

**Statement of the Basis of Charges for the  
Provision of Legacy Metering Equipment by  
Western Power Distribution  
(West Midlands) plc**

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## **General Introduction**

### **Who we are**

1. This statement is produced by Western Power Distribution (West Midlands) plc, the licensed electricity distribution business serving the west part of the West Midlands Conurbation, the majority of the counties of Gloucestershire, Worcestershire, Herefordshire and Shropshire, the west part of Staffordshire including the Stoke conurbation and small parts of Oxfordshire (Banbury), Warwickshire (Stratford) and Cheshire (Congleton). Our Distribution Licence is issued under the Utilities Act (2000). In this statement Western Power Distribution (West Midlands) plc is referred to as 'Western Power Distribution', although certain of the responsibilities may be undertaken by associated companies or agents.

### **Licence Obligations**

2. Western Power Distribution is a licensed distribution business and is regulated by the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority through the Office of Gas and Electricity Markets (Ofgem). Our licence obligations include the provision of Legacy Basic Meter Assets and Data Services to any person.

### **Price Control**

3. Western Power Distribution's' Legacy Basic Meter Asset Provision and Data Services charges are subject to price control via the Licence. Charges in this statement have been set in accordance with the price control and may vary from time to time, with appropriate notice, as we adjust them to recover the allowed revenue.

### **About This Statement**

4. This statement has been prepared in a form subject to the approval of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority (the Authority). It describes the terms and conditions under which persons may take Legacy Basic Meter Asset Provision and Data Services from Western Power Distribution West plc. It is prepared in accordance with the requirements of its licence. Words and expressions used here have the definitions given to them in the Act and shall be construed accordingly.
5. In accordance with Licence condition 36, this statement covers Western Power Distribution's' charges for the following:
  - the service of legacy basic meter asset provision;
  - the provision of metering point administration services; and
  - the provision of data transfer services.

6. The arrangements for provision of the services described above and the conditions attached are outlined in the introductions to each set of charges in the sections below. The Licence requires that the terms and charges contained in this statement be reviewed at least once each year. Charges and costs shown are current at the time of publication and will not be changed except as provided for in the relevant agreement, and subject to the requirements of the Licence.
7. In addition to the charges for Legacy Basic Meter Asset Provision under Western Power Distribution's Licence obligations, this statement contains charges for other services provided under meter service contracts.
8. Single copies of this statement will be provided free of charge. The statement may also be downloaded from our web site, [www.central-networks.co.uk](http://www.central-networks.co.uk).

### **Ofgem and the Right of Determination**

9. Where applicants fail to agree terms for Legacy Basic Meter Asset Provision and Data Services with Western Power Distribution, Licence condition 7 allows them to seek settlement by the Authority<sup>1</sup>.

### **The Contractual Framework**

10. Western Power Distribution provides Legacy Basic Metering Services within its authorised area as required under the Licence. These services are provided in line with the agreement (Agreement for the Provision of Non Half Hourly Legacy Basic Meter Assets).
11. Persons applying for use of Western Power Distribution's NHH Metering Services should contact Jane Griffith at Western Power Distribution, whose contact details are given below.
12. If within a reasonable time the applicant and Western Power Distribution fail to agree contractual terms, or any variation of contractual terms proposed by either party, either party may request settlement by the Authority<sup>1</sup>.
13. Normally, charges for Metering and Data Services will be payable in accordance with the billing period and payment terms agreed with the party using the system. Western Power Distribution reserves the right to require appropriate security in respect of the charges estimated to arise, depending on the circumstances and on the basis of the agreed payment terms. Interest charges are applicable to late payments.

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<sup>1</sup> See contact details at paragraph 14

## Contact Details

14. If you have any questions about this statement please contact us at the address shown below. Also given below are contact details for the Office of Gas and Electricity Markets should you wish to enquire separately on matters relating to this statement.

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## **WESTERN POWER DISTRIBUTION'S' NHH METERING SERVICES**

### **Basis of Charges for Metering Services**

1. Charges for Legacy Basic Metering Services cover MAP - provision of meter(s) and any related timing device(s).
2. The charges do not cover:
  - Meter Operation (MOp)
  - Meter Point Administration and Data Transfer Services – see separate schedule 2;
  - data collection services;
  - data processing services; or
  - data aggregation services.
3. Charges for MAP are levied in line with the Price Caps and methodologies set out in the Licence.

### **Payment Of Charges**

4. Western Power Distribution reserves the right to require appropriate security in respect of the charges estimated to arise depending on the circumstances of the supply and on the basis of the agreed payment terms. Appropriate forms of security may include deposits, letters of credit, or other guarantees.

### **MAP**

5. Rental charges for MAP and any transactional charges will be made directly to those with whom Western Power Distribution contracts to provide MAP services.
6. Payment of MAP charges will normally be due on demand in accordance with the billing period and payment terms agreed with the party using the services.
7. The charges listed here are exclusive of value added tax (VAT). The appropriate rate of VAT will be added to the charges contained in the schedules on billing.

## SCHEDULE 1 – METER ASSET PROVISION (MAP)

<b>1.1 METER RENTALS – SINGLE PHASE</b>		Pence per MPAN per day
1.1.1	Single rate Credit Meter	0.40
1.1.2	Multi-rate Credit Meter (including time controller)	1.22
1.1.3	Heatwise Meter <sup>1</sup>	N/A
1.1.4	Single rate Card Meter (Token)	2.13
1.1.5	Multi-rate Card Meter (Token)	3.04
1.1.6	Single rate Smartcard Meter	4.14
1.1.7	Multi-rate Smartcard Meter	5.87

<b>1.2 METER RENTALS - POLYPHASE</b>		Pence per MPAN per day
1.2.1	Single rate Whole Current Meter	1.19
1.2.2	Multi-rate Whole Current Meter	2.39
1.2.3	Maximum Demand Metering	5.95
1.2.4	CT Metering	5.95

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<sup>1</sup> These meters are not provided by Western Power Distribution (West Midlands) plc

### 1.3 METERING EQUIPMENT DAMAGE

Where damage to metering equipment is found, whether deliberate or accidental, the supplier or other person to whom the metering equipment is being provided will be subject to a charge for the cost of that meter:

<u>Single Phase (meter only)</u>		
1.3.1	Single rate credit	£11.63
1.3.2	Multi-rate credit (not including timeswitch)	N/A
1.3.3	Heatwise type <sup>1</sup>	N/A
1.3.4	Radio Telemeter / 2 rate meter with internal timer	£45.79
1.3.5	Single rate token	£66.48
1.3.6	Multi-rate token (not including timeswitch)	£66.48
1.3.7	Heatwise token <sup>1</sup>	N/A
1.3.8	Single rate smartcard	£66.48
1.3.9	Multi-rate smartcard (not including timeswitch)	£66.48
<u>Poly-Phase (meter only)</u>		
1.3.10	Single rate credit	£36.44
1.3.11	Multi-rate credit (not including timeswitch)	£40.03
1.3.12	Programmable	£71.25
1.3.13	CT Meters (depending on type)	Minimum £139.06
<u>Time Control</u>		
1.3.14	Time/teleswitch – single phase	£35.96
1.3.15	Time/teleswitch – poly-phase	£71.93

### 1.4 NOT USED

<sup>1</sup> These meters are not provided by Western Power Distribution (West Midlands) plc

## 1.5 METERING SYSTEMS REMOVED AND NOT RETURNED

Where a person has been provided with a Meter and has removed it but not returned it to Western Power Distribution in accordance with the MAP Agreement, the person will be subject to a charge for that meter.

### Single Phase (meter only)

1.5.1	Single rate credit		£7.31
1.5.2	Multi-rate credit (not including timeswitch)		N/A
1.5.3	Heatwise token <sup>1</sup>		N/A
1.5.4	Radio Telemeter / 2 rate meter with internal timer		£24.39
1.5.5	Single rate token		£34.74
1.5.6	Multi-rate token (not including timeswitch)		£34.74
1.5.7	Heatwise token <sup>1</sup>		N/A
1.5.8	Single rate smartcard		£34.74
1.5.9	Multi-rate smartcard (not including timeswitch)		£34.74

### Poly-Phase (meter only)

1.5.10	Single rate credit		£19.72
1.5.11	Multi-rate credit (not including timeswitch)		£21.51
1.5.12	Programmable		£37.12
1.5.13	CT Meters (depending on type)	Minimum	£71.03

### Time Control

1.5.14	Time/teleswitch – single phase		£19.48
1.5.15	Time/teleswitch – poly-phase		£37.45

## SCHEDULE 2 – METER POINT ADMINISTRATION AND DATA TRANSFER SERVICES

### Services to Suppliers

Western Power Distribution provides meter point administration services as required under the Licence and the Master Registration Agreement (MRA).

These services cover the provision of various data from Western Power Distribution's meter point registration service/database and are charged for on a transactional basis.

Persons applying for use of these services must be licensed suppliers and/or signatories to the MRA and should contact:

Jane Jones  
MPAS Operations  
Western Power Distribution  
Herald Way  
Pegasus Business Park  
Castle Donington  
DE74 2TU

Phone: 01332 393852

Mobile: 0780 1195073

e-mail: [mpasoperations@central-networks.co.uk](mailto:mpasoperations@central-networks.co.uk)

Contact notice facility	£6.00
Manual amendment of database	By arrangement with a minimum charge of £300
Full refresh (other than one per year for Data Aggregator)	£500 via DTN, CD or email
Selective refreshes	£25.00 Per Supply Number
Resends	£25.00
Rejections of DTN flows	£6.00
Reports to Elexon (under clause 27.4)	£25.00
Report to Data Aggregator (under clause 27.5)	£25.00

NB. Clause numbers above refer to the Master Registration Agreement

- *Charges for dataflow investigations and MPAN investigations are by arrangement.*
- *Charges for ad hoc and miscellaneous data requests or reporting requirements are by arrangement.*

## Services to other Distribution Businesses

Western Power Distribution is able to provide a Metering Point Administration Service (MPAS) for premises connected to another Licensee's Distribution Network<sup>1</sup>, which is embedded in Western Power Distribution's Distribution Services Area.

In accordance with our licence conditions Western Power Distribution can provide the following services:

- The provision of a register that holds all Metering Point Administration Data (MPAD) as defined in Schedule 2 of the Master Registration Agreement (MRA).<sup>2</sup> For the avoidance of doubt Western Power Distribution shall not be responsible for the creation, amendment, update or deletion of any of the MPAD items.
- The provision of such data (as is reasonably required) to:
  - Any electricity supplier or agent thereof.
  - Any persons identified in the Balancing & Settlement Code as an appropriate person for the receipt of data for settlement purposes.
  - Any person identified in the MRA as entitled to such data for the purpose of facilitating changes of electricity supplier in respect of any premises.
- The maintenance of an enquiry service for the provision to any customer or an electricity supplier, on request and free of charge to that customer, of such data contained in the register as is relevant to the supply of electricity to premises which are (or are to be) owned or occupied by the customer.

The charge for providing these services is subject to negotiation and will depend on the number and types of MPANS involved. We would need to know, for instance, the current and forecast numbers of NHH and HH MPANS.

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<sup>1</sup> Electricity Distribution Licence: Standard Conditions. Section C Condition 37.2

<sup>2</sup> Master Registration Agreement Version 8.1 dated 5 January 2004

## **Data Transfer Network Services**

Under the terms of its distribution licence Western Power Distribution is obliged to establish or procure data transfer services for the facilitation of the competitive supplies market.

A separate company, ElectraLink, provides these services on Western Power Distribution's behalf. Persons wanting to apply for such services should contact:

ElectraLink  
3rd Floor, Marcol House  
289-293 Regent Street  
London  
W1B 2HJ

email: [helpdesk@electralink.co.uk](mailto:helpdesk@electralink.co.uk)

Introductory information may be found on the ElectraLink web site at: [www.electralink.co.uk](http://www.electralink.co.uk)

## Glossary

Act	The Electricity Act 1989 as amended by the Utilities Act 2000.
Balancing & Settlement Code	The Balancing and Settlement Code v 1.1 dated 21 March 2001, including all Party Service Lines and BSC Procedures (as therein defined) made under it, as at the Go-live Date.
Distribution Licence	Refers to the Electricity Distribution Licence.
Gas and Electricity Markets Authority (GEMA) (the Authority)	As established by the Utilities Act.
Licence	Refers to the Electricity Distribution Licence unless otherwise stated.
Master Registration Agreement (MRA)	Means the agreement of that name dated 1 June 1998, as at the Go-live Date.
Metering Point	The point, determined according to the principles and guidance given at Schedule 9 of the Master Registration Agreement, at which a supply to (export) or from (import) a Distribution System: (a) is or is intended to be measured; or (b) where metering equipment has been removed, was or was intended to be measured; or (c) in the case of an Unmetered Supply under the Unmetered Supplies Procedure, is deemed to be measured, where in each case such measurement is for the purposes of ascertaining the supplier's settlement liabilities under either the Settlement Agreement or the Balancing and Settlement Code.
Ofgem	Ofgem is the Office of Gas and Electricity Markets, regulating gas and electricity industries in Great Britain. Ofgem operate under the governance of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority (sometimes referred to as the Authority or GEMA) which sets all major decisions and policy priorities.
Supply Number (also known as MPAN)	A unique identification number allocated to a connection of the Distribution System which allows for the accurate trading of energy by suppliers and the accurate billing of Use of System Charges.