



Indigo Pipelines Limited

Metering Charges

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Introduction

Indigo Pipelines Limited is a Licensed Gas Transporter and has an obligation under the Independent Gas Transporters' Uniform Network Code (IGT UNC) to publish a Metering Charges Statement.

Indigo Pipelines Limited is committed to delivering the best possible service to our consumers. The operation of Indigo Pipelines' network assets has been contracted to SSE Energy Solutions, a trading name of SSE Utility Solutions Ltd, part of SSE plc. SSE is a major utility with many years of experience building and operating public gas networks.

Indigo Pipelines is an approved Meter Asset Manager and Meter Asset Provider. We are pleased to offer licensed Gas Shippers Meter Asset Provision (MAP) services and limited Meter Asset Management (MAM) services to meter points on Indigo Pipelines' networks, in accordance with the terms defined in the IGT UNC. This document sets out the charges for these services from 1st April 2024. It replaces any Metering Charges Statement previously published by Indigo Pipelines under its current name or former name of SSE Pipelines Limited. Annual meter rental charges are based on the badged capacity of the meter installed at the meter point measured in standard cubic meters per hour (SCMH). Transactional Charges will be charged as per the Work Title descriptions shown on page 8. The Work Title will be mutually agreed between the requester and SSE Energy Solutions.

Invoicing

Indigo Pipelines, or SSE Energy Solutions acting on behalf of Indigo Pipelines, will invoice the Registered Gas Shipper for meter rental charges as set out in the 'Annual Rental Charge' section of this document, and transactional meter work charges as set out in the 'Transaction Charges' section of this document. All charges are exclusive of Value Added Tax. All prices shown in this document are in £ Sterling.

A Shipper can query any invoices issued, in accordance with the rules outlined in the IGT UNC, by contacting us before the invoice due date (contact details can be found on page 9).

Annual Rental Charges - Standard

Low, Medium and Intermediate Pressure Metering Installations (<= 7barg)

Domestic Sized Meters (< 11 SCMh)

Meter Type	Pence per day	£ per annum
Credit	20.3911	74.42
Smart	39.7770	145.18

Larger Diaphragm Meters

Capacity (SCMH)	>=11<21	>=21<29	>=29<51	>=51<79	>=79<121	>=121
£ per annum	79.30	124.03	168.96	324.85	517.10	631.10
Pence per day	21.7272	33.9824	46.2911	89.0011	141.6714	172.9048

Rotary Meters

Capacity (SCMH)	<28	>=28<57	>=57<113	>=113<170	>=170<226	>=226<396
£ per annum	738.13	831.92	1130.92	1289.02	1432.43	1857.81
Pence per day	202.2282	227.9251	309.8436	353.1574	392.4488	508.9897

Capacity (SCMH)	>=396<509	>=509<792	>=792<1358	>=1358<1810	>=1810
£ per annum	2289.76	2460.27	2834.21	5679.69	6791.85
Pence per day	627.3337	674.0488	776.4974	1556.0820	1860.7834

Turbine Meters

Capacity (SCMH)	<283	>=283<509	>=509<792	>=792<1216	>=1216<1952
£ per annum	3090.65	3468.55	3838.43	4394.88	4795.39
Pence per day	846.7546	950.2877	1051.6271	1204.0773	1313.8072

Capacity (SCMH)	>=1952<3027	>=3027<4894	>=4894<8119	>=8119
£ per annum	6501.19	8016.37	8188.80	8764.69
Pence per day	1781.1492	2196.2661	2243.5071	2401.2858

Annual Rental Charge - Alternative

Low, Medium and Intermediate Pressure Metering Installations (<= 7barg)

For Smart domestic sized meters installed by Indigo Pipelines after 1st April 2023 (“Applicable Smart Meters”, or just “Smart Meter”) there is now the following Alternative Rental Charge that a shipper can choose to pay instead of the Standard Rental Charge currently being levied. This is on the condition that once a shipper has chosen to move to the Alternative Rental Charge it cannot move back to the Standard Rental Charge for Smart domestic sized meters, and all the Applicable Smart Meters will be charged at the Alternative Rental Charge. For clarity the Standard Rental Charges will continue for all other types of meters.

Domestic Sized Meters (< 11 SCMH)

Meter Type	Pence per day	£ per annum
Smart	12.0613	44.02

When a supply point with an Applicable Smart Meter transfers to another shipper, the Indigo Pipelines’ metering service will transfer with the supply point to the new shipper. The meter charge levied will then reflect the predetermined choice of the new shipper.

Charging Methodology

The Alternative Rental Charge is designed to provide a return on the invested costs of providing and installing the Smart Meter and associated apparatus that forms part of the Smart Meter unit. In addition to cover any management, administration, accreditation, system and other relevant costs. Therefore, the Alternative Rental Charge is primarily for the MAP service and so will be charged at the same rate and under the same terms regardless as to which party provides the MAM service for the Smart Meter.

Although there will be some variation in the amount invested in each Smart Meter to evaluate each one as a separate item would require Indigo Pipelines to calculate a Smart Meter charge for each individual meter. This would result in a vast array of prices that would be impractical both to Indigo Pipelines and the shippers. Taking this into account, and that Smart Meter costs generally do not vary much, Indigo Pipelines’ required return on the Smart Meters is based on taking a spread approach, where it evaluates the average capital investment and operating costs for its portfolio of Smart Meters. This provides a single Alternative Rental Charge for all Smart Meters.

The charging methodology is based on the Alternative Rental Charge tracking inflation and the modification for inflation will be made on 1st April each year. The inflation factor used will be the end of year RPC inflation figure published by Ofgem in the previous year. Therefore, the Alternative Rental Charge will be deemed to be following this methodology when this annual inflation modification is made, and so Indigo Pipelines will not be required to give shippers prior notification of this inflation modification. For clarity the Ofgem inflation factor for 2023 will be applied to the Alternative Rental Charge on 1st April 2024.

This charging methodology will be reviewed and updated on an annual basis and if required any proposed material modification to it will be compiled in consultation with shippers at least 28 days before any material modification is made.

There may be occasions when the Alternative Rental Charge methodology will need to be modified and implemented before the next annual review, and on these occasions all reasonable endeavours will be made to forewarn the shippers and any other relevant parties before the changes become effective. Some examples of when such modifications may be required are as follows:

- Directed to do so by Ofgem, or the Director.
- Changes in the regulations, or the law.
- Unforeseen expenses and economic changes.

Early Termination Fees

The Alternative Rental Charge methodology is based on a 15-year investment period. If a shipper chooses to replace an Applicable Smart Meter before the investment period has ended, there will be an Early Termination Fee applied. This is to ensure Indigo Pipelines recovers any costs incurred for the removal of its Smart Meter and any remaining return on the capital investment not yet recovered.

The Early Termination Fee is based on a multiple of the annual Alternative Rental Charge being levied at the time. The multiples are based on the number of days between the Smart Meter’s installation and the date of its removal, and the number of years this equates to when rounded up to a full number of years (e.g. if there were 450 days between installation and removal Year 2 would be used). This has two benefits; firstly, it allows a single table of values from year 1 to 15 to be used to calculate the amounts for all Smart Meters, and secondly it provides for inflation without the amounts having to be re-calculated each year.

Year in which Smart Meter Removed	Early Termination Fee (multiple of Rental Charge per annum)
1	x 6.50
2	x 6.00
3	x 5.90
4	x 5.70
5	x 5.60
6	x 5.40
7	x 5.10
8	x 4.80
9	x 4.40
10	x 3.90
11	x 3.30
12	x 2.60
13	x 1.80
14	x 0.80
15	x 0.00

The metering service will be deemed terminated when the Smart Meter is removed, disposed of correctly and the Early Termination Fee and any other relevant charges are paid. Until then the Alternative Rental Charge will continue to be levied.

Where a Smart Meter is replaced by another Indigo Pipelines' Smart Meter, this replacement Smart Meter will be deemed to be a new Smart Meter and the investment period will start from the date the replacement Smart Meter is installed.

The Early Termination Fee is based on the shipper ensuring the Smart Meter is returned to Indigo Pipelines to its required location and under its delivery terms. Indigo Pipelines reserves the right to charge the shipper for any additional costs it incurs if the shipper does not comply with these terms. If, at Indigo Pipelines' sole discretion and terms, the shipper organises for the Smart Meter to be removed and suitably disposed of Indigo Pipelines may, at its sole discretion, reduce the Early Termination Fee to reflect any costs saved.

The Early Termination Fee assumes the Smart Meter will not be re-used as it has been determined that after taking into account the costs to make it available for re-use (e.g. transportation, testing, repackaging and storing), the costs to install it elsewhere and the reduction in useful life (e.g. battery age and life expectancy). There would be no economic or business benefits to justify re-use.

Indigo Pipelines may, at its sole discretion and under its terms, allow any third party replacing its Smart Meter to take ownership of any remaining meter apparatus. This will always be based on there being no liabilities, warranties or responsibilities for the apparatus remaining with Indigo Pipelines. If permission for this is not granted by Indigo Pipelines, any remaining meter apparatus must be removed under the same terms as the removal of the Smart Meter.

Transactional Charges

Important Information

The 'New & Replacement Obligation' (NRO), which came into effect on 1st July 2019, prohibits the installation of domestic credit meters in favour of Smart Meters. Although Indigo Pipelines does selectively install new Smart Meters for new supply points it does not provide or install replacement Smart Meters, consequently it is unable able to perform any transactional meter works that require installation of a Smart Meter.

Transactional Charges shown below are for domestic sized meters only (< 11SCMH); Indigo Pipelines do not perform transactional meter works on non-domestic meters.

Any work downstream of the meter outlet is excluded unless specifically mentioned. In all cases, service pipe installation, alteration or disconnection will be subject to additional charges.

Out of Hours Visits

The Transactions charges described in this statement are carried out during working hours. If transactional work is required outside these times, it will require the consent of SSE Energy Solutions. Transaction charges will be multiplied by the following amounts if transaction work falls outside of working hours:

Multiple	Description
1	Normal Working Hours: 9am to 4pm – Monday to Friday (excluding Bank Holidays*)
1.5	Evenings: 4pm to 8pm Monday to Friday (excluding Bank Holidays*)
2	Other Times: All other times including Weekends, Bank Holidays* and Weekdays between 8pm and 9am.

* Bank Holidays according to the territory in which the transaction work is being undertaken. In England & Wales this means public holidays in which banks in the city of London are closed. In Scotland this means public holidays that are observed in Scotland according to the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971.

Engineer Hire

The rates shown apply for work on meters under 11 SCMh not covered in the descriptions above, other terms and conditions may apply please contact us for details.

Work Title	Description	Charge
Half Day Hire*	Half day hire of SSEPL Operative	£898.71
Full Day Hire*	Full day hire of SSEPL Operative	£1848.53

Work Title	Description	Charge
NMO Accuracy Test Meter Removal	Removal of a domestic meter, transportation to NMO Lab and secure transportation box. Excludes installation of a replacement meter and any cost for the examination, excludes any trace and repair work.	£415.59
Removal of Domestic Meter	Remove a domestic credit or smart meter. Does not include removing the service for full & permanent disconnection	£249.95
Abortive Job Charge	Charge for any visit where access has not been provided by the end consumer or work cannot be completed due to conditions found on site. Also applies where customer declines to make an appointment with us for the work to be carried out.	£205.75
Exchange Damaged Metering Equipment	Exchange of a damaged domestic credit or smart ancillary metering equipment, such as Regulator, Test Nipple or Anaconda. Includes time and materials required to exchange metering equipment. Excludes replacement of the meter itself.	£324.09

Contact Us

If you contact us, your personal data will be processed by Indigo Pipelines Limited (or by SSE Energy Solutions on our behalf) to communicate with you and deal with your enquiry, to provide the requested services to you and as part of our efforts to monitor customer communications for quality and training purposes. As a data subject, you have rights relating to your personal data. Full details are set out in:

(1) the Indigo Pipelines Limited privacy notice, which can be accessed at <https://www.indigonetworks.co.uk/privacy-policy/> and

(2) the SSE Energy Solutions privacy notice, which can be accessed at <https://sseenergysolutions.co.uk/privacy-policy/>

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