

Cadent Gas Ltd

Taking of Gas

Scheme 2024 V1.0

This scheme is made on the first day of October 2024 (the “Appointed Day”) by Cadent Gas Ltd, under paragraph 9 of Schedule 2B to the Gas Act 1986 (as amended), which comes into force with effect from (and including) the Appointed Day.

INTRODUCTION

1. This scheme is made by Cadent Gas Ltd in its capacity as the holder of a licence treated as granted under section 7 of the Gas Act 1986 (the 1986 Act), as amended by the Gas Act 1995 (the 1995 Act), (Cadent Gas) pursuant to the requirements of paragraph 9 (3) of Schedule 2B to the 1986 Act and shall be effective on and from the appointed day **under Section 18 (2) of the 1995 Act and shall continue to have effect unless and until revised pursuant to the said paragraph 9(3) of Schedule 2B to the 1986 Act.**

2. This Scheme shall apply where:

Someone takes gas while it is being delivered by a gas transporter (in the course of conveyance), the transporter can charge that person for the gas taken where:

- (a) The occupier that has been illegally reconnected takes gas delivered by the gas transporter
- (b) The gas is taken without having a contract with a gas supplier or without a deemed contract under certain provisions of the Gas Act

Conditions (a) and (b) will be used for the purpose of determining the number of kilowatt hours of gas taken under paragraph 4.

3. Information to be considered to assist with calculation

Cadent Gas (**or a third party appointed by Cadent Gas**) will assess the period during which gas was taken as described in section 2. They will consider all the following relevant information to aid with the calculation of number of kilowatt hours of gas taken including information obtained from suppliers and shippers, and any other relevant factors;

- Meter readings spanning the theft period
- The date of removal of any meter where any relevant premises have been disconnected by Cadent Gas or cut off by a gas supplier
- The date when additional site-works at any relevant premises were completed if accompanied by no increase in consumption
- Any change in occupier or owner of any relevant premises and the date on which that event took place (owing to deemed contract)
- The date after which there was no relevant shipper or gas supplier in relation to any relevant premises
- Information provided by any owner or occupier at any relevant premises
- Any meter readings outside the theft period

- Type and usage of gas appliances utilised within the property and any external installations i.e. swimming pool
- The date on which to Cadent Gas that taking of gas ceased
- Comparable site AQ
- Details of property such as; type, size, age, any information provided by the public etc.

4. Methodologies for calculating kilowatt hours used

Cadent Gas (or a third party appointed by Cadent Gas) will determine the number of kilowatts hours of gas taken over the theft period determined utilising data captured in accordance with section 3 above having regard to the demand profile of the premises, taking account of seasonal and annual adjustments and variations.

The kilowatt hours will be calculated utilising the following hierarchy of calculation methods, based on information acquired from site visit and desktop checks:

1. Two meter readings covering theft period utilising the relevant TOG charge calculator
2. Two meter readings pro-rated over theft period utilising the relevant TOG charge calculator
3. Gas appliances calculation utilising RECCo Gas Theft Tool
4. Comparable site AQs i.e. similar commercial premises taking into consideration square footage, number of rooms & bathrooms (domestic), premises usage (i.e. opening hours, similar takeaway function etc.)
5. Typical Domestic Consumption Values (TDCV) – neighbouring properties, square footage
6. Known AQ prior to the theft period
7. Any other methodology identified to reasonably estimate quantity of gas taken

DETERMINATION OF IDENTITY OF PERSON TAKING GAS

5. Cadent Gas will identify who used the gas as described in paragraph 2 by considering any relevant information it has or can reasonably get. Specifically, it will consider:

- A person occupying premises supplied with gas by a gas supplier who ceases to enter a contract with a gas supplier
- Companies house entries to determine directors and persons of significant interest in relation to commercial premises
- Council tax or tenancy information from local council and/or land registry data
- Any information from Crimestoppers, local authorities, landlords, or neighbours about who might be using the gas at the premises.
- Any information about who physically occupied the premises previously.

INTERPRETATION

6. In this scheme, unless the context otherwise requires:

“Gas supplier shall bear the meaning in paragraph 9 (5) of Schedule 2B to the 1986 Act;

“Uniform Network Code” and “relevant shipper” shall bear the meanings as specified within Cadent Gas’s licence.