

Industry update from Ofgem – up to date as of 11 May 2018

Ofgem launches investigation into Cadent’s record keeping

On 11 April we launched an investigation into whether Cadent failed to keep records of gas pipes (risers) in some blocks of flats that are part of its network. We are investigating whether Cadent kept and maintained records for all of its risers, whether it has the appropriate systems in place to do so and, as a consequence, whether it maintains an efficient and economical pipeline system. The opening of this investigation does not imply that we have made any findings about non-compliance.

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/ofgem-launches-investigation-cadent-s-record-keeping>

Gas NIC Initial Screening Submission 2018 for Hydeploy2 (Cadent)

On 27 April 2018 we published Cadent’s Gas NIC screening submission for ‘Hydeploy2’. In its submission Cadent propose the first GB deployment of hydrogen into the public gas network.

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/gas-nic-initial-screening-submission-2018-hydeploy2-cadent>

Direction to make modifications to the Gas Transmission Regulatory Instructions and Guidance (RIGs) for RIIO-T1 (2017/18)

On 27 April 2018 we published a direction relating to a modified set of gas transmission regulatory instructions and guidance (RIGs) and reporting templates for 2017/18 annual reporting.

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/direction-make-modifications-gas-transmission-regulatory-instructions-and-guidance-rigs-riio-t1-201718>

Direction - Modification of RIIO-GD1 Price Control Regulatory Instructions and Guidance: Version 5.0

On 30 April 2018 we published a direction relating to a modified set of gas distribution regulatory instructions and guidance (RIGs) and reporting templates for 2017/18 annual reporting.

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/direction-modification-riio-gd1-price-control-regulatory-instructions-and-guidance-version-50>

Informal consultation on RIIO-1 price control reopeners (May 2018)

On 8 May 2018 we notified our intention to open an informal consultation on RIIO-1 price control reopeners. For cost categories where there was uncertainty about expenditure requirements at the time of setting allowances, the price controls include a “reopener” mechanism. The mechanism

allows network companies to propose adjustments to baseline expenditure allowances for these costs when there is more certainty.

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/informal-consultation-riio-1-price-control-reopeners-may-2018>

Open letter on Pressure Calibration Devices in T/PR/ME/2

On 2 May 2018 we published an open letter on our view of how the technical requirements of T/PR/ME/2 could be better interpreted. This open letter was in response to being approached by representatives in the biomethane industry over whether it is proportionate to require the sole use of a dead weight tester for calibrating pressure sensors.

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/unc0636-updating-parameters-nts-optional-commodity-charge-request-urgency-unc636>

UNC0636 Updating the parameters for the NTS Optional Commodity Charge – request for urgency (UNC636)

On 9 May 2018 we responded to a request made on behalf of Vermillion Energy Ireland Limited to change the status of modification UNC0636 to urgent. We decided not to grant urgency, as we did not consider that the potential impact has changed since the proposal was raised in October 2017.

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/unc0636-updating-parameters-nts-optional-commodity-charge-request-urgency-unc636>