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Dear Colleague,

**NOTICE OF CHANGE TO STANDARD CONNECTIONS CHARGES
EFFECTIVE FROM 2nd APRIL 2012**

Please note that a number of National Grid's standard connection charges are being revised with effect from 2nd April 2012 to take account of changes in the underlying costs of providing these services. These replace the previous charges which were published in March 2011 and were based on the underlying costs for 2010/11.

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 2 April 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	£212	£235	£200	£367
	<=40m	£562	£715	£655	£1,026
Customer to Excavate / Backfill on Private Land	<=40m	£233	£298	£288	£473

Table 2 – Standard Service Disconnection Charges

Charges Excl. VAT	North West	West Midlands	East of England	London
<= 63mm PE / 2" met	£363	£550	£641	£743
90mm PE / 3" met	£651	£926	£1,144	£1,182
125mm PE / 4" met	£879	£1,125	£1,510	£1,290
180mm / 6" met	£1,180	£1,518	£2,028	£1,751

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

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

Charges Excl. VAT	Alteration Length	North West	West Midlands	East of England	London
National Grid to Excavate / Backfill	0<=2m	£624	£732	£760	£1,004
	>2<=10m	£810	£1,026	£996	£1,196
	>10<=20m	£1,323	£1,612	£1,617	£1,950
Pre-excavated / Backfilled by Customer's Contractor*	0<=2m	£331	£373	£385	£492
	>2<=10m	£448	£539	£527	£605
	>10<=20m	£758	£855	£888	£1,043

* NB: Please refer to the document "Guidance on Customer Arranged Works for the Alteration of a Service Pipe or Meter Position" provided in the customer information pack.

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

Charges Excl. VAT	
0<=2m	£115 **
>2<=10m	£165 **
>10<=20m	£366 **

** Charges included within the charges shown in Table 3, but are deducted where:

- the customer chooses to have this work carried out by an independent service provider.
- 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.