### STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

# 2012 No. 2414

The Electricity and Gas (Competitive Tenders for Smart Meter Communication Licences) Regulations 2012

# PART 11

## Withdrawal

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- **20.**—(1) A tender participant may withdraw from a tender exercise at any time and with immediate effect by giving notice in writing of that fact to the competent authority.
- (2) A tender participant ("Participant A") who withdraws from a tender exercise may only be readmitted to that tender exercise in accordance with paragraphs (3) or (4).
- (3) Participant A may be re-admitted to the tender exercise where, after the withdrawal of Participant A, the tender exercise is cancelled and re-run from—
  - (a) the beginning; or
  - (b) the beginning of a particular stage in accordance with regulation 21(3)(a), where Participant A participated in the equivalent stage of the cancelled tender exercise.
- (4) Subject to paragraph (5), Participant A may be re-admitted to the tender exercise as a result of a change to the membership of a bidder group in accordance with regulation 22 which results in the incorporation of Participant A in that bidder group.
- (5) Paragraph (4) does not apply where Participant A is a selected qualifying bidder, preferred applicant, reserve applicant or successful applicant.