

National Grid Electricity Distribution

Scheme to Recover the Monetary Value of Electricity Units Abstracted While in Conveyance

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Background

This scheme has been made by National Grid Electricity Distribution (“the distributor”) in accordance with the requirements of paragraph 4 (3) of Schedule 6 (“the Schedule”), of the Utility act (2000), an amendment to the Electricity Act 1989 and sets out the manner in which, and the persons by whom, any quantity of electricity taken in the circumstances set out in paragraphs 4 (1) and 4(2) of the Schedule is to be determined for the purposes of that sub-paragraph.

Entitlement to Recover the Value of Electricity Taken

4. (1) Where any person takes a supply of electricity which is in the course of being conveyed by an electricity distributor, the distributor shall be entitled to recover from that person the value of the electricity so taken.
- (2) Where -
 - (a) any person at premises at which a connection has been restored in contravention of paragraph 5(1) takes a supply of electricity which has been conveyed to those premises by an electricity distributor; and
 - (b) the supply is taken otherwise than in pursuance of a contract made with an authorised supplier, or of a contract deemed to have been made with an electricity supplier by virtue of paragraph 3 above or paragraph 23 (former tariff customers) of Schedule 7 to the Utilities Act 2000,

the distributor shall be entitled to recover from that person the value of the electricity so taken.

In this scheme, the term “Value”, in relation to any electricity taken in the circumstances mentioned above, means the amount which could reasonably be expected to have been payable in respect of the electricity under a deemed supply contract.

Calculation of the Quantity of electricity used at an Unauthorised Supply

Information to make an assessment of unrecorded units for electricity abstracted, in a manner as described in Paragraph 4 of the schedule, will be made using one or a combination of the following methods:

- Reading of AMPS taken while the unauthorised service is on load.
- Standard load profiles appropriate to the area and premises type.
- Using a list of equipment taken at the premises where the abstracted electricity was being used.
- A set of readings taken at intervals at the premises, after a meter has been fitted, on a supply that is to be maintained when the unauthorised service has been removed or repaired.

Information gained from these methods is used to make an estimate of unrecorded units by taking an estimated annual usage and calculating a daily estimated usage. The Estimated daily usage is multiplied by the number of days the unauthorised service was in use. This calculation provides the total number of estimated unrecorded units.

The total estimate of unrecorded units will be multiplied by the 'unit value' published in National Grid Electricity Distribution's Miscellaneous Charges statement as published from time to time.

The unit value is calculated using an average price derived from the three largest suppliers operating in the National Grid Electricity Distribution area.

Further Information

In addition to the rights that the distributor has under this scheme, National Grid Electricity Distribution may take additional actions, including but not limited to:

- disconnecting the connection and recovering its costs of doing so;
- recovering the costs of any damage to National Grid Electricity Distributions' distribution system, meters, plant or equipment;
- recovering the costs of investigation;
- pursuing actions for electricity theft under the relevant legislation;
- criminal prosecution for theft; and
- criminal prosecution under paragraph 6 of the Schedule.

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