

To all interested parties

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Dear Industry Colleague,

2018/19 Assistance for Areas with High Electricity Distribution Costs final tariff

The AAHEDC scheme reduces the distribution costs to consumers in Northern Scotland. National Grid recovers an Assistance Amount from all authorised suppliers, which is passed to Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution Ltd. It replaces an earlier arrangement, commonly referred to as “Hydro Benefit”.

Tariffs are calculated for each financial year (and are effective from 1st April), but are published in mid-July. This later publication date allows the previous year’s final quarter payment to be reflected in the tariff thereby including any under or over recovery.

I am writing to advise you that the energy consumption tariff for 2018/19 is:

Year	Energy Consumption Tariff (p/kWh)
2018/19	0.024527

The change, an increase of 6.10% compared to the 2017/18 tariff, is attributable to the following factors:

- inflation of the Assistance Amount and Administration Amount in line with the Retail Price Index (May to October 2017) of 3.75%,
- a 2017/18 scheme over-recovery of £0.317m due to higher than anticipated demand (254.873 TWh vs expected 253.550 TWh), largely attributable to an upturn in Q4 demand and
- an anticipated decrease of 2.31% in the demand charging base (from 254.873 TWh to 248.995 TWh) attributable to increased energy efficiency and embedded generation.

Further information, including a copy of the charging statement can be found on our website:

<http://www2.nationalgrid.com/UK/Industry-information/System-charges/Electricity-transmission/Assistance-for-areas-with-high-distribution-costs/>

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me or a member of the Charging Team at charging.enquiries@nationalgrid.com.

Yours faithfully,

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