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Dear Colleague,

**NOTICE OF CHANGE TO STANDARD CONNECTIONS CHARGES
EFFECTIVE FROM 1st December 2012**

Please note that National Grid's standard connection charges are being revised with effect from 1st December 2012 in order to better reflect the underlying costs of providing these services. These replace the previous charges which were introduced in April 2012 and were based on the underlying costs and assumptions for 2011/12.

Customers should note that, in respect of service alterations, we are withdrawing the option for customers to pre-excavate around existing live gas services on their premises. In order to effect this change for a limited interim period, whilst our customer-facing systems are modified to fully reflect this, we have set the charges for the "customer to pre-excavate" option to the same level as the "National Grid to excavate" option. We will be making this clear to customers at the time of making any order for service alteration.

The updated charge tables are set out in the appendix to this letter.

This notice is made in accordance with Section G 7.2.4 of the Uniform Network Code.

Should you have any questions or require clarification on the change, please contact me.

Yours faithfully

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Pricing Manager

APPENDIX 1 – Standard Connection Charges Effective from 1 December 2012

Table 1 – Standard Domestic Connection Charges

Charges Excl. VAT	Length on Private Land	North West	West Midlands	East of England	London
National Grid to Excavate / Backfill or Insert	0m	£164	£214	£204	£354
	<=40m	£410	£566	£533	£993
Customer to Excavate / Backfill on Private Land	<=40m	£155	£205	£181	£325

Table 2 – Standard Service Disconnection Charges

Charges Excl. VAT	North West	West Midlands	East of England	London
<= 63mm PE / 2" met	£421	£754	£686	£1,225
90mm PE / 3" met	£800	£1,430	£1,437	£1,875
125mm PE / 4" met	£924	£1,565	£1,663	£2,044
180mm / 6" met	£1,252	£2,124	£2,223	£2,773

"PE" = yellow plastic service pipe; "met" = metallic service pipe.

**Table 3 – Standard Domestic Service Alteration Charges
(Including Meter Relocation and Reconnection charge)**

Charges Excl. VAT	Alteration Length	North West	West Midlands	East of England	London
National Grid to Excavate / Backfill	0<=2m	£540	£868	£603	£1,378
	>2<=10m	£1,473	£2,522	£1,285	£2,558
	>10<=20m	£2,921	£5,018	£2,297	£3,086
Pre-excavated / Backfilled by Customer's Contractor*	0<=2m	£540	£868	£603	£1,378
	>2<=10m	£1,473	£2,522	£1,285	£2,558
	>10<=20m	£2,921	£5,018	£2,297	£3,086

* NB: Please note that the option for the customer to pre excavate on their premises is being removed with effect from 1st December 2012.

Table 4 - Reduction in Charges where Meter Relocation and Reconnection is not done by National Grid

Charges Excl. VAT	
0<=2m	£120**
>2<=10m	£214**
>10<=20m	£442**

** Charges included within the charges shown in Table 3, but are deducted where:
 (a) the customer chooses to have this work carried out by an independent service provider.
 (b) other circumstances exist which make meter relocation and reconnection impossible in one visit, e.g. no meter on site; changes to meter capacity or to a non-standard meter box type.