=121
£ per annum						
Provision	£21.71	£43.79	£62.33	£112.54	£191.30	£212.18
Installation	£12.86	£15.51	£25.51	£56.17	£69.40	£78.26
Maintenance	£3.19	£3.50	£4.57	£6.55	£13.31	£27.01
Total	£37.76	£62.80	£92.41	£175.26	£274.01	£317.45
Pence per day						
Provision	5.9479	11.9973	17.0767	30.8329	52.4109	58.1315
Installation	3.5233	4.2493	6.9890	15.3890	19.0137	21.4411
Maintenance	0.8740	0.9589	1.2521	1.7945	3.6466	7.4000
Total	10.3452	17.2055	25.3178	48.0164	75.0712	86.9726

Rotary Meters

Capacity (scmh)	<28	>=28<57	>=57<113	>=113<170	>=170<226	>=226<396
£ per annum						
Provision	£159.12	£196.45	£240.43	£289.71	£343.57	£442.77
Installation	£53.40	£66.96	£122.48	£158.55	£194.16	£313.30
Maintenance	£123.70	£124.35	£151.06	£152.15	£152.71	£152.67
Total	£336.22	£387.76	£513.97	£600.41	£690.44	£908.74
Pence per day						
Provision	43.5946	53.8219	65.8712	79.3726	94.1287	121.3069
Installation	14.6301	18.3452	33.5562	43.4384	53.1945	85.8356
Maintenance	33.8904	34.0685	41.3863	41.6849	41.8384	41.8274
Total	92.1151	106.2356	140.8137	164.4959	189.1616	248.9699

Capacity (scmh)	>=396<509	>=509<792	>=792<1,358	>=1,358<1,810	>=1,810
£ per annum					
Provision	£528.83	£577.83	£651.59	£1,136.11	£1,401.32
Installation	£399.45	£441.17	£562.26	£641.55	£979.11
Maintenance	£180.29	£181.77	£185.51	£603.81	£607.67
Total	£1,108.57	£1,200.77	£1,399.36	£2,381.47	£2,988.10
Pence per day					
Provision	144.8849	158.3096	178.5178	311.2630	383.9233
Installation	109.4384	120.8685	154.0438	175.7671	268.2493
Maintenance	49.3945	49.8000	50.8247	165.4274	166.4849
Total	303.7178	328.9781	383.3863	652.4575	818.6575

Turbine Meters

Capacity (scmh)	<283	>=283<509	>=509<792	>=792<1,216	>=1,216<1,952
£ per annum					
Provision	£576.92	£685.96	£750.79	£909.45	£975.92
Installation	£302.19	£357.85	£462.59	£569.53	£678.60
Maintenance	£453.98	£464.98	£481.50	£498.64	£513.85
Total	£1,333.09	£1,508.79	£1,694.88	£1,977.62	£2,168.37
Pence per day					
Provision	158.0602	187.9342	205.6959	249.1644	267.3754
Installation	82.7918	98.0411	126.7370	156.0356	185.9178
Maintenance	124.3781	127.3918	131.9178	136.6137	140.7808
Total	365.2301	413.3671	464.3507	541.8137	594.0740

Capacity (scmh)	>=1,952<3,027	>=3,027<4,894	>=4,894<8,119	>=8,119
£ per annum				
Provision	£1,510.33	£2,045.98	£2,058.30	£2,159.53
Installation	£1,037.47	£1,335.40	£1,343.09	£1,523.21
Maintenance	£530.75	£544.66	£560.01	£569.18
Total	£3,078.55	£3,926.04	£3,961.40	£4,251.92
Pence per day				
Provision	413.7890	560.5425	563.9178	591.6521
Installation	284.2384	365.8630	367.9699	417.3178
Maintenance	145.4110	149.2219	153.4274	155.9397
Total	843.4384	1,075.6274	1,085.3151	1,164.9096

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						
Provision	£5,848.01	£6,463.24	£7,719.99	£8,373.65	£8,963.76	£13,877.94
Installation	£3,552.12	£3,868.87	£4,590.14	£4,844.26	£5,478.14	£7,553.16
Maintenance	£6,428.35	£7,026.09	£8,387.25	£8,387.25	£8,387.25	£13,978.95
Total	£15,828.48	£17,358.20	£20,697.38	£21,605.16	£22,829.15	£35,410.05
Pence per day						
Provision	1,602.1945	1,770.7506	2,115.0658	2,294.1507	2,455.8246	3,802.1754
Installation	973.1836	1,059.9644	1,257.5726	1,327.1945	1,500.8603	2,069.3589
Maintenance	1,761.1918	1,924.9562	2,297.8767	2,297.8767	2,297.8767	3,829.8493
Total	4,336.5699	4,755.6712	5,670.5151	5,919.2219	6,254.5616	9,701.3836

Volume converters (Correctors)

	Pence per day	£ per annum
Provision	34.1041	124.48
Installation	13.7479	50.18
Maintenance	27.9425	101.99
Total	75.7945	276.65

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

	Pence per day	£ per annum
Provision	9.4356	34.44
Installation	42.1123	153.71
Maintenance	63.7014	232.51
Total	115.2493	420.66

Transactional Charges

These charges replace those set out in Table 2.3 of the “Metering Charges statement from 1st April 2007”

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.

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
Install Domestic Credit Meter	£67.51
Install Domestic Prepayment Meter	£76.19
Customer Requested Exchange (e.g. credit to PPM) ¹	£57.72
Ofgem Accuracy Test (Domestic)	£88.95
Exchange damaged meter	£71.57
Alter Position of Meter only (no service pipe modification) ²	£88.84
Remove meter	£48.42
Fit or remove Clamp (Lock) ³	£54.82
Fit Security Collar to meter	£31.05
National Grid Operative Hire – Half Day ⁴	£227.56
National Grid Operative Hire – Full Day ⁴	£440.89
National Grid Operative Hire – Hourly rate (normal hours) ⁴	£56.89
National Grid Operative Hire – Hourly Rate (out of hours) ⁴	£71.27

¹ Set to level of the tariff cap.

² Additional outlet pipe work, in excess of 2m, will be charged at current labour and materials rates in addition to the above charges.

³ National Grid supplied clamps and locks can only be fitted and removed by authorised National Grid operatives.

⁴ All work shall be carried out in accordance with “General Conditions of Contract for Adversarial Meterworks”. These charge rates also apply in respect of purging meters and downstream installations.

Industrial and Commercial-Size Meters

The following charges relate to installation and removal of larger diaphragm meters. These charges apply only in respect of standard low pressure installations, where no enhancements (e.g. bypasses) are required.

Large diaphragm meter installation charges

Capacity (scmh)	>= 11< 21	>=21<29	>=29<51	>=51<79	>=79<121	>=121
Meter only	£184.69	£215.96	£389.17	£848.31	£1,102.83	£1,322.36
Meter and housing	£480.35	£610.70	£826.27	£1,670.70	£2,059.22	£2,493.24

Note 1. These charges are also applicable in the case of meter exchanges where a smaller meter is exchanged for a larger meter. In these cases the applicable rate will be that corresponding to the new meter.

Note 2. The housing charges do not include the costs for explosion relief roofs or for the construction of bases to support the housing. Quotations should be requested if these options are required.

Large diaphragm meter removal charges

Capacity (scmh)	>= 11< 21	>=21<29	>=29<51	>=51<79	>=79<121	>=121
Meter removal	£121.76	£121.76	£140.63	£258.77	£288.40	£288.40
Adversarial meter removal	£121.76	£121.76	£140.63	£258.77	£288.40	£288.40

Further charges will apply for any additional time (such as waiting time or purging) or materials in connection with adversarial meter removals.

Large diaphragm meter Accuracy tests

Capacity (scmh)	>= 11< 21	>=21<29	>=29<51	>=51<79	>=79<121	>=121
Ofgem accuracy test	£113.23	£114.67	£192.19	£221.72	£274.64	£361.60

Includes transportation of the meter and time and materials required to exchange a meter. Includes transportation box. Includes testing, purging and re-lighting but excludes any associated trace and repair work. Excludes the cost of the meter itself.

Other Metering Charges

Transfer of title of in-situ ancillary equipment

Domestic meters – charge for sale of installation kit

Standard charge for installation kit (excludes meter)	£3.88
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Note. No charge applies for title transfer where the meter installation is exempted from the “install” component of annual rental charges. That is where the installation was made after 1 October 2000.

Large diaphragm meters - charges for sale of installation kit

Capacity (scmh)	>= 11< 21	>=21<29	>=29<51	>=51<79	>=79<121	>=121
Charge	£121.44	£148.28	£266.77	£513.21	£602.83	£699.84

Note. No charge applies for title transfer where the meter installation is exempted from the “install” component of annual rental charges. That is where the installation was made after 1 April 2001.

Quotation charges for transfer of title of ancillary equipment

Quotation type	Charge
Details provided by customer	£42.65
Based on Site survey	£106.29

SAP Rainbow system access

	Initial access charge (£)	Annual maintenance and administration charge (£)
Read / write access	£342.66	£68.53
Read only access	£171.33	£39.98

Daily Meter Reading services

The Annual charge for Daily Meter (DM) reading has been set to the tariff cap of £426.58. This charge is calculated on a daily basis, at 116.87 pence per day.