

# GIEP12 – Delivery price change notification

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## Version control

| Version | Updated      | GIEP reference | Comments                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| 1.0     | 28 July 2026 | GIEP12         | <p>This protocol provides a data exchange method and guidance for participants. Existing arrangements may continue to apply where participants have not adopted this protocol.</p> <p><b>Effective date:</b> 29 October 2027</p> |

## Purpose

This protocol applies when a distributor, who does not send accounts for network services to consumers directly, notifies retailers of changes to its delivery prices, including by introducing or removing 1 or more delivery prices, for ICPs which have allocation group 3, 4, 5, and 6 metering installations.

## Dependencies

A distributor's published delivery price schedule (and associated notes and/or pricing policy, as applicable) contain detailed information about the distributor's delivery prices that this protocol does not include. Accordingly, this protocol must be read in conjunction with the distributor's published delivery price schedule (and associated notes and/or pricing policy, as applicable).

The use-of-system agreement between the distributor and the retailer may also set out requirements relating to changes to delivery prices that the distributor or the retailer must comply with.

## Description of when this protocol applies

1. Except as otherwise agreed by a distributor and the relevant retailer, a distributor must comply with this protocol when notifying changes to its delivery prices, including by introducing or removing 1 or more delivery prices, for ICPs which have allocation group 3, 4, 5 and 6 metering installations.
2. A distributor may, but is not required to, use this protocol when changing its delivery prices for consumers who have allocation group 1 and 2 metering installations.
3. A distributor may, but is not required to, use this protocol when notifying changes to delivery prices for individually priced ICPs.

## Business requirements

1. The distributor and each retailer on the distributor's network must agree on the file transport mechanism by which the distributor will provide a delivery price change notification compliant with this GIEP12 to the retailer, and the address to which the notification will be sent.
  - a. Two file transport mechanisms are available for the transfer of data:
    - i. Manual (via email) to a nominated email address; and
    - ii. Electronic (via file transfer protocol (FTP)) to a specified FTP inbox.
  - b. The actual mechanism used, and destination address is to be configurable at file type level as agreed between the parties. In the case of FTP, a security mechanism will be necessary to protect confidentiality. The ability to retrieve files from a remote FTP outbox is not part of this definition.
2. The distributor must give a delivery price change notification when the distributor changes the delivery prices for ICPs on its network which have allocation group 3, 4, 5 or 6 meters.
3. The notification must be given to each retailer who sells gas to such consumers.
4. The notification must be given to a retailer as soon as practicable after the distributor notifies the retailer of a change to its delivery price schedule.
5. The notification must include a full and complete file of all the distributor's published delivery prices (not just the delivery prices that the distributor is changing) that complies with the attribute specifications and the protocol specifications that are set out in this protocol.
6. If the distributor becomes aware of an error in the file, the distributor must advise the retailer of the error as soon as practicable after becoming aware of the error. The retailer may request that the

distributor provide the retailer with a partial or full replacement file. Unless the retailer and the distributor agree otherwise, the distributor must provide the retailer with a full replacement file.

7. A notification does not need to include capacity or quantity-related information about the delivery prices.
8. All information in the GIEP12 file must be consistent with the distributor's published delivery price schedule and any other pricing information provided to retailers, including the number of decimal places used for delivery prices.
9. Information must be provided in accordance with the following status codes unless otherwise specified:
  - a. O Optional
  - b. M Mandatory
  - c. C Conditional - Mandatory if available and required by recipient (also refer to validation rules).

## File Header Format

| Event data               | Format      | Distributor to Retailer:<br>Mandatory/<br>Optional/<br>Conditional | Validation rules                                                            | Example     |
|--------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Header record type       | Char (3)    | M                                                                  | HDR – Indicates the row is a header record type                             | HDR         |
| File type                | Char (7)    | M                                                                  | Price change information                                                    | PRICE       |
| GIEP Version             | Num (3.1)   | M                                                                  | Version of GIEP protocol that is being used for this file                   | 1.0         |
| Sender                   | Char (4)    | M                                                                  | Party code of sender                                                        | GNET        |
| Report Run Date          | DD/MM/ YYYY | M                                                                  | Date the report is run                                                      | 01/10/2024  |
| Report Run Time          | HH:MM:SS    | M                                                                  | Time the report is run                                                      | 09:00:01    |
| Unique file identifier   | Char (12)   | M                                                                  | Number created by initiator of the file that uniquely identifies the report | 47980981234 |
| Number of detail records | Num (8)     | M                                                                  | Total number of DET records in report                                       | 4           |

## File Detail Format

| Event data                         | Format     | Distributor to Retailer:<br>Mandatory/<br>Optional/<br>Conditional | Validation rules                                                                                                                                   | Example    |
|------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Detail record type                 | Char (3)   | M                                                                  | DET – Indicates the row is a detail record                                                                                                         | DET        |
| Distributor participant identifier | Char (4)   | M                                                                  | Party code of party on whose behalf pricing information is provided                                                                                | GNET       |
| Start date                         | DD/MM/YYYY | M                                                                  | The start date of the new tariff rate                                                                                                              | 01/10/2024 |
| End date                           | DD/MM/YYYY | O                                                                  | The end date of the new tariff rate                                                                                                                | 30/09/2025 |
| Price category code                | Char (25)  | M                                                                  | Network price category code as used in the registry to identify the set of delivery prices in the distributor's published delivery price schedule. | G180       |
| Fixed/Variable                     | Char (1)   | M                                                                  | Identifies a data row as either "F" for fixed or "V" for variable                                                                                  | F          |
| Unit of measure                    | Char (9)   | M                                                                  | Fixed or variable delivery price, expressed in \$ exclusive of GST.<br>Fixed charge: \$/ day<br>Variable charge: \$/GJ or \$/kWh                   | \$/GJ      |
| Delivery price                     | Num (12.6) | M                                                                  | The fixed or variable delivery price, expressed in \$ exclusive of GST                                                                             | 7.766      |

## Protocol specifications

1. When giving notification of a change to its delivery prices, a distributor must include with the notification a GIEP12 file that complies with the following specifications:
  - a. The file must be a comma delimited text file. Commas must not be used within fields. If portions of a field require separation, a tilde character (~) must be used. If commas need to be used in the fields, quotation marks must be used to exclude them as separators, as per the DOS CSV format.
  - b. Matching of file names, code list values, and other information must be case insensitive.
  - c. The file must contain one header and one or more detail records.
  - d. The first record of a file must contain header information followed by zero or more detailed lines.
  - e. The file must have a file name that complies with the following, and must have a name that is unique to the month to which the file relates:
    - i. Sender + Utility Type (only "G" must be used) + Recipient + File Type (only "PRICE" must be used) + Report Month + Report Run Date + UniqueID# (e.g. hhmm run time, or ICP but limited to Char (60)) with an extension of .TXT and with the components concatenated using the underscore character, to assist readability.  
e.g. GNET\_G\_CTCT\_PRICE\_200007\_20000802\_UniqueID.TXT  
[Char4\_Char1\_Char4\_Char7\_yyyymm\_yyyymmdd\_Char60.TXT]

## File example

### File Header Format:

HDR,PRICE,1.0,GNET,01/10/2024,09:00:01,47980981234,8

### File Detail Format:

DET,GNET,01/10/2024,30/09/2025,G12,F,\$/day,0.658  
DET,GNET,01/10/2024,30/09/2025,G12,V,\$/GJ,9.587  
DET,GNET,01/10/2024,30/09/2025,G50,F,\$/day,2.219  
DET,GNET,01/10/2024,30/09/2025,G50,V,\$/GJ,8.967  
DET,GNET,01/10/2024,30/09/2025,G180,F,\$/day,7.766  
DET,GNET,01/10/2024,30/09/2025,G180,V,\$/GJ,6.417  
DET,GNET,01/10/2024,30/09/2025,G450,F,\$/day,59.168  
DET,GNET,01/10/2024,30/09/2025,G450,V,\$/GJ,0.862