STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

## 2012 No. 2414

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

### PART 6

### Qualification stage

#### Qualification and confidentiality

**8.**—(1) The competent authority must commence the qualification stage on the commencement date by publishing the qualification documentation, which must include the information specified in Schedule 1.

(2) Prior to the publication of the qualification documentation, the competent authority may determine that each qualifying bidder will be required to sign a confidentiality agreement before the proposal documentation is issued to that qualifying bidder.

(3) Where the competent authority so determines, the competent authority must publish the form of the confidentiality agreement with the qualification documentation on the commencement date.

(4) In this regulation "commencement date" has the meaning determined in accordance with regulation 7(2).