Statement of LDZ Transportation and SoLR Charges

To apply from 1st April 2025 – 31st March 2026





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Introduction

This publication sets out the Local Distribution Zone (LDZ) transportation charges which will apply from 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026 for the use of the Wales & West Utilities Ltd (WWU) Distribution Network (DN), as required by Standard Special Condition (SSC) A4 of the Gas Transporter Licence (GTL). This document does not override or vary any of the statutory, licence or Uniform Network Code (UNC) obligations upon WWU.

Our final price change on 1st April 2025, will be an average increase of 2.8% over 2024/25 prices. This comprises:

Total Revenue						
	2.8 % (Indicative 4.9%)					
Transportation Income Exit Capacity				it Capacity	SoLR	
	0.4%			44.4%		
	(Indicative: 1.7%)		(Indicative: 56.4%)			
Сара	acity	Commodity	By Exit Zone		-212.5%	
System	Customer		SW1	0.0233 / 45.6%	(Indicative:	
System	Cusiomer	-9.3%	SW2	0.0388 / 43.7%	-175.0%)	
0.2%	2.0%	(Indicative:	SW3	0.0264 / 45.9%		
(Indicative:	(Indicative:	-7.0 %)	WA1	0.0308 / 43.3%		
1.7%)	3.1%)		WA2	0.0285/41.1%		

For more information about these changes, or our charges, please contact the pricing team at pricing@wwutilities.co.uk.

Revenue

Total revenue

RIIO-GD2 requires networks to set charges to collect the forecast allowed revenue calculated under the price control. These charges are split between:

- 1) transportation allowed revenue (excluding exit capacity);
- 2) exit capacity revenue, which recovers the costs incurred from utilising the upstream network, the National Transmission System (NTS); and
- 3) SoLR revenue which a network is obligated to charge under its licence.

£'m Nominal	2024/25	2025/26	Movement	Movement (%)
Transportation Allowed Revenue	500.1	524.3	24.2	4.8%
Exit Capacity Allowed Revenue	31.0	51.4	20.4	65.8%
SoLR Revenue	0.8	-0.9	-1.7	-212.5%
Total	531.9	574.8	42.9	8.1%

The percentage movements shown above reflect movements in revenues between 2024/25 and 2025/26. These are different to the price change percentages shown on page 3, due to the application of the change in demand forecast between 2024/25 and 2025/26 to calculate the final price changes.

Transportation Allowed Revenue

Our forecast transportation allowed revenue increases from £500.1m in 2024/25 by £24.2m to £524.3m in 2025/26. The most notable movements in the underlying drivers are:

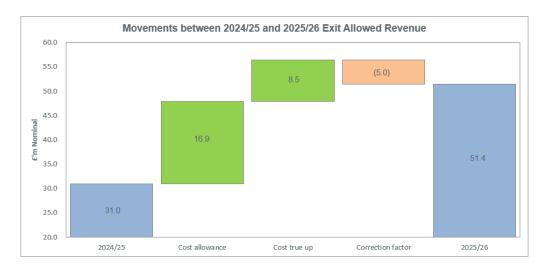


- Fast Money the increase in fast money reflects the profile of Totex expenditure forecast year on year and the inclusion of agreed/forecast re-openers not included in 2024/25 revenues.
- 2) Depreciation RAV depreciation increases each year as more Totex is capitalised.
- Return on RAV this increase in return on RAV is due to higher WACC (and on a higher RAV) in 2025/26 compared with 2024/25.
- Pass through (excluding SoLR & Exit) costs have decreased mainly as a result of a lower shrinkage gas prices expected in 2025/26 than in 2024/25.
- 5) Other the variance comprises movements in other revenue allowances and inflation of -£1.5m and reductions to the tax allowance of -£5.9m as a result of higher opex -£1.3m, higher net interest in regulatory taxable profits -£1.1m, and higher totex leading to higher capital allowances and super deductions for eligible capital expenditure which were processed as a tax trigger event in the PCFM of -£1.8m and £1.7m respectively.
- 6) AIP Adjustment Term in 2025/26 this reflects the difference in the latest forecast allowances and pass-through costs for 2024/25 and those used for price setting in January 2024 for the 2024/25 regulatory year. The increase in allowed revenue between years is due to the AIP adjustment still being negative however at a smaller value compared to the year previous with the 23/24 outturn being closer to what was forecast at price setting.
- 7) Legacy Allowed Revenue inflationary increase in GD1 close out adjustments.
- K the decrease primarily relates to a small projected over recovery of allowed versus collected revenues in 2024/25 which feeds through into 2025/26 allowed revenue.

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Exit Capacity Allowed Revenue

Following the implementation of UNC Modification 0195AV, industry arrangements for the charging of NTS Exit Capacity costs changed on 1st October 2012. National Gas invoices DNs based on their use of the NTS, and the Exit Point bookings made by the DNs. Ofgem provides an allowance to networks to recover the anticipated cost of Exit Capacity, and a mechanism to adjust where these costs fall outside those anticipated. For 2025/26 our allowances increase by £21.4m from £31.0m to £51.4m:



- Cost allowance 18/19 prices the base allowance in 2025/26 is calculated using the latest published final and indicative price information from National Gas NTS and is significantly higher than in 2024/25.
- Cost true up the RIIO-GD2 cost true up reflects the difference between cost allowances and actuals in 2023/24 and latest forecasts for 2024/25. An increase in costs has caused a positive true up resulting in increased allowed revenue in respect of Exit Capacity for 2025/26.
- 3) Correction factor an over recovery of allowed versus collected revenue in 2024/25 in respect of Exit Capacity which will be recovered in 2025/26 revenues explains £2.9m of this variance. The remaining £2.1m is explained by an under recovery projected in 23/24 at the time of 24/25 price setting which was recovered in 2024/25 revenues.



Supplier of Last Resort Allowed Revenue

When the Office of Gas and Electricity Markets (Ofgem) revokes a supply licence (usually because of insolvency), it can appoint a 'Supplier of Last Resort' (SoLR) on a case-by-case basis to take over the supply of gas and/or electricity to the insolvent supplier's customers. The aim is to provide seamless continuity of service for customers. The regulatory regime for this is primarily provided for in the Standard Conditions of the supply licences held by Great Britain's (GB's) electricity suppliers and gas suppliers.

The gas and electricity supply standard licence conditions allow a supplier acting as SoLR to make a claim for any reasonable additional, otherwise unrecoverable, costs they incur. Historically SoLRs have claimed for the following categories of costs:

- Customer credit balances;
- Working capital; and
- Operational costs (including customer service, IT, complaints/enquiries specific to the SoLR, onboarding costs, communication and wholesale energy purchase costs).

For the 2025/26 regulatory year, Ofgem's position is a net 'negative' value for SoLR as the truing up process has identified the need for some Shippers to refund over-payments. DNs are to receive SoLR payments which will lower the overall charge to domestic customers. Whilst some revenue is raised by DNs paying SoLR charge, this is more than offset by the payments received. The total value of claims received by WWU by 31 December 2024 is - £1.0m, a reduction of £1.8m compared to the 2023 valid claims of £0.8m reflected in 2024/25 revenues. For valid SoLR claims received by DN's by 31 December 2024, licensees are obliged to increase or decrease transportation charges to recover or pay the amounts in the valid claims in 2025/26.

Transportation and SoLR Charges

These charges reflect those published in our Final Notification of LDZ Transportation and SoLR charges.

Charges to recover Transportation Allowed Revenue

	Current Price effective from 1 st April 2024	Final Price effective from 1 st April 2025
LDZ SYSTEM COMMODITY CHARGES	Pence per kwh	
UP TO 73,200 KWH PER ANNUM	0.0588	0.0533
73,200 KWH - 732,000 KWH PER ANNUM	0.0513	0.0465
	0.5959	0.5405
732,000 KWH PER ANNUM AND ABOVE	x SO	Q ^
	-0.2775	-0.2775
SUBJECT TO A MINIMUM RATE OF	0.0042	0.0038

LDZ SYSTEM CAPACITY CHARGES	Pence per peak day kwh per day		
UP TO 73,200 KWH PER ANNUM	0.2862	0.2868	
73,200 KWH - 732,000 KWH PER ANNUM	0.2483	0.2488	
	2.2233	2.2277	
732,000 KWH PER ANNUM AND ABOVE	x SOQ ^		
	-0.2513	-0.2513	
SUBJECT TO A MINIMUM RATE OF	0.0211	0.0211	

LDZ CUSTOMER CAPACITY CHARGES Pence per peak day kwh pe		
UP TO 73,200 KWH PER ANNUM	0.1519	0.1549
73,200 KWH - 732,000 KWH PER ANNUM	0.0059	0.0060
	0.1199	0.1223
732,000 KWH PER ANNUM AND ABOVE	x SOQ ^	
	-0.2100	-0.2100

LDZ CUSTOMER FIXED CHARGES	Pence per day	
73,200 KWH - 732,000 KWH PER ANNUM - BI-ANNUAL READ SITES	47.4366	48.3853
73,200 KWH - 732,000 KWH PER ANNUM - MONTHLY READ SITES	50.5096	51.5198

Charges to recover Exit Allowed Revenue

	Current Price effective from 1 st April 2024	Final Price effective from 1 st April 2025
EXIT CAPACITY UNIT RATES BY EXIT ZONE	Pence per peak	day kwh per day
SW1	0.0160	0.0233
SW2	0.0270	0.0388
SW3	0.0181	0.0264
WA1	0.0215	0.0308
WA2	0.0202	0.0285

Charges to recover SoLR Allowed Revenue

	Current price effective from 1 st April 2024	Final Price effective from 1 st April 2025	
SUPPLIER OF LAST RESORT CHARGES	Pence per peak day kwh per day		
LRSP Domestic Charge	0.0008	-0.0009	
LRSP Industrial Charge	0.0000	0.0000	

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Optional LDZ Charge

The optional LDZ tariff is available, as a single charge, as an alternative to the standard LDZ system charges. This tariff may be attractive to large loads located close to the NTS. The rationale for the optional tariff is that, for large Network loads located close to the NTS or for potential new Network loads in a similar situation, the standard LDZ tariff can appear to give perverse economic incentives for the construction of new pipelines when Network connections are already available. This could result in an inefficient outcome for all system users. The optional LDZ charge aims to overcome this perverse situation.

The charge is calculated using the function below:

Pence per peak day kWh per day 902 x [(SOQ)^{~0.834}] x D + 772 x (SOQ) ^{^-0.717}

Where:

(SOQ) = Registered Supply Point Capacity, or other appropriate measure, in kWh per day D = Direct distance, in km, from the site boundary to the nearest point on the NTS.

Note that ^ means "to the power of."

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LDZ System Entry

DN Entry Commodity Charge/Credit

DN Entry Commodity charges reflect the costs of receiving gas from an entry point at a lower pressure tier than the NTS. The charge/credit will differ according to the amount of gas entering the network system, the pressure tier at which the gas enters the system and the operational costs resulting from the entry point.

The charge, which comprises the following three elements, is an adjustment to the full transportation charge:

- 1) Lower System Usage: For the gas received from this source the Shippers will get a credit in recognition that the gas has entered the network at a lower pressure tier, thus using less of the network system.
- 2) Avoidance of Exit Capacity: The Shipper will receive a credit for the avoidance of exit capacity charges as they have not taken gas which has entered the Wales & West network through the National Transmission offtake point.
- Operational Costs: The Shipper will be charged an operational cost, principally maintenance, relating to the equipment owned and operated by the Gas Distribution Network.

The sum of the above three components may result in either a credit or a debit to the Shipper. The table below gives the entry commodity unit price for all known sites within the Wales & West Network set to operate during 2025/26. Where additional sites are connected which are not currently planned to flow during 2025/26 these will be published if and when information on pressure tier, specific opex costs and flows are available. Typically, this may not be until a Gemini site name is allocated to the connection.



LDZ System Entry Commodity Charge/Credit by DN Entry point

Site Name	GEMINI Name	Alias	LDZ System Entry Commodity Charge (p/kWh) Current Prices	LDZ System Entry Commodity Charge (p/kWh) Prices effective 1 April 2025
BROMHAM HOUSE FARM	BROMOS		-0.1681	-0.1606
CANNINGTON BIOMETHANE	CANNOS		-0.1814	-0.1742
BISHOPS CLEEVE BIOMETHANE	CLEEOS	Grundon Landfill / Wingmoor Farm	-0.1645	-0.1569
ENFIELD BIOMETHANE	ENFDOS		-0.0993	-0.0982
FIVE FORDS BIOMETHANE	FIVEOS		-0.0993	-0.0982
FRADDON	FRADOS	Penare Farm	-0.1645	-0.1569
FROGMARY BIOMETHANE	FROGOS		-0.1750	-0.1676
GREAT HELE BIOMETHANE	HELEOS	Nadder Lane	-0.1731	-0.1657
HELSCOTT FARM	HELSOS		-0.1731	-0.1657
ROTHERDALE	ROTHOS	Vale Green 2	-0.1126	-0.1118
SPITTLES FARM	SPITOS	Bearley Farm	-0.1043	-0.1033
SPRINGHILL BIOMETHANE	SPNGOS		-0.0957	-0.0945
PENNANS FARM	PENSOS		-0.1731	-0.1657
NORTHWICK	NOCKOS		-0.0993	-0.0982
AVONMOUTH WESSEX	WESXOS	Wessex Water	-0.1841	-0.1770
WILLAND	WILLOS	Lloyd Maunder	-0.0842	-0.0828
WYKE FARM	WYKEOS		-0.1789	-0.1716
EVERCREECH BIOMETHANE	EVEROS		-0.1429	-0.1349
TROWBRIDGE BIOMETHANE	TRWBOS		-0.0842	-0.0828
CHARLTON PARK	CPFAOS		-0.1645	-0.1569
GREAT PORTHAMEL FARM	GPBTOS	GP BIOTEC	-0.1021	-0.1011

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Charge Types and Invoice Mapping

Xoserve Charge Mapping

The following list presents the core invoice and charge types reflected in this document, which are billed by Xoserve on our behalf. A full list of current invoice and charge types is available through the Xoserve Shared Area. For more information on invoicing, please contact Xoserve, the invoicing service provider, via e-mail at capcom@xoserve.co.uk.

	Invoice Type	Charge Type
LDZ Capacity		
Supply Point LDZ Capacity	CAZ	ZCA
CSEP LDZ Capacity	CAZ	891
Unique Sites LDZ Capacity Charge	CAZ	871
Unique Sites Optional Tariff	CAZ	881
Customer Capacity		
Customer LDZ Capacity	CAZ	CCA
Customer Capacity fixed Charge	CAZ	CFI
Unique Sites Customer Capacity	CAZ	872
Commodity		
LDZ Commodity	COM	ZCO
CSEP Commodity	COM	893
Unique Sites Commodity	COM	878
LDZ System Entry Commodity Charge	COM	LEC
Exit Capacity		
LDZ Exit Capacity	CAZ	ECN
CSEP Exit Capacity	CAZ	C04
Unique Sites Exit Capacity	CAZ	901
Supplier of Last Resort	·	
LRSP Domestic Charge	CAZ	LRD
LRSP Industrial Charge	CAZ	LRI

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Contact Us

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Appendix 1 – Application of Charging Methodology

Application of the charging methodology

SSC A4 requires licensees to establish a methodology showing the methods and principles on which transportation charges are based. The existing charging methodology was introduced in 1994, and it has been modified from time to time in accordance with the GTL and UNC.

Objectives of the charging methodology

The transportation charging methodology must comply with objectives set out SSC A5 paragraph 5 to:

- result in charges which reflect the costs incurred by the licensee in its transportation business;
- facilitate effective competition between gas shippers and between gas suppliers; and
- properly take account of developments in the transportation business.

In addition to the above WWU also considers that the distribution charging methodology should:

- promote efficient use of the distribution system; and
- generate stable charges that are easy to understand and implement.

Before making any changes to the existing methodology, licensees must raise a UNC modification proposal and consult with industry in accordance with SSC A5. Ofgem has the right to veto any proposed changes to the charging methodology.

Structure of charges

Structurally, LDZ charges are split between system and customer related activities respectively, to reflect the cost of each area of activity. The recovery of total LDZ revenue, calculated in accordance with the price control, is recovered from LDZ system charges and LDZ customer charges based on the following split as per <u>DNPC05</u>:

System Related (%)	Customer Related (%)	Total (%)
71.8	28.2	100.0

Having established the system:customer split the next step is to structure the LDZ system charges and LDZ customer charges across load bands such that they reasonably reflect the costs imposed on the system by different sizes of loads using the methodologies outlined below.

The system:customer split above is periodically reviewed by licensees to evaluate whether they remain broadly reflective of the costs incurred pursuant to the charging methodology objectives of SSC A5.

LDZ System Charges

LDZ System charges are based on the methodology outlined in consultation report on DNPC08 - <u>Review of Standard LDZ System Charges</u> and Ofgem's associated <u>Direction</u>. The distribution networks contain a series of pipe networks split into four main pressure tiers:

Pressure Tier	Operating Pressure
Local Transmission System (LTS)	7 - 38 bar
Intermediate Pressure System (IPS)	2 - 7 bar
Medium Pressure System (MPS)	75 mbar - 2 bar
Low Pressure System (LPS)	Below 75 mbar

The principle underlying the DN charging methodology is that charges should reflect the average use of the network made by customers of a given size, rather than the actual use made by a particular customer. The methodology calculates the average cost of utilisation for each of the main pressure tiers of the distribution system. Combining this with the probability of loads within a consumption band using that pressure tier generates a tier charge for an average load within that band. The summation of these tier charges gives the total charge for a load within the consumption band to use the DN. Further information in respect of the tier costs and tier/sub-tier load probabilities to derive the average cost of utilisation per consumption band, and illustrative examples, are available on request.

The costs relating to each pressure tier were derived from the split of DN costs undertaken as part of <u>DNPC05</u>, with further analysis to allocate the LDZ System costs across the pressure tiers and sub-tiers as part of <u>DNPC08</u>. These costs are split 95:5 into capacity:commodity elements in line with the methodology established by <u>DNPC03</u>.

LDZ Customer Charges

The LDZ customer charge methodology is based on an analysis of the extent to which service pipe and emergency service costs vary with supply point size and apply only to Directly Connected Supply Points. This analysis is used to determine the allocation of the revenue recovery to LDZ customer charges from supply points grouped in broad load bands as follows:

 using ABC cost analysis, the customer cost pool is sub-divided into service pipes or emergency works;



- each cost pool is then divided among a number of AQ consumption bands based on weighted consumer numbers by consumption band;
- for each cost pool, an average cost per consumer is then calculated for each AQ consumption band by dividing by the number of consumers in that consumption band;
- a total average cost per consumer is then calculated for each consumption band by adding the unit costs of each pool; and
- using regression analysis, functions are developed that best fit the relationship between consumption size and total average cost per consumer.

For supply points with an AQ of less than 73,200 kWh, the customer charge is a capacity charge.

For supply points with an AQ between 73,200 and 732,000 kWh, the customer charge is made up of a fixed charge which depends on the frequency of meter reading, plus a capacity charge based on the SOQ.

For supply points with an AQ of over 732,000 kWh, the customer charge is based on a function related to the registered SOQ.

CSEP Charging

In the calculation of the LDZ system charges, the commodity and capacity charges are based on the SOQ equal to the CSEP peak day load for the completed development irrespective of the actual stage of development. The SOQ used is therefore the estimated SOQ for the completed development as provided in the appropriate Network Exit Agreement (NExA). For any particular CSEP, each shipper will pay identical LDZ unit charges regardless of the proportion of gas shipped. Reference needs to be made to the relevant NExA or CSEP ancillary agreement to determine the completed supply point capacity.

The standard customer charge is not levied in respect of supply points within CSEPs. However, a CSEP administration charge is levied to reflect the administration costs related to servicing these loads. The methodology for setting this charge was established in 1996 and is based on the same methodology described below for setting Other Charges.

Other Charges

There are other charges applied to services which are required by some shippers but not by all, for example special allocation arrangements. It is more equitable to levy specific cost reflective charges for these services on those shippers that require them. Income from these charges is included in the regulated transportation income.

The methodology used to calculate the appropriate level of these charges is based on an assessment of the direct costs of the ongoing activities involved in providing the services. The costs are forward looking and consider anticipated enhancements to the methods and



systems used. A percentage uplift based on the methodology described in the Transporter's background paper "Charging for Specific Services - Cost Assignment Methodology" (May 1999) is added to the direct costs to cover support and sustaining costs. The latest level of the uplift was published in PD16, Section 5, (November 2002).

Exit Capacity NTS (ECN) unit rate charging methodology

DNs set ECN unit rates to recover their ECN allowed revenue. The ECN allowed revenue is set during the most recent Annual Iteration Process and is made up of:

- ECN base allowance which is a forecast of NTS exit capacity costs, using latest published NTS ECN rates and network capacity bookings;
- ECN cost true up i.e., the difference between actual cost and base allowance in a prior year, which will differ for each DN, and which can have a significant impact on ECN Allowed Revenue and therefore the final ECN charges; and
- K ECN under or over recovery i.e., the difference between allowed and collected revenue in a prior year.

Below is an illustrative example, using hypothetical data, showing how DN ECN unit rates at each exit zone are calculated.

Scenario: A DN has an annual network capacity volume booking of 230,000 GWh split across 4 exit zones, leading to costs of £46m using the relevant NTS postage stamp unit rate. Allowed revenue for the year has been calculated as £45m and the latest demand snapshot from Xoserve shows shipper demand at 215,000 GWh.

	Network Capacity Annual Bookings (GWH)	Postage Stamp Price (p/kWh/d)	DN Cost per Exit Zone (£)	Allowed Revenue Apportion ed	Shipper Demand snapshot (GWH)	Unit rate (p/kWh/d)
Calculation	Sum of 365 days bookings	NTS postage stamp PS rate	Volume v PS rate	Total x (Exit zone cost / total cost)	From Xoserve 'Snapshot' data	Allowed revenue / demand
Exit Zone 1	70,000	0.0200	14,000,000	13,695,652	63,000	0.0217
Exit Zone 2	20,000	0.0200	4,000,000	3,913,043	19,000	0.0206
Exit Zone 3	90,000	0.0200	18,000,000	17,608,696	87,000	0.0202
Exit Zone 4	50,000	0.0200	10,000,000	9,782,609	46,000	0.0213
	230,000		46,000,000	45,000,000	215,000	

Due to the differences by exit zone in the DN capacity bookings and the shipper demand profile, DN ECN rates will differ across exit zones. Shipper demand can differ to DN capacity bookings for a number of reasons, including the timing of DN bookings, the demand snapshot and any user commitment in place that networks have to consider.



Charges to recover SoLR Revenue

The SoLR charge is based on the total value of valid Last Resort Supplier Payment (LRSP) claims received, divided by the SOQ, converted to a pence per day rate calculated as follows:

Unit x number of days in that billing period x Rate / 100

Where the unit is equal to the *Sum of the Formula Year SOQ* (NB for Class 1 & 2 SMPs they do not have a FY SOQ, so the Rolling SOQ will be used in the sum).

Appendix 2 – Examples

This section provides illustrative examples of how transportation prices are used to calculate a bill for different load bands. Charges produced by UK Link, an integrated set of computer systems that supports the UNC, are definitive for billing purposes and take precedence to any of the examples listed in this section.

For further details on the methodologies underlying the example charges please refer to the documents referenced within the Appendices 1 and 3 and UNC TPD Y Part B. All UNC documents and Modifications can be found on the Joint Office of Gas Transporters website:

https://www.gasgovernance.co.uk/

Example 1

A shipper has a daily metered customer in Cardiff, with an AQ of 20,000,000 kWh and an SOQ, booked directly by the shipper of 100,000 kWh per day.

	Charge Type	Calculation	Result
	LDZ Capacity Invoice: LDZ Capacity (ZCA)	Annual Volume: 365 days x 100,000 (SOQ)	36,500,000 kWh
+	See: Page 8 Basis: p / peak day kWh	Unit Rate: 2.2277 × 100,000 ^{A-0.2513}	0.1234 p / pd kWh / day
	/ day	Annual Charge: Annual Volume x Unit Rate	£45,041.00
	LDZ Commodity	Annual Volume: 20,000,000 kWh (AQ)	20,000,000 kWh (AQ)
+	Invoice: Commodity (ZCO) See: Page 8	Unit Rate: 0.5405 × 100,000 (SOQ) ^ -0.2775	0.0221 p / kWh
	Basis: p / kWh	Annual Charge: Annual Volume x Unit Rate	£4,420.00
Customer (Capacity) Invoice: LDZ Capacity (CCA) See: Page 8 Basis: p (pagk day kW/b	Annual Volume: 365 days x 100,000 (SOQ)	36,500,000 kWh	
		Unit Rate: 0.1223 × 100,000(SOQ) ^ -0.2100	0.0109 p / pd kWh / day
	/ day	Annual Charge: Annual Volume x Unit Rate	£3,978.50
	Exit Capacity Charges Invoice: LDZ Capacity (ECN)	Annual Volume: 365 days x 100,000 (SOQ)	36,500,000 kWh
+	See: Page 9, for WA2 value	Unit Rate : 0.0285 p / pd kWh / day	0.0285 p / pd kWh / day
	Basis: p / peak day kWh / day	Annual Charge: Annual Volume x Unit Rate	£10,402.50
	Supplier of Last Resort Charges Invoice: LDZ Capacity (CAZ) See: Page 9 Basis: p / peak day kWh / day	Annual Volume: 365 days x 100,000 (SOQ)	36,500,000 kWh
+		Unit rate: 0.0000* pdkWh / day	0.0000p / pd kWh / day
		Annual Charge: Annual Volume x Unit rate	£0.00
=		Total Annual Network Charge	£63,842.00

*The LRSP industrial charge is zero for 2025/26 as all claims received related to domestic customers.

Unit Charge: Dividing by the annual load of 20,000,000 kWh gives a unit charge 0.3192 pence per kWh.

Example 2

A shipper has a non-prepayment domestic customer in the South West. Suppose the load has an AQ of 12,000 kWh per annum. This annual load places the end user in category SW:E2401BND. Load factor of 28.3%. The peak daily load (SOQ) is therefore 12,000 \div (365 x 0.283) = 116 kWh.

	Charge Type	Calculation	Result
LDZ Capacity Invoice: LDZ Capacity (ZCA) See: Page 8	Annual Volume: 365 days x 116 (SOQ)	42,340 kWh	
	Unit rate: 0.2868 p / pdkWh	0.2868 p / pdkWh	
	Basis: p / peak day kWh / day	Annual Charge: Annual Volume x Unit rate	£121.43
	LDZ Commodity	Annual Volume: 12,000 kWh (AQ)	12,000 kWh (AQ)
+	Invoice: Commodity (ZCO) See: Page 8	Unit rate : 0.0533 p / kWh	0.0533 p / kWh
	Basis: p / kWh	Annual Charge: Annual Volume x Unit rate	£6.40
	Customer (Capacity) Invoice: Capacity	Annual Volume: 365 days x 116 (SOQ)	42,340 kWh
+	(CCA) See: Page 8	Unit rate: 0.1549 p / pdkWh	0.1549 p / pdkWh
	Basis: p / peak day kWh / day	Annual Charge: Annual Volume x Unit rate	£65.58
	Exit Capacity Charges Invoice: LDZ Capacity	Annual Volume: 365 days x 116 (SOQ)	42,340 kWh
+	(ECN) See: Page 9, for SW3 value	Unit rate: 0.0264 pdkWh / day	0.0264 pdkWh / day
-	Basis: p / peak day kWh / day	Annual Charge: Annual Volume x Unit rate	£11.18
	Supplier of Last Resort Charges	Annual Volume: 365 days x 116 (SOQ)	42,340 kWh
+	Invoice: LDZ Capacity (CAZ) See: Page 9 Basis: p / peak day kWh / day	Unit rate: - 0.0009 pdkWh / day	-0.0009 pdkWh / day
		Annual Charge: Annual Volume x Unit rate	-£0.38
=		Total Annual Network Charge	£204.21

Unit Charge: Dividing by the annual load of 12,000 kWh gives a unit LDZ charge of 1.7017 pence per kWh.

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Example 3

Suppose that instead of supplying just one domestic customer in the South West (as in Example 2) the shipper supplies a connected system presently comprising 100 domestic customers and the completed connected system will comprise 150 domestic premises. Suppose that each of these premises has the same (AQ) of 12,000 kWh/yr.

Prevailing AQ (pre AQ)	100 houses × 12,000 (AQ) = 1,200,000 kWh
Maximum AQ (max AQ)	150 houses × 12,000 (AQ) = 1,800,000 kWh
Prevailing SOQ (pre SOQ)	1,200,000 ÷ (365 × 0.283) = 11,617 kWh
Maximum SOQ (max SOQ)	1,800,000 ÷ (365 × 0.283) = 17,426 kWh

Note that the prevailing annual and peak day loads of the connected system in effect would change over the year however, for simplicity, these have been assumed as constant in this example.

	Charge Type	Calculation	Calculation
CSEP Capacity Invoice: ADC (891) See: Page 8 Basis: p / peak day kWh	Annual Volume: 365 days × 11,617 (pre SOQ)	4,240,283 kWh	
	Unit Rate:2.2277 × 17,426 (max SOQ)^-0.2513	0.1914 p / pdkWh / day	
-	/ day	Annual Charge: Annual Volume x Unit rate	£8,115.90
	CSEP Commodity Invoice: ADC (893) See: Page 8 Basis: p / kWh	Annual Volume: 1,200,000 kWh (pre AQ)	1,200,000 kWh (pre AQ)
+		Unit rate: 0.5405 × 17,426 (max SOQ) ^ -0.2775	0.0360 p / kWh
_		Annual Charge: Annual Volume x Unit rate	£432.00
	CSEP Exit Capacity Charges	Annual Volume: 365 days x 11,617 (pre SOQ)	4,240,283 kWh
Invoice: CSEP Capacity (ECN) See: Page 9 Basis: p / supply point / day	Unit rate: 0.0264 pdkWh / day	0.0264 pdkWh / day	
	Annual Charge: Annual Volume x Unit rate	£1,119.43	
	Supplier of Last Resort Charges	Annual Volume: 365 days x 11,617 (pre SOQ)	4,240,283 kWh
Invoice: Ancillary (ANC) See: Page 9 Basis: p / peak day kWh / day	Unit rate: 0.0000* pdkWh / day	0.0000 p / pd kWh / day	
	Basis: p / peak day kWh	Annual Charge: Annual Volume x Unit rate	£0.00
=		Total Annual Network Charge	£ 9,667.33

*The LRSP industrial charge is zero for 2025/26 as all claims received related to domestic customers.

Unit Charge: Dividing by the annual load of 1,200,000 kWh gives a unit LDZ charge of 0.8056 pence per kWh.

Appendix 3 – Estimate of Peak Daily Load for Non-Daily Metered Supply Points

Each year users will consume gas, which will vary by day, and our network is built to at least supply all our connections in a 1:20 winter day (not just an average winter). Therefore, charges are levied in consideration of:

- 1) The total volume of gas consumed i.e., AQ; and
- 2) The peak requirement i.e., SOQ.

For daily metered customers, the AQ and SOQ are known. Supply points with AQ greater than 58,600,000 kWh should be daily metered, and all interruptible supply points are daily metered. Firm supply points with an AQ above 73,200 kWh per annum may, at the shipper's request, be classified as daily metered.

For non-daily metered (NDM) customers, the peak daily load, or SOQ, is estimated using a set of End User Categories (EUCs) based on a given AQ. A handful of sites with an AQ greater than 58,600,000 remain NDM because of the difficulties installing the daily read equipment. In such cases EUC XX:E2409B is used.

End User Categories

Each NDM supply point is allocated to an EUC and in each LDZ, each EUC has an associated Load Factor (LF). The EUC enables consumers to be defined into categories, the basis of which includes geography (LDZ), typical annual consumption (AQ) and, in in the case of monthly read sites, winter consumption (WAR). The term LDZ is applied in the context of its usage with reference to the UNC daily balancing regime.

LFs are derived annually by the Demand Estimation Committee (DESC), a committee under UNC governance. The most relevant weather scenarios are modelled, together with the sensitivity to weather across a sample of meter points. This modelling provides a LF which is used to estimate the peak requirement, under a 1:20 for a given AQ.

For example, a domestic, non-prepayment user in South Wales with an AQ of 12,000 kWh is assessed to have a LF of 28.3% (for the 2025/26 charging year). The SOQ will therefore be 116kWh:

$$SOQ = \frac{AQ}{DAYS IN YEAR \ x \ LF}$$

$$SOQ = \frac{12,000}{365 \times 28.3\%} = 116.172 (3dp) = 116kWh (0dp)$$

A full list of the latest EUCs, WAR bands and LFs for WWU's LDZ are available electronically via the Xoserve secure internet site: <u>https://www.xoserve.com/systems/uk-link</u>.

Six Monthly Read Sites

In the case of six monthly read sites, the supply point is allocated to an EUC on the basis of its AQ as per the example above.



Monthly Read Sites

It is mandatory for supply points with an AQ greater than 293,000 kWh to be monthly read. However, at the shipper's request sites below this consumption may also be classified as monthly read.

EUCs with AQs of between 293,000 kWh and 58,600,000 kWh have a further four EUC subdivisions for WAR bands. These aim to assign supply points to an EUC which is more aligned to their within-year usage pattern by allocating a WAR band based on the ratio of winter consumption versus rolling AQ ideally using consumption data from 1st December to 31st March. The absence of valid winter consumption data or a ratio of greater than 1 will result in the generic B EUC being applied rather than a WAR Band EUC.

Example

Using a supply point in Wales South LDZ with an annual consumption of 1,000,000 kWh assuming consumption December to March inclusive is 500,000 kWh; the winter: annual ratio will therefore equal $500,000 \div 1,000,000 = 0.5$. This site falls within WAR band W03 and the therefore EUC WS: E2404W03 where:

WS:	E24	04	W03
South Wales LDZ	Load factor effective for charging year 25/26	EUC band 04, between 732,000kWh and 2,196,000kWh	WAR band 03, for supply points with a winter consumption between 47.0% and 56.0% of their annual consumption.

For a site in this category, the load factor is 30.7% and the peak daily load and therefore its SOQ will be:

$$SOQ = \frac{AQ}{DAYS IN YEAR \ x \ LF}$$

$$SOQ = \frac{1,000,000}{365 \times 30.7\%} = 8,924.189 (3dp) = 8,924kWh (0dp)$$

Consultation on EUCs

Section H of the UNC requires the Transporter to publish, by the end of June each year, its demand estimation proposals for the forthcoming supply year. These proposals comprise EUC definitions, NDM profiling parameters (ALPs and DAFs), and capacity estimation parameters (EUC LFs). The analysis is presented to users and the DESC is consulted before publication of the proposals. LFs are updated annually, effective from 1st October, therefore for charging purposes, the relevant LFs are those that prevailed in the December prior to the start of the regulatory year to which this statement relates.

