

18th December 2008

Dear Colleague,

National Grid Metering Charges from 1st April 2009

Please find attached schedules showing National Grid's revised metering charges to apply from 1st April 2009. 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 2009 incorporate an increase of 4.4% in respect of inflation. The domestic annual rental charges are set to the regulated tariff caps and are £14.73 for a credit meter and £34.38 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.

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 10%, although there is a mix of increases and reductions for individual charges. The transaction charge for domestic meter exchange has been set at £60.28 the level of the regulated tariff cap.

The revised charges effective from 1st April 2009 will be published on National Grid's Internet site <http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/metering>, by 31st December 2008. 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 2008"

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	2.3342	£8.52	2.0658	£7.54
Installation	1.5589	£5.69	1.5589	£5.69
Maintenance	0.1425	£0.52	5.7945	£21.15
Total	4.0356	£14.73	9.4192	£34.38

Larger Diaphragm Meters

Capacity (scmh)	>= 11< 21	>=21<29	>=29<51	>=51<79	>=79<121	>=121
£ per annum						
Provision	£18.87	£39.24	£55.99	£101.22	£175.16	£198.21
Installation	£13.43	£16.20	£26.64	£58.66	£72.48	£81.73
Maintenance	£2.95	£3.78	£5.76	£10.06	£23.39	£50.21
Total	£35.25	£59.22	£88.39	£169.94	£271.03	£330.15
Pence per day						
Provision	5.1698	10.7507	15.3397	27.7315	47.9891	54.3041
Installation	3.6795	4.4384	7.2986	16.0712	19.8575	22.3918
Maintenance	0.8082	1.0356	1.5781	2.7562	6.4082	13.7562
Total	9.6575	16.2247	24.2164	46.5589	74.2548	90.4521

Rotary Meters

Capacity (scmh)	<28	>=28<57	>=57<113	>=113<170	>=170<226	>=226<396
£ per annum						
Provision	£155.00	£188.73	£234.51	£277.88	£325.56	£410.60
Installation	£55.77	£69.93	£127.91	£165.58	£202.77	£327.19
Maintenance	£175.37	£176.55	£229.21	£230.87	£232.06	£234.10
Total	£386.14	£435.21	£591.63	£674.33	£760.39	£971.89
Pence per day						
Provision	42.4657	51.7068	64.2493	76.1314	89.1945	112.4931
Installation	15.2795	19.1589	35.0438	45.3644	55.5534	89.6411
Maintenance	48.0466	48.3699	62.7973	63.2521	63.5781	64.1370
Total	105.7918	119.2356	162.0904	184.7479	208.3260	266.2712

Capacity (scmh)	>=396<509	>=509<792	>=792<1,358	>=1,358<1,810	>=1,810
£ per annum					
Provision	£493.17	£536.16	£597.97	£1,176.01	£1,400.14
Installation	£417.16	£460.73	£587.19	£669.99	£1,022.52
Maintenance	£287.53	£290.17	£297.52	£1,125.25	£1,130.40
Total	£1,197.86	£1,287.06	£1,482.68	£2,971.25	£3,553.06
Pence per day					
Provision	135.1151	146.8932	163.8274	322.1945	383.6000
Installation	114.2904	126.2274	160.8740	183.5589	280.1425
Maintenance	78.7753	79.4986	81.5123	308.2877	309.6986
Total	328.1808	352.6192	406.2137	814.0411	973.4411

Turbine Meters

Capacity (scmh)	<283	>=283<509	>=509<792	>=792<1,216	>=1,216<1,952
£ per annum					
Provision	£585.67	£691.35	£747.98	£893.32	£954.65
Installation	£315.59	£373.72	£483.10	£594.78	£708.69
Maintenance	£715.57	£749.45	£776.92	£811.01	£845.30
Total	£1,616.83	£1,814.52	£2,008.00	£2,299.11	£2,508.64
Pence per day					
Provision	160.4575	189.4110	204.9260	244.7453	261.5480
Installation	86.4630	102.3890	132.3562	162.9534	194.1616
Maintenance	196.0466	205.3288	212.8548	222.1945	231.5890
Total	442.9671	497.1288	550.1370	629.8932	687.2986

Capacity (scmh)	>=1,952<3,027	>=3,027<4,894	>=4,894<8,119	>=8,119
£ per annum				
Provision	£1,433.41	£1,915.67	£1,931.88	£2,020.07
Installation	£1,083.47	£1,394.61	£1,402.64	£1,590.74
Maintenance	£885.11	£918.21	£949.32	£974.30
Total	£3,401.99	£4,228.49	£4,283.84	£4,585.11
Pence per day				
Provision	392.7151	524.8411	529.2822	553.4438
Installation	296.8411	382.0849	384.2849	435.8192
Maintenance	242.4959	251.5644	260.0877	266.9315
Total	932.0521	1,158.4904	1,173.6548	1,256.1945

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	£6,057.68	£6,558.17	£7,565.02	£8,350.27	£9,350.56	£12,617.91
Installation	£3,709.61	£4,040.40	£4,793.65	£5,059.03	£5,721.02	£7,888.04
Maintenance	£9,791.72	£10,389.46	£11,750.62	£12,230.18	£13,426.42	£17,342.32
Total	£19,559.01	£20,988.03	£24,109.29	£25,639.48	£28,498.00	£37,848.27
Pence per day						
Provision	1,659.6384	1,796.7589	2,072.6082	2,287.7453	2,561.7973	3,456.9617
Installation	1,016.3315	1,106.9589	1,313.3288	1,386.0356	1,567.4027	2,161.1068
Maintenance	2,682.6630	2,846.4274	3,219.3479	3,350.7342	3,678.4712	4,751.3205
Total	5,358.6329	5,750.1452	6,605.2849	7,024.5151	7,807.6712	10,369.3890

Volume converters (Correctors)

	Pence per day	£ per annum
Provision	35.6164	£130.00
Installation	14.3562	£52.40
Maintenance	32.3616	£118.12
Total	82.3342	£300.52

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

	Pence per day	£ per annum
Provision	9.8548	£35.97
Installation	43.9781	£160.52
Maintenance	66.5260	£242.82
Total	120.3589	£439.31

Transactional Charges

These charges replace those set out in Table 2.3 of the “Metering Charges statement from 1st April 2008”

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	£73.98
Install Domestic Prepayment Meter	£81.82
Customer Requested Exchange (e.g. credit to PPM) ¹	£60.28
Ofgem Accuracy Test (Domestic)	£103.69
Exchange damaged meter	£76.11
Alter Position of Meter only (no service pipe modification) ²	£106.26
Remove meter	£55.48
Fit or remove Clamp (Lock) ³	£57.25
Fit Security Collar to meter	£32.43
National Grid Operative Hire – Half Day ⁴	£270.46
National Grid Operative Hire – Full Day ⁴	£450.63
National Grid Operative Hire – Hourly rate (normal hours) ⁴	£82.24

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	£187.81	£240.55	£393.04	£916.08	£1,046.20	£1,351.31
Meter and housing	£499.20	£664.22	£858.02	£1,774.40	£2,052.32	£2,569.34

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	£124.68	£124.68	£141.51	£267.36	£298.92	£298.92
Adversarial meter removal	£124.68	£124.68	£141.51	£267.36	£298.92	£298.92

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	£137.97	£139.47	£209.23	£256.49	£323.19	£424.88

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)	£4.05
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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	£126.82	£154.85	£278.60	£535.96	£629.56	£730.87

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	£44.54
Based on Site survey	£111.00

SAP Rainbow system access

	Initial access charge (£)	Annual maintenance and administration charge (£)
Read / write access	£357.85	£71.57
Read only access	£178.93	£41.75

Daily Meter Reading services

The Annual charge for Daily Meter (DM) reading has been set to the tariff cap of £445.49. This charge is calculated on a daily basis, at 122.05 pence per day.