

# Standard Grouped Meter Point Reference Number Agreement



**[COMPANY NAME]**

**[ADDRESS1]**

**[ADDRESS2]**

**[ADDRESS3]**

**[ADDRESS4]**

**GMPRN: [GMPRN]**

**Business Partner No: [BUS PART NO]**

Applying to Customer Connections at Low Voltage – new and existing unmetered connections (DUoS class DG3 and DG4).

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This Agreement is made on the            day of            200

between:

(1) **ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BOARD**, a statutory corporation having its principal offices at 27, Lower Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin 2 operating through its Networks division – (ESB Networks - an independently managed business within the ESB Group and licensed Distribution System Operator) hereinafter referred to as the Company which expression shall, where the context so admits or requires, include each of its successors in title and permitted assigns; and

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(2) **[COMPANY NAME]**, a statutory body/private limited company whose registered office is at **[REGISTERED ADDRESS]**, (hereinafter called the “Customer” which expression shall, where the context so admits or requires, include each of its successors in title and permitted assigns).

- A. The Customer has (or has applied for) a number of low voltage physical connections connecting electricity supply for unmetered equipment which connections are administered by the Company and in respect of each of which a Connection Agreement between the parties is required.
- B. The market for the supply of unmetered electricity is opening up to full competition on [ 200 ] (“Market Opening Date”) and consequently the CER has directed the Company to carry out certain functions in relation thereto, as the Distribution System Operator, which includes allocating new MPRNs to each of the existing and new market customers.
- C. The Customer has applied to the Company for, and the Company has agreed, subject to certain conditions set forth herein, to provide to the Customer, a bulk unmetered Grouped Meter Point Reference Number.

## 1. Agreement

- 1.1 In consideration of the mutual covenants and undertakings made between the parties herein and in consideration of the payment by the Customer to the Company of €1, the Company and the Customer hereby agree, with effect from the Market Opening Date, to be bound by the terms and conditions set forth in this GMPRN Agreement.
- 1.2 This GMPRN Agreement incorporates and includes all of the Schedules and Appendices contained and attached hereto. Furthermore, the Customer hereby reasserts its agreement to be bound by and comply with each of the General Conditions, the Code and the Connection Agreements (past, present and future) and any amendments or additions to same as approved by the Commission for Energy Regulation from time to time. The General Conditions and the Code along with other documents referred to herein are available at [www.esb.ie/esbnetworks](http://www.esb.ie/esbnetworks).
- 1.3 The terms and conditions set forth in the General Conditions at Sections 15.0 [Termination of the Agreement]; 16.0 [Effect of Termination]; 15.0 [Limitation of Liability]; 18.0 [Force Majeure]; 19.0 [Dispute Resolution]; 20.0 [Confidentiality]; 21.0 [Notices]; and 23.0 [Miscellaneous] shall hereby be incorporated into this GMPRN Agreement and shall apply mutatis mutandis to the terms and conditions hereof.
- 1.4 In the event of any conflict between any of the terms of this GMPRN Agreement and those of the General Conditions, the Code or the relevant Connection Agreement then the terms hereof shall prevail.
- 1.5 In the event of a breach by the Customer of this GMPRN Agreement then the Company shall be entitled to de-energise the Unmetered Connection Points in accordance with the provisions of Section 9.0 [De-Energisation and Breach of Agreement] of the General Conditions.

1.6 This GMPRN Agreement shall commence on the Market Opening Date and continue for so long as a GMPRN is required by the Customer.

**2. Roles and Responsibilities**

2.1 The Company agrees with and undertakes to the Company that it shall carry out the roles and responsibilities outlined in Schedule 1 hereto.

2.2 The Customer agrees with and undertakes to the Company that it shall carry out the roles and responsibilities outlined in Schedule 2 hereto.

**3. Definitions**

3.1 The parties agree that terms contained herein shall have the meanings as prescribed therefor in Schedule 3 hereof.

**4. Formats**

4.1 The Customer agrees to provide the relevant information to the Company in accordance with the formats as described in Schedule 4 hereto.

**5. Indemnification**

5.1 The Customer hereby acknowledges that the Company relies on the Customer to furnish to it on a regular basis accurate, complete and up to date information on the inventory of UM equipment and that this information forms the basis upon which the Company charges the relevant supplier for use of system charges and also upon which the supplier charges the Customer for any electricity supplied.

5.2 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Customer hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Company against all losses, costs (including any reasonable legal costs), expenses, damages, claims, actions, proceedings, taxes and demands, arising from any failure by the Customer to furnish such accurate, complete and up to date information to the Company referred to in Clause 5.1 and in Schedule 2 hereof, or arising from a breach of the terms hereof or otherwise arising directly or indirectly from any mechanical or electrical failure of any of the Customer's equipment. The indemnity comprised in this Clause 5.2 shall survive termination or expiry of this GMPRN Agreement.

Signed by a duly authorised signatory  
for and on behalf of:-

**Electricity Supply Board:**

Witnessed by:  
Signature:

Signed by a duly authorised signatory  
for and on behalf of:-

**For the Customer:**

BLOCK CAPITALS:  
Title:

Witnessed by:  
Signature:

## Schedule 1

### Roles and Responsibilities of the Company

The Company, will have responsibility for meeting a number of requirements pertaining to Unmetered Connection Points. These responsibilities are:

- to agree all new and modified Unmetered Connection Points and their inventories;
- allocate 'TMPRN's and control GMPRNs for all new Unmetered Connection Points;
- ensure all requirements in this GMPRN Agreement are met prior to energisation for new Unmetered Connection Points such as Customer (or their approved agent) agreement to any future connection agreements for Unmetered Connection Points, agreement of a UMC Inventory etc.
  
- maintain an inventory of all the Unmetered equipment installed at each TMPRN and aggregate this inventory for each GMPRN based on information provided by the customer;
- energisation of each Connection Point;
- maintain a standard list of Unmetered equipment types and their associated agreed 'loading profile' (the standard burning hour calendars);
- publish MPRN data in industry forum;
- provide information to MRSO on all new UM TMPRNs and GMPRNs;
- update MRSO when all TMPRN and GMPRN details change based on information provided by the Customer;
- calculate and provide EUFs to MRSO for every TMPRN and GMPRN based on information provided by the Customer;
- inform the Customer of any changes to the UM inventory which the Company becomes aware of as a result of work carried out by the Company; and
- determining whether an item of the customer's UM inventory can be installed on an asset belonging to Company (e.g. lighting mounted on a Company pole).

The Company will not be responsible for:

- replacing or refurbishing any item of the Customer's inventory that is removed as part of emergency network maintenance/safety concerns or network renewal/refurbishment, where the item of inventory is located on an asset owned by the Company;
- UM inventory in general; and
- maintaining UM inventory for the Customer's asset management/maintenance purposes.

## Schedule 2

### Roles and Responsibilities of the Customer

The Customer (or their approved agent) will be responsible for:

- grouping the Connection Points into a GMPRN and agreeing this with the Company (more specifically with its UMR function);
- providing an accurate, complete and up to date inventory of UM equipment at each Connection Point covered by the GMPRN in question and agreeing this with the Company (more specifically with its UMR function);
- providing this UM inventory in an acceptable format as prescribed by the Company (please see Schedule 4); and
- keeping this UM inventory up to date and notifying the Company (more specifically its UMR function) of any changes thereto on a regular basis. For the avoidance of doubt, a change in load, estimated usage factor (EUF), profile category, control regime/burning hour calendar etc also constitutes a change in UM inventory.

The Customer will be required to:

- apply to the Company (more specifically its UMR function), for a new Connection Point;
- observe all applicable ETCI and ESB Networks Distribution System Interface Wiring Requirements;
- observe all applicable ETCI certification procedures and produce a completion certificate to Company or an electrical contracting licensed regulatory body, as appropriate, prior to energisation of a connection point;
- update UM inventory when equipment details change at a Connection Point and advise the Company (more specifically its UMR function), of the change in details, this shall be done in a manner/format as prescribed by Company. Sole responsibility for notification of any changes rests with the Customer, and not their agent;
- undertake to fully support UMC control audits that shall be carried out to check the accuracy of inventory;
- undertake to include in relevant maintenance and construction contracts a clause requiring contractor(s), on request from the UMR, to make records of UM inventory available for audit purposes to the UMR (on a strictly confidential basis). This is to fully support control audits by the UMR;
- compensate the Company for any additional charges incurred by the Company while performing the duties as outlined in this GMPRN Agreement; and
- undertake to accept responsibility for maintenance and upkeep of all Customer equipment (including public lighting columns etc).

## Schedule 3

### Definitions

#### Definitions

<b>CER</b>	the Commission for Energy Regulation of the republic of Ireland and any successor or replacement body thereof;
<b>Code</b>	the electricity distribution code issued by the DSO in February 2005 version V1.4 as approved by the CER and as same may be amended from time to time;
<b>Connection Agreement(s)</b>	the connection agreement made or to be made between the Company and the Customer for each Connection Point;
<b>Connection Point(s)</b>	the individual physical electrical connection point of the Customer now or at any future time;
<b>DSO</b>	the distribution system operator and any successor or replacement body thereof;
<b>ESB Networks Distribution System Interface Wiring Requirements</b>	e.g. National Code of Practice for Customer Interface, Electrical Services Guidebook – Housing Schemes, both available at <a href="http://www.esb.ie/esbnetworks">www.esb.ie/esbnetworks</a> ;
<b>ETCI</b>	Electro-Technical Council of Ireland and any successor or replacement body thereof;
<b>EUf(s)</b>	estimated usage factor – the expected annual electrical consumption measured in kilo Watt hours (kWh) based on the inventory;
<b>General Conditions</b>	Company's General Conditions for Connection of Industrial and Commercial Customers Generators and Grouped Unmetered Customers to the Distribution System approved by the CER and as same may be amended from time to time;
<b>GMPRN(s)</b>	Several 'Technical' MPRN's can be grouped together and registered as a 'Grouped' MPRN (GMPRN). The 'Grouped' MPRN is maintained/allocated by way of a Standard Connection Agreement between DSO the Company and the customer. Both 'Technical' and 'Grouped' MPRN's are maintained by DSO the Company and registered by MRSO. Change of electricity supplier process for UMC's is handled via the 'Grouped' MPRN;
<b>GMPRN Agreement</b>	this Agreement, including each of the schedules and appendices hereto;
<b>MPRN(s)</b>	for all metered connections, each connection point to the electricity distribution system is allocated a Meter Point Reference Number (MPRN), which is maintained by the DSO and registered by the MRSO;
<b>MRSO</b>	the Meter Registration Service Operator;
<b>TMPRN</b>	for UM connections, each connection point is allocated an MPRN – a 'Technical' MPRN (TMPRN);

<b>UM</b>	unmetered;
<b>UMC</b>	unmetered Connection Point ;
<b>UMR</b>	unmetered registrar, a function within the Company with primary responsibility for maintaining electricity supply market related information on unmetered inventory associated with every unmetered connection point (MPRN/TMPRN) and GMPRN; and
<b>Unmetered Connection</b>	a connection to the electricity distribution system that is not metered. This includes public lighting. For any proposed load to be eligible for unmetered status it must have, unless otherwise agreed, an electrical demand that does not exceed 2kVA. It must also have an agreed and predictable annual consumption pattern.



## Schedule 4

### Formats

The following format is to be used by the Customer when providing information to the Company for new connections or changes to inventory. The scope of UM inventory shall include for example:

1. in the case of public lighting columns – all columns, equipment and wiring mounted on or within column, and all cabling to the points of UM Connection (e.g. a mini-pillar);
2. in the case of public lighting mounted on ESB Networks poles or walls – all lanterns and wiring as far as a fuse or switch wire, all brackets, pole-top adopters, out-reach arms and any other fitting associated with the lantern or support of lantern; and lighting time-switches, contactors, etc.

### Description of Fields

Field Name	Description
TMPRN	The reference number for a particular connection point. Applicable for changes to <i>existing</i> UM inventories
Unit No	Unit/House connection point is nearest to
Address 1	Address
Address 2	Address
Address 3	Address
Address 4	Address
County	County
Post Code	(if applicable)
Equipment Type	Description using standard Company specified term <sup>#</sup> – e.g. SON, SOX etc
Actual Wattage	Equipment rated power demand.
BHC	Burning Hour Calendar <sup>#</sup> – e.g. 24Hr
No of this Equipment Type	

<sup>#</sup> A full list of permissible values is available from the Company.

### Format for Submission

TMPRN	Unit No	Address 1	Address 2	Address 3	Address 4	County	Post Code	Equip Type	Actual Wattage	BHC	No of this type