SSE Phone Product & Price Guide (19 and SP Range) Summary of key facts

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Thank you for choosing SSE's Phone Service

This document gives you key information about the SSE phone packages as part of the 19 and SP range.

Please note that any other information you may need about this product range is available in the 'SSE Detailed Product and Price Guide for the 19/SP range phone packages' which you can find on our website at: **sse.co.uk/help/phone-and-broadband/ regulations-phone**

Call Packages

Below you will find the list of package options available as part of this range, their monthly cost, their inclusive call types (\checkmark) and respective inclusive period.

Package name	Local & national calls	UK mobile calls	Fixed line calls to 35 International destinations	Monthly Package cost (including line rental)	Inclusive period
Line Rental only (19)	×	×	×	£20	none
Evening and Weekend (19 and SP)	×	×	×	£24	Evening (7pm to 7am weekdays) and Weekends (7pm Friday to midnight Sunday)
Anytime landline (19)	~	*	×	£28	at all times
Anytime Plus (19)	~	~	~	£32	at all times

Charges for key call types and call features

The following table shows the charges for typical calls for this phone package range. Inclusive calls have a maximum duration of 70 minutes, and then the appropriate standard call charge applies.

Local and National calls	Standard charge: 15p/min at any time,
These are calls to all local and national numbers	except when included in the call
starting with 01, 02 and 03	package.
UK Mobile calls These start with 07 but exclude calls to 070 numbers. For more information see note 8 in the information section below.	Standard charge: 18p/min at any time, except when included in the call package.

International Calls to these selected 35 countries:	
Calls to standard landline numbers for the following countries:	
Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Spain and Sweden.	Standard Charge: 18p/min
Australia, Canada, China, Hong Kong, Iceland, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Norway, Switzerland, Singapore, South Africa,	Standard Charge: 20p/min Call set up fee applies
Taiwan and USA.	Standard charge applies at any time except when included in the package. A fair use policy applies for these calls: maximum 700 minutes per calendar month. If this limit is exceeded, we reserve the right to remove the international call allowance by downgrading your package to a standard Anytime 19 (your monthly cost will be adjusted accordingly to reflect the related lower package cost).
Service numbers starting with 0845/0870	Standard charges at any time:
The price per call, which includes our Access Charge, will vary depending on the number being called.	0845 – from 15p/min up to a maximum of 22p/min 0870 – from 15p/min up to a maximum of 28p/min
Access Charge	
This applies to non geographic calls starting with 084, 087, 09^ and 118 numbers. To calculate the full cost of these non geographic calls, add our Access Charge to the Service Charge for that number (the Service Charge will be advised by the organisation using the number).	15p/min
Asee note 6 in Important information	
Call Set Up Fee This applies to calls (when not inclusive) to numbers 01/02/03, UK mobiles, international calls to non-EU countries and some special rate numbers. The Call Set Up Fee is added to standard call charge (i.e. it is not itemised on the bill).	23p per call
Call Features Pick any from this list: Call Diversion, Call Barring, Ring Back, Call Waiting, Three Way Calling, Reminder Call, Call Sign.	Charges per month: Any 1 for £3.50 Any 3 or 4 for £7.25 Any 5 for £9.00 Any 6 or 7 for £9.50
No Charge Services include: Anonymous Call Reject Caller Display Choose to Refuse Number Withheld (141) 1471 (to retrieve the last number that called).	No Charge

Important information about these packages

- 1. These phone packages are only available to residential customers in Great Britain, with a suitable phone line at the address where the service is provided.
- 2. All prices listed include VAT at 20%, unless stated otherwise.
- 3. These phone packages do not have a fixed term, meaning that there are no early termination charges if you decide to change package or take your phone service to another provider.
- 4. About bills: the default option offered to all new customers is monthly e-bills; a monthly paper bill can be requested at a charge of £2 per bill. Monthly bills are issued on a 30-day cycle, plus or minus a few days, but the first bill may take up to six weeks.
- 5. The standard payment method available for new customers is Direct Debit.
- 6. Please be aware that phone customers joining SSE from May 2018 cannot make calls to premium rate numbers beginning with 09.
- 7. No part charging for inclusive calls: when calls that could be inclusive run over more than one charge period, they will be charged according to the rate applicable when the call started.
- 8. For calls made to UK mobile numbers, where not inclusive, the charge will be the same no matter where the mobile is located (e.g. abroad) at the time of the call. Numbers starting with 070 are classified as personal numbers and are not charged at the standard mobile rate. Calls to 070 numbers can cost a maximum of 99p for a one minute call, with subsequent minutes costing a maximum of 76p per minute.
- 9. Notification of any change to prices or other information will be listed in this area of our website: sse.co.uk/help/phone-and-broadband/price-changes. We suggest that you check this page regularly. Please note that only significant adverse changes (including any increase in the core monthly charges) will be notified to you in writing a month before they take place. All other changes will be notified only on our website.
- 10. Alarm Systems: if you have an alarm that dials out using your telephone line, please note that on rare occasions these alarms may be disrupted if a telephone line is transferred between different suppliers. We are not able to identify which alarms might be disrupted, therefore if your alarm is of a critical nature (e.g. to be used in case of a medical emergency) then we suggest you make alternative arrangements for the transfer date.
- 11. Switching from another provider takes around 18 days for most customers:
 - We'll arrange to switch your phone service to SSE from your current provider;

- You won't need to contact your current provider unless your phone is with Virgin Media;
- Your current provider will contact you to confirm your supply is switching away and will let you know any exit fees for your contract with them;
- SSE will let you know what your planned start date is by email or letter around 10 days after you signed up;
- 12. It is important that you are aware of our:
 - General Terms and Conditions for the Supply of fixed line telephone service;
 - Phone Service Code of Practice;
 - Complaints Code;

These documents can be found on our website in this area: sse.co.uk/help/phone-and-broadband/regulations-phone

Our Contact Details

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Email us	customerservice@sse.co.uk		
To write to us	Phone and Broadband Team, PO Box 230, Havant, PO9 9DT		



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General Terms & Conditions for Phone & Broadband

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Please read the terms and conditions carefully so that you fully understand your commitments and our responsibilities.

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1. Definitions and Explanation

1.1. Please refer to this section for **our** definitions and explanations of terms used throughout this **Agreement**. For ease of reference, all defined terms are in **bold**.

Address means the residential address(es) you want your Service supplied to at the Start Date;

Agreement means (i) the application **you've** either signed, agreed on the phone or completed online; (ii) these terms and conditions as updated from time to time and published on **our** Website; (iii) the **SSE Detailed Phone and Broadband Product & Price Guide**; (iv) the **SSE Phone and Broadband Product & Price Guide**; (iv) any special offer terms which **we** have confirmed apply to **you** and (vi) the product name as confirmed to **you** by **us** in writing. This Agreement shall commence in accordance with clause 2.3;

Broadband Product means the specific broadband product **you** chose, details of which will be confirmed to **you** in writing;

Broadband Service means the provision of internet service to residential premises in Great Britain which may vary depending on **your Broadband Product**;

Cancellation Period means the period of 14 calendar days from the day **you** enter this **Agreement**;

Charges means the charges for the supply of the **Service** as calculated in accordance with the **SSE Detailed Phone and Broadband Product & Price Guide**, for the avoidance of doubt this includes charges for calls that are not included in the package (dependent on **Phone Product** selected);

Customer Service E-mail Address means the relevant customer service e-mail address as stated in the SSE Phone and Broadband Product & Price Guide;

Customer Service Phone Number means the relevant customer service phone number as stated in the SSE Phone and Broadband Product & Price Guide;

E-account means your online account for the Service;

Equipment means the equipment provided to the Address for your use of the Service by us;

Network Operator means as the context requires, the operator(s) of the telecommunications system that is used to provide the **Service**;

Ofcom means the Office of Communications (or any other competent successor body or authority);

OVO Group means Ovo Group Ltd (a company registered in England under Company Number 08862063 whose registered address is 1 Rivergate, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6ED) any company which is a holding company and/ or subsidiary of Ovo Group Ltd and any company which is a subsidiary of such holding company, where the terms "holding company" and "subsidiary" are defined in Section 1159 of the Companies Act 2006 as updated from time to time; **Phone Product** means the specific Phone product **you** chose, details of which will be confirmed to **you** in writing;

Phone/Phone Service means the service where calls (including voice, and/ or fax and/or text) from **your Address** are routed to and/or from **your** local exchange over the telecommunications system(s) and the provision of a fixed line rental service including access to emergency services and caller location information all as provided by the **Network Operator** so as to allow **you** to make phone calls in accordance with **your Agreement**;

Service(s) means, as the context requires, the combination of: the Phone Service; the Broadband Service; or any other telecommunications service that we may provide to you pursuant to your Agreement;

SSE Detailed Phone and Broadband Product & Price Guide means the full product and pricing information for the **Broadband Products** and **Phone Products** comprising the **Service** as amended from time to time in accordance with clause 18 and published on **our Website**;

SSE Phone and Broadband Product & Price Guide means the summary, provided in **your Welcome Pack**, of the principal features and prices of the **Service**, as more fully described in the **SSE Detailed Phone and Broadband Product & Price Guide**;

Start Date means the date(s) that **we** tell **you** (in advance) that the supply of the **Service** will start or as soon as possible thereafter. The Start Date is an estimate only and **we** will not be responsible for any delay in availability of the **Service**;

You/your means you, the domestic customer with whom we have entered into the Agreement and other persons at the Address whose usage of the Service you shall be responsible for;

We/SSE/our/us means OVO (S) Retail Telecoms Limited whose registered address is 1 Rivergate, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6ED (Company Number: 10086511) and anyone **we** transfer this **Agreement** to in accordance with clause 15;

Website means www.southern-electric.co.uk, www.hydro.co.uk, www.swalec. co.uk, www.sse.co.uk, www.atlantic.co.uk (as appropriate) and/or at a location advised by **us** to **you** in the **SSE Phone and Broadband Product & Price Guide**;

Welcome Pack means the initial pack which includes these terms and conditions, welcome letter and the SSE Phone and Broadband Product & Price Guide; and

Working Day means a day (other than Saturday or Sunday or a public holiday) on which banks are open for general business in London.

1.2. The headings in this Agreement are for **your** guidance only so do not affect the interpretation.

General Terms and Conditions Relating to the Service

2. This Agreement

- 2.1. These terms and conditions are between **you** and **SSE**.
- 2.2. Please read these terms and conditions carefully. These terms and conditions tell **you** who **we** are, how **we** will provide the **Services** and/or **Equipment** to **you**, how **you** and **we** may change or end the **Agreement**, what to do if there is a problem and other important information.
- 2.3. **Your Agreement** with **us** will start if any of the following apply (subject to **your** right to cancel in accordance with clause 5):
 - a) when you correctly fill in the application form; or
 - b) when we agree over the phone to supply you; or
 - c) when **you** sign **your Agreement** in the presence of one of **our** representatives; or
 - d) for website applications, once **you** have clicked to agree that **you** accept these terms and conditions.
- 2.4 Under the terms of this **Agreement**, **you** must purchase both a **Phone Product** and a **Broadband Product**.
- 2.5. This **Agreement** will continue on a rolling basis until terminated by either party in accordance with clause 10.

3. Supply of the Service

- 3.1. **Our** obligations to provide and to continue to provide the **Service** are conditional upon:
 - a) us agreeing to accept you as a customer for the Service;
 - b) you being a domestic consumer (and not a business) at a residential Address;
 - c) **us** confirming that the **Service** is available at the **Address** and that **we** accept **your** application;
 - d) you providing (for the duration of this Agreement) suitable hardware, software and telecommunications equipment necessary to access and use the Service;
 - e) the **Equipment** being connected in accordance with the instructions supplied;
 - f) you having completed a Direct Debit mandate and application form;
 - g) you being at least 18 years old (or 16 years old in Scotland); and
 - h) you at all times complying with the terms of this Agreement.

- 3.2. We shall supply the Service to the Address with effect from the Start Date unless and until suspended by us in accordance with this Agreement or terminated by either you or us in accordance with this Agreement.
- 3.3. We reserve the right to end this **Agreement** at any time prior to the **Start Date** for any reasonable reason and **you** will be notified in writing if **we** do so.
- 3.4. We shall exercise the reasonable skill and care of a competent telecommunications service provider and shall use reasonable endeavours to provide an uninterrupted Service. You accept that faults may occur from time to time and we shall have no responsibility to pay you compensation for any loss that could not have been reasonably expected.
- 3.5. We are responsible for loss or damage **you** suffer that can be reasonably expected as result of **our** material breach of this **Agreement** or **our** failure to use reasonable care and skill.
- 3.6. Whilst **we** provide the **Service** to **you**, **you** authorise **us** to act on **your** behalf and appoint **us** as **your** agent in all dealings with any **Network Operator** or service provider (as applicable) in connection with such **Service**.
- 3.7. We shall not be responsible if you are unable to use any part of the Service, if your equipment is malfunctioning or incompatible with the Service. It is your responsibility to ensure your equipment is maintained in working order.
- 3.8. If **you** are unable to use the **Service** for any reason (except where this is caused by **our** failure to exercise reasonable skill and care or **our** material breach of this **Agreement**) **you** shall remain responsible for paying the **Charges**.

4. Set up of the Service and transfer from another supplier

- 4.1. If **we** take over or set up the supply of the **Service you** allow **us** to ask for information about **your** previous supply and disclose this information to relevant parties in order to carry out **our** responsibilities.
- 4.2. You may have existing agreements for telecommunications services (e.g. line rental, or calls or internet) with other service providers which have minimum notice periods in them. You're responsible for checking any such agreements and for paying any ongoing or termination charges you may be required to pay by other service providers. These will be in addition to our Charges.

5. Your Right to Cancel

- 5.1. You can cancel this Agreement without charge within the Cancellation Period.
- 5.2. You can cancel a transfer of the Service without charge up to 5pm on the Working Day before the Start Date.
- 5.3. If you cancel a new connection of the Service after the Cancellation Period, charges may apply, as set out in the SSE Detailed Phone and Broadband Product & Price Guide.
- 5.4. If **you** decide to cancel this **Agreement**, **you** may:

- a) use the cancellation form provided to you in the Welcome Pack; or
- b) write to us at OVO (S) Retail Telecoms Limited, Phone & Broadband Team, PO Box 230, Havant P09 9DT. Alternatively, you may phone us on the Customer Service Phone Number or e-mail us at the Customer Service E-mail Address.
- 5.5. If **you** make an express request to commence the supply of the **Service** before the end of the **Cancellation Period**, **you** acknowledge that **you** will be responsible for the reasonable costs associated with the supply of the **Service** if **you** then cancel. Once the **Service** has started, **you** will lose **your** right to cancel without charge.
- 5.6. If you have already received the Equipment and cancel this Agreement, you are responsible for returning the Equipment without undue delay. You will be informed of the returns method when you contact us to cancel. You must keep any Equipment that has been delivered to you safe until it is returned. We may make a deduction for any loss in value as a result of damage or withholding of the Equipment by you.

6. Prices and Charges

- 6.1. Subject to clause 6.2, **our** prices for supplying the **Service** are set out in **our SSE Detailed Phone and Broadband Product & Price Guide**. **Our Charges** for providing the **Service** shall be effective from the **Start Date** applicable for each **Service** and will be calculated in accordance with **your Agreement**.
- 6.2. We may also charge you for our reasonable costs that are not set out in our SSE Detailed Phone and Broadband Product & Price Guide which includes the following:
 - a) If any payments are late or any outstanding **Charges** are transferred to **us we** may charge **you**:
 - i. interest at the rate of 4% per annum above the current Bank of England base rate; and
 - ii. our reasonable costs of trying to recover overdue payments or Charges (including the costs that we pay at different stages to ask you to pay us the money you owe);
 - b) Where you interfere with Equipment you will have to pay us or our agent's reasonable costs for any work that we or they carry out in relation to the Equipment;
 - c) If **we** visit the **Address** to inspect, read or carry out work on the **Equipment**;
 - d) If we suspend, restrict, disconnect or reconnect your Service (except where clause 21.1 applies) or because of your breach of this Agreement or other wrongdoing;
 - e) If a Direct Debit is dishonoured or cancelled, **we** shall be entitled to pass any charges **we** incur from a third-party to you;
 - f) If we are allowed to under any telecommunication legislation and/or any regulation (including any other agreements, authorisations and codes or procedures that relate to us supplying the Service).

- 6.3. You must pay all the Charges incurred by you, even when such Charges exceed any agreed Service plan, and/or credit limit unless this is caused by our failure to exercise reasonable skill and care or our breach of this Agreement.
- 6.4. We may vary the SSE Detailed Phone and Broadband Product & Price Guide at any time subject to clause 16.

7. Paying Your Bill

- 7.1. You agree to pay us for the Service from the Start Date and for other Charges which apply under this Agreement.
- 7.2. We will send you bills and/or statements on a monthly basis (unless we agree otherwise) which will separately identify the **Charges** payable. For your information, we will send your first bill shortly after you have entered into this **Agreement** regardless of your billing frequency. You must pay these **Charges** in full and part payment won't release you from your obligation to pay.
- 7.3. You agree that all bills must be paid by Direct Debit unless we agree otherwise, in which case your Charges may increase. Charges are payable to SSE or such other entity as we may notify to you from time to time. We still reserve the right to request that you pay for the Service by Direct Debit.
- 7.4. If **you** are entering into this **Agreement** together with other people (such as **your** partner), each person will be jointly and severally liable for any money owed to **us**. This means **we** will be entitled to claim all of the money owed from any person who has entered into the **Agreement**.
- 7.5. If **you** choose to dispute any amount then **you** must pay the undisputed amount, and once the dispute is settled, pay any amount that is still owed.
- 7.6. If **you** dishonour, or cancel **your** Direct Debit instruction **we** may alter **your Charges** accordingly and/or suspend or terminate the **Service**.

8. Security Deposit / Credit Threshold for the Service

- 8.1. We may apply a credit threshold to **your** account(s) for each billing period. If **you** exceed this limit we may ask for immediate payment and/or suspend all or some of the **Service**. You will still be responsible for all **Charges** which are due.
- 8.2. We may request a security deposit from you:
 - a) if **you** don't meet **our** credit criteria; or
 - b) due to **your** conduct; or
 - c) if **you** fail to pay or are late in paying the **Charges** due.

If **you** don't provide the security deposit requested **we** may suspend the **Service** and recover any costs reasonably incurred.

- 8.3. In addition to any rights **we** may have under this **Agreement**, any security deposit held may be used to offset any unpaid monies due to **us**.
- 8.4. Any security deposit held will be refunded to **you** after 12 months or when this **Agreement** ends, subject to any deductions **we** are entitled to make under this **Agreement**.

9. Suspension and Restriction of the Service

- 9.1. **We** can suspend or restrict any or all of the **Service** immediately for a number of reasons including:
 - a) if **we** need to carry out any maintenance, repairs or improvements related to the provision of the **Service**; or
 - b) if you are in breach of any term of this Agreement; or
 - c) if you are in breach of our Acceptable Use Policy (clause 23.20); or
 - d) if **we** or the **Network Operator** are required to do so by any regulatory or legal requirement, including the Government, **Ofcom**, any emergency service or any other competent body or authority; or
 - e) for operational reasons, such as in reaction to security or integrity incidents or threats and vulnerabilities or other emergencies; or
 - f) if the use of the **Service** is unusual; or
 - g) if **you** are in breach of any legal and/or regulatory requirement, for example if **you** infringe any copyright legislation; or
 - h) for reasons of health, safety or the quality of the Service; or
 - i) if in **our** reasonable opinion, it is necessary or desirable to do so; or
 - j) if **you** do anything which jeopardises the **Service** or any network to which **you** are from time to time connected; or
 - k) if we are requested to do so by you and we, at our discretion, agree to such request; or
 - if we or the Network Operator are subject to an event beyond our reasonable control; or
 - m) if **you** have not used some or all of the **Service** for a period reasonably determined by **us**; or
 - n) under any other provisions contained within this **Agreement** entitling **us** to do so.
- 9.2. If **we** restrict the Phone **Service you** can still make calls to the emergency services (999 and 112).
- 9.3. If the **Service** is suspended or restricted as a result of **your** wrongdoing or breach of this **Agreement** then:
 - a) before we restore the Service we may request some form of security deposit;
 - b) we may recover our costs incurred in connection with suspending and/or restoring the Service. Unless otherwise agreed by us, such costs must be paid before the Service will be restored; and
 - c) restoration of the **Service** is at **our** absolute discretion.

10. Ending this Agreement

- 10.1. The supply of the **Service** to the **Address** will be terminated:
 - a) on the date that the **Service** supplied to the **Address** is replaced by another broadband and/or phone service(s); or

- b) on the date 28 days after **you** give **us** notice (by letter, e-mail or phone); or
- c) on the date **you** no longer own or occupy the **Address**, provided **you** give **us** at least 28 days' prior notice (by letter, e-mail or phone).
- 10.2. In the event you terminate your Broadband Service in accordance with clause 10.1, and remain with us for your Phone Service, this Agreement will terminate. You will be moved on to the stand-alone phone product and the General Supply of Phone Terms and Conditions will apply. We will write to you to confirm this in this event and different charges may apply.
- 10.3. In the event you terminate your Phone Service in accordance with clause 10.1, and remain with us for your Broadband Service, this Agreement will terminate. You will be moved on to the stand alone broadband product and the General Supply of Broadband Terms and Conditions will apply. We will write to you to confirm this in this event and different charges may apply.
- 10.4. **We** may end this **Agreement** (in whole or in part), by written notice where possible, (or immediately where deemed appropriate) and recover any reasonable charges and/or debt recovery costs incurred, if:
 - a) **you** breach this **Agreement** and fail to remedy such breach, if capable of remedy, within a reasonable period as determined by **us**; or
 - b) you haven't paid a security deposit when requested; or
 - c) **we** give **you** 28 calendar days' notice of **our** intention to terminate this **Agreement**; or
 - d) **you** fail any credit or fraud prevention check or **we** have good reason to suspect fraud or money laundering; or
 - e) **we** have good reason for believing that any information **you** have given **us** is false or deliberately misleading; or
 - f) you are the subject of insolvency or bankruptcy proceedings; or
 - g) **we** are unable to provide the **Service** for more than 28 calendar days for whatever reason; or
 - h) our contract with the Network Operator is terminated; or
 - i) there is a change in law or regulation or a competent authority requires the **Service** to be ceased or altered in any way.
- 10.5. If your Phone line is disconnected for any reason such that we can no longer provide you with our Service then this Agreement will terminate. The applicable termination charges are set out in the SSE Detailed Phone and Broadband Product & Price Guide.
- 10.6. If either **we** or **you** fail to fulfil any obligations under this **Agreement** (other than payment obligations) because of an event or circumstance outside **your** or **our** reasonable control, that failure will not be a breach of this **Agreement** for the duration of that event or circumstance. If this continues for a continual period of more than 3 months, then either **you** or **we** may terminate this **Agreement** by e-mail, letter and/or phone without charge.

- 10.7. You shall at all times remain responsible for all **Charges** due under this **Agreement** prior to the date of termination or the date that **we** have ceased to supply the **Service**, whichever is the later.
- 10.8. If we terminate this Agreement for any reason we will refund to you any Charges that you have paid in advance (if any) after deducting any applicable termination charges or any other Charges which you must pay us under this Agreement. We will notify you of the termination charges and/or Charges due by you to us when we terminate the Agreement.
- 10.9. If **we** or **you** end **your Service** with **us**, **you** will be responsible for arranging another service provider if **you** wish to do so. Otherwise, **you** may be left without any telecommunications service.
- 10.10. The expiry or termination of this **Agreement** will not affect the accrued rights of either **you** or **us** existing before such expiry or termination.

11. Limitation of Liability

- 11.1. **We** don't limit or exclude liability for death or personal injury caused by **our** negligent acts or omissions.
- 11.2. If **you** suffer any loss or damage, **our** responsibility to **you** will be limited to a maximum liability of £100,000 in any calendar year.
- 11.3. We are responsible for loss or damage **you** suffer that can be reasonably expected as a result of **our** breaking this **Agreement** or **our** failing to use reasonable care and skill. Unless this **Agreement** states otherwise, we are not responsible for any loss or damage that cannot be reasonably expected under this **Agreement**.
- 11.4. We cannot guarantee that the **Service** or the **Equipment we** provide will never be faulty. Nothing in this clause 11 affects **your** statutory rights relating to **Equipment** which is faulty or has been described incorrectly.
- 11.5. Notwithstanding clause 11.3, disruption due to technical failure, testing and/ or maintenance being carried out by **our Network Operator** or a third party shall not be reasonably expected and **we** shall have no responsibility to pay **you** compensation arising from:
 - a) any business or financial losses;
 - b) any loss or corruption of data;
 - c) any delay or failure to make time critical communications;
 - any delay or failure to complete transactions (including without limitation for the sale or purchase, hire of or dealing in goods, services, digital content, land, property, shares, bonds securities, or other financial products) conducted using the **Services**; or
 - e) any delay or failure to contact the emergency services.
- 11.6. For the avoidance of doubt and notwithstanding clause 11.3, **we** shall have no responsibility to pay **you** compensation for lack of **Service** or failure to deliver or receive any panic/security alarm signals, due to:
 - a) you using the Service negligently or in breach of this Agreement;

- b) suspension of your account under clause 9;
- c) failure arising from any misuse of the **Service**, the **Equipment** or **your** equipment by **you**; or
- d) for reasons outside **our** control (including without limitation, disruption due to technical failure or testing and/or maintenance being carried out by **our Network Operator**, severe adverse weather conditions, industrial disputes or changes in legal and/or regulatory requirements).

12. Transfer of Information/Charges

- 12.1. You agree that we may receive or transfer (as the case may be) any information in connection with your Service:
 - a) from a previous supplier to us;
 - b) by us to a subsequent supplier; and
 - c) in accordance with any relevant legislation and/or regulation and **we** will be entitled to recover any outstanding **Charges** and any reasonable costs of doing so.

13. Use of Personal Information

This section explains how **we** use the information **we** collect about **you** when **you** buy the **Service** from **us** under this **Agreement**. **We** will tell **you** if **we** significantly change the information **we** ask for or the way **we** use it.

If **you** would like further details about the way **we** use **your** personal information, please see **our** privacy notice available at sse.co.uk/privacy. If **you** would like a printed copy of **our** privacy notice, please phone **us** on the **Customer Service Phone Number** or e-mail **us** at the **Customer Service E-mail Address**.

- 13.1. Information **you** provide or **we** hold may be used by **us**, **our** employees and/or **our** agents including companies within the **OVO Group** to:
 - a) provide you with online services;
 - b) identify you;
 - c) detect and prevent crime, fraud or loss;
 - d) contact you or authorised third parties to administer your accounts, services or products. If you provide us with an email address we may use it to send contract fulfilment and other account or services related information;
 - e) conduct, or contact you in relation to, market research;
 - f) conduct analysis of the products and services we offer;
 - g) contact **you** to collect feedback, for example through surveys or questionnaires;
 - h) train our staff and improve our services or products;
 - i) test our systems; and
 - j) identify offers and advice tailored to **your** needs.

Marketing

13.2 Unless **you** ask **us** not to, **we** may contact **you** in writing, by phone and (where **you** have consented) via email or SMS, with information on other products and services that **we** and other companies within the **OVO Group** offer. This may occasionally include details of offers available from **our** carefully selected partners. **We** may, on occasion, use third parties to send **our** marketing communications to **you**. Unless **you** have asked **us** not to, **we** may also use **your** email address to show **you** digital advertisements via **your** social media newsfeed, on search engine results pages, or on other websites.

You may opt out at any time from receiving marketing messages by contacting **us** and providing **your** account details.

Sharing

- 13.3. Your information may be shared with the following third parties:
 - a) companies who provide, review and/or receive services in relation to this **Agreement**;
 - b) regulatory bodies, for example our regulator, Ofcom;
 - c) companies or partner organisations which provide services in relation to, or use information as part of, market research;
 - d) the Network Operator;
 - e) if **you** fail to make payments **we** may share information with debt collection and tracing agents;
 - authorised third parties or named account holders on any account you hold with us;
 - g) organisations involved in the prevention or detection of crime or collection of taxes or similar impositions. If we have a reasonable suspicion an offence is being, or has been, committed we will investigate and may record information on your account and share the information with relevant third parties (such as the Police); and
 - h) if we believe that you (or a member of your household) need assistance or extra care (for example, because of age, health, disability or financial circumstances), with your consent we may record this and use this information (for example, so that we can respond appropriately in the event of a fault) and may share your information with support organisations.
- 13.4. Occasionally, organisations **we** pass **your** information to might be outside of the European Economic Area (EEA), and if this is the case **we** ensure that the appropriate safeguards are in place before this data is transferred.
- 13.5. We may carry out credit and fraud prevention checks with licensed credit reference and fraud prevention agencies and they'll retain a copy of the search. Information from **your** application and payment details of **your** account may be recorded by these agencies and may be shared with other organisations to help make credit and insurance decisions about **you** and members of **your** household and for debt collection and fraud prevention

purposes. If **you** have a spouse or financial associate the agencies may link information about **you** to those individuals.

13.6. Recording of Communications

We may monitor and record any communications, including phone conversations, emails, SMSs and web chats, to ensure that we provide a good service, meet **our** regulatory and legal responsibilities, and to train **our** staff.

14. Information about the Service we provide and our complaints procedure

- 14.1. Details of **our** complaint handling process, including the availability of the independent dispute resolution service is set out in **our** Customer Complaints Code. This is available on **our Website** or by contacting **us** to request a copy on the **Customer Service Phone Number**. The Customer Complaints Code is summarised in clauses 14.2 and 14.3.
- 14.2. If **you** have a complaint in relation to the **Service** call **us** on 0345 071 9890. If **our** adviser cannot help, please ask for a manager. If **you** remain unhappy, write to the Head of Customer Service team, PO Box 7506, Perth PH1 3QR or send an e-mail to headofcustomerserviceteam@sse.com
- 14.3. If **we** have been unable to resolve **your** complaint or **you** are still not satisfied the 'Ombudsman Services: Communications' (an independent dispute resolution service **we** use) may be able to help. This service can normally be accessed 8 weeks after **you** contacted us. **You** can contact them on 0330 440 1614. This service is free for **you** to use.

15. Assignment

- 15.1. This **Agreement** is personal to **you** and **you** may only transfer it to someone else with **our** written agreement.
- 15.2. We may assign, novate or transfer all or any part of **our** rights and/or **our** obligations under this **Agreement** and subcontract any of **our** obligations under this **Agreement** without **your** consent to another party (the "transferee") provided that the transferee shall be able to comply with the relevant rights and/or obligations so transferred. **Your** rights under this **Agreement** will not be affected.
- 15.3. On assignment, novation or transfer, **we** may hand over **your** security deposit to the transferee.

16. Variation

16.1. We can vary these terms and conditions and the Agreement. If we do this, we will make the updates available on our Website. You can request a paper copy by calling us on the Customer Service Phone Number. If we vary this Agreement to your material detriment, then we will write to let you know of the variation at least 31 calendar days before they begin to apply. If you do not wish to accept the variation, you have the right to terminate this Agreement

during this notice period and no termination charges will apply. Otherwise the variation will apply commencing on the notified date.

- 16.2. We may need to vary these terms and conditions to meet legal and regulatory requirements and **you** agree to **us** doing this.
- 16.3. We may need to vary the **Charges** from time to time if there is a change to the applicable rate of value added tax (VAT) on the **Service** or the imposition by the government or any applicable regulatory body of additional or alternative taxes or charges by statute, regulatory authority regulations or guidelines or otherwise. If the **Charges** are varied by virtue of this clause 16.3, **you** agree to **us** doing this.

17. Enforcement of Rights

- 17.1. We, and you, can enforce any rights and obligations under this Agreement even if there is a delay in doing so.
- 17.2. If this **Agreement** is found to be unenforceable in whole or in part by any court of law or other regulatory or competent body, this will not affect any other part of this **Agreement**.

18. Notices

Notices given by **us** under this **Agreement** will be in writing and delivered by hand, sent by post or by e-mail. **We** will send notices to **your** billing address or by e-mail (to the latest e-mail address that **you** provided). **We** will assume **you** received the notice 2 working days after **we** sent it unless **we** receive evidence to the contrary. Unless otherwise stated in this **Agreement**, **you** must send notice(s) by post to: Phone and Broadband Sales Processing and Registration, OVO (S) Retail Telecoms Limited, Grampian House, 200 Dunkeld Road, Perth, PH1 3GH.

19. Third Party Rights

- 19.1. This clause 19 is only applicable if the **Address** is in England or Wales.
- 19.2. A person who is not a party to this **Agreement** has no right under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any term of this **Agreement**.

20. Legislation and statutory obligations

No provision of this **Agreement** is intended to confer any right or impose any obligation which is incompatible with **our** statutory or regulatory rights and obligations. This **Agreement** shall be construed accordingly.

21. Emergencies, Security and Safety in relation to the Service

21.1. In the event that **you** suspect or are aware of any matter or incident that either causes danger or requires urgent attention in relation to the **Service** or affects or is likely to affect the maintenance of the security, availability and quality of the **Service** then **you** must immediately notify **us** by contacting **us** on the

Customer Service Phone Number.

- 21.2. You shall refrain from using the affected Service upon our instruction.
- 21.3. You undertake not to use or improperly deal with the **Service** or (if applicable) any **Equipment** so as to create a risk to health and safety, security or damage to property in respect of **you** or any other person.

22. Governing Law

- 22.1. If the **Address** is in Scotland this **Agreement** shall be governed by Scots Law. Any disputes arising shall be dealt with by the Scottish Courts.
- 22.2. If the **Address** is in England or Wales this **Agreement** shall be governed by the Laws of England and Wales. Any disputes arising shall be dealt with by the English Courts.

23. Further conditions relating to the Service

- 23.1. You will not use the Service:
 - a) for any improper, immoral or unlawful purpose; or
 - b) to send a communication which is, or is intended to be, a hoax call to the Emergency Service or which is defamatory, offensive, abusive, obscene or menacing; or
 - c) to violate or infringe any rights of, or to cause inconvenience or anxiety to, any other person; or
 - d) in any such way which may damage or affect the operation or quality of the Service or any telecommunications system (whether belonging to our Network Operator or otherwise).
- 23.2. You agree that you will not wilfully, recklessly or negligently, damage or attempt to repair or interfere with your Phone line or other equipment that is required to enable you to receive the Service from us.
- 23.3. You agree to look after the **Equipment**. You shall be responsible for ensuring that the **Equipment** is at all times kept safely and properly used at the **Address**. You undertake:
 - a) to comply with the manufacturer's instructions and/or any other instructions which we have supplied and/or notified to you in relation to the Equipment;
 - b) not to dispose of or deal with any of the Equipment in any way by, for example, trying to sell it or hire it to anyone else, or by putting it up as security for a loan, mortgage or charge, or allow any of the Equipment to be seized under any legal process;
 - c) to not wilfully, recklessly or negligently, damage or attempt to repair or interfere with the **Equipment** or other equipment that is required to enable you to receive the **Service** from us;
 - d) not to remove, tamper with or obliterate any words or labels on the **Equipment**; and

- e) to be responsible for any loss or damage to the **Equipment**, regardless of how it happens
- f) you shall only use the **Equipment** at the **Address**.
- 23.4. You agree to the following additional obligations, if applicable:
 - a) to take reasonable steps to ensure that no virus is introduced (by you or any other party) into the Equipment and/or connected systems (we strongly advise you to install firewall and anti-virus software on your computer);
 - b) to maintain confidentiality of **your** login names, passwords and other confidential information relating to **your** access to the **Service**.
- 23.5. You acknowledge that in order for us to provide the Service you may have to accept and comply with licence terms required from time to time by third party providers of software, equipment or other materials. We will notify you of these at the appropriate time. If you do not wish to accept these licence terms, you have the right to terminate this Agreement within 31 calendar days. No termination charges will apply and we will refund any Charges you have paid in advance, subject to clause 10.8.
- 23.6. Nothing in this **Agreement** shall transfer ownership of the **Equipment**, any number or IP address to **you**.
- 23.7. You shall notify us immediately if any part of the Equipment is lost, damaged (otherwise than by fair wear or tear) or destroyed and you agree to pay all reasonable costs we incur for repairing or replacing the Equipment. If the Equipment includes batteries you agree that you are responsible for ensuring these are recharged or replaced as required.
- 23.8. For safety reasons the **Equipment** must not be immersed in water nor used in such a way where the **Equipment** is likely to come into direct contact with water, steam or other liquids.
- 23.9. You hereby agree to give us (or our employees, agents, contractors or any person authorised by us) at reasonable and mutually convenient times (except in the case of emergencies) safe and proper access to the Address to execute any works in connection with the operation of the Service and the Equipment and to, inspect, repair and remove any of the Equipment. If you do not give us access you accept that we may be unable to provide the Service and we will not be responsible for this or any loss arising therefrom. In this situation you will have to pay us the Charges for the period in which we are unable to provide the Service.
- 23.10. If **you** wish to use any other equipment that **we** have not supplied **we** cannot guarantee that the applicable **Service** will work with that equipment.
- 23.11. The Equipment will remain our property at all times unless otherwise notified to you by us in writing. The software in the Equipment and in any other equipment provided to you by us for use in conjunction with the Service is owned by or licensed to us. You must allow this software to be updated. Failure to do so may affect the Service and we will not be responsible for this or any loss arising there from. Updates will happen automatically at no extra charge.

- 23.12. Any **Equipment** provided by **us** for use in conjunction with the **Service** is not supplied as being capable of being used to access any other internet service.
- 23.13. You are responsible for obtaining any consents (for example from your landlord) necessary for installing a broadband connection at the Address and, if you have an alarm (or anything else that may be affected by the installation of broadband), for confirming with the provider that the installation of broadband will not affect your system.
- 23.14. You accept that you do not own any e-mail addresses that we have given to you. You also accept there may be good reasons why sometimes we may need to change the e-mail addresses. We will do so only when it is reasonably necessary.
- 23.15. Where **we** provide **you** with e-mail facilities, web hosting or other **Service** that involve **us** providing storage space on **our** systems, **we** may impose limits (which **we** may vary from time to time in accordance with clause 16) on the storage space **we** provide to **you** in order to ensure the quality of the service to **you** and other users. These limits may relate to the physical amount of web space or the number of mailboxes made available to **you**, e-mail messages that can be stored and/or the size of any attachments **you** can send. **We** may reject or delete material that exceeds the relevant limit. **We** may also:
 - (a) block receipt of e-mails; and/or
 - (b) archive or delete e-mails and/or attachments from, mailbox accounts which have not been used by you for a reasonable period of time or because you or we have terminated the Service. We will give you notice if we intend to do this and you will have a reasonable opportunity to move the stored e-mails and attachments to another location.
- 23.16. You agree to comply with the Acceptable Use Policy (clause 23.20). We, or those authorised by us, may monitor your use of the Service to ensure compliance with this Agreement and the Acceptable Use Policy.
- 23.17. You accept that you do not own any IP address we make available to you under your Agreement. You agree not to transfer the IP address to anyone else or to try to do so. You accept that we may have to change your IP address. We will do so only when it is reasonably necessary or if we are requested to do so by Ofcom or another similar regulator. We will tell you before we change your IP address.
- 23.18. You accept that you do not own any Phone number we make available to you under your Agreement. You agree not to transfer the number to anyone else or to try to do so. You accept that we may have to change your Phone number. We will do so only when it is reasonably necessary or if we are requested to do so by Ofcom or another similar regulator. We will tell you before we change your number. You may request us to 'port' your number from another communications provider and we will try to do this wherever it is reasonably practicable. However you accept that this may not always be possible. In these circumstances we may have to provide you with a new number.

23.19. If **you** breach any term of this clause 23, **you** will be responsible for all liabilities, claims, damages, losses and costs **we** suffer as a result of **your** breach. This is regardless of the terms of Clause 11.

24. Acceptable Use Policy

This policy applies to all broadband users and by accepting **our** terms and conditions **you** agree to be bound (and that any users of **your** broadband service shall be bound) by this policy.

- 24.1. You are responsible for all materials and data originating from your use of the Service. In the event that we identify and notify you of any abusive use of the Service, you must take immediate action as instructed by us. If this does not happen, we reserve the right to suspend or terminate your Service.
- 24.2.1. You must not use the **Service** to send, receive, store, distribute, transmit, post, upload or download any materials or data which may:
 - a) be illegal.
 - b) be abusive, defamatory, indecent, obscene or may constitute harassment.
 - c) be harmful to minors.
 - d) promote illegal or socially irresponsible or unacceptable behaviour.
 - e) have a fraudulent purpose.
 - f) be in breach of any third-party rights (for example intellectual property rights).
 - g) cause harm or damage to the network.
- 24.2.2. **You** must not use the **Service** in order to violate **our** network security or the security of any third person. Examples of such action may include unauthorised:
 - a) access to or use of data or a system or network.
 - b) monitoring of data or traffic on a network.
 - c) interference with any user, system, host or network.
- 24.2.3. You must not reverse engineer, adapt or modify any part of the Service.

25. Risk

- 25.1. We accept responsibility as set out in clause 11. Otherwise, the use of the Service is at your own risk and subject to all applicable laws. We have no responsibility for any information, software, services or other materials you may obtain using the internet, including loss or damage caused by the introduction, presence or activity in your computer or the internet of any computer virus or hacker. In addition we reserve the right to block access to any information at our sole discretion.
- 25.2. Except for the responsibility we accept under clause 11, we accept no responsibility for any damage or loss, howsoever caused, suffered by you or others as a result of the accuracy or otherwise of information provided by you. You are responsible for making and keeping a copy of your scripts, files, or data as a backup.

25.3. If **you** buy or sell (or hire, or deal with in other ways) goods or services online or by phone using the **Service**, **we** will not be a party to those agreements. **We** are not responsible for any losses, costs or damage **you** suffer as a result of any such dealings.

26. E-Account(s) (if applicable)

Access

- 26.1. By (i) registering for an E-account and/or (ii) using your registered user name and password to access your E-Account and (iii) by registering your accounts for the Service against your E-Account, you consent to all users of your E-Account making binding decisions against all accounts that are registered against your E-Account(s).
- 26.2. By logging in to an **E-Account**, **you** confirm that **you** are either the **E-Account** holder or authorised to access the **E-Account**, and **you** are the account holder for all accounts that are registered against the **E-Account** or that **you** are authorised to access the **E-Account** and manage all the accounts registered and to make binding decisions for all persons registered against the accounts.
- 26.3. Where either clauses 25.1 or 25.2 apply, **you** will be deemed to have agreed to the terms and conditions detailed in this clause 25.

Your Account and Password

- 26.4. If **you** choose, or **you** are provided with, a user identification code, password or any other piece of information as part of **our** security procedures, **you** agree to treat such information as confidential. **You** agree not to disclose it to any third party.
- 26.5. We have the right to disable any user identification code or password, whether chosen by **you** or allocated by us, at any time, if in **our** reasonable opinion **you** have failed to comply with any of the provisions of this clause 25.
- 26.6. If you know or suspect that anyone other than you knows your user identification code or password, you must promptly notify us by calling us on the Customer Service Phone Number or emailing us on the Customer Service E-mail Address and giving your account details.

Viruses

- 26.7. We will do everything reasonable to ensure that **our Website** will be secure and free from bugs or viruses, but it is the nature of the **Services** that we cannot guarantee this. **Our** responsibility for this is limited as set out in clause 11.
- 26.8. You are responsible for configuring your information technology, computer programmes and platform in order to access our site. You should use your own virus protection software.
- 26.9. You must not misuse our site by knowingly introducing any harmful materials e.g. viruses or other material which is malicious or technologically harmful. You must not attempt to gain unauthorised access to our site, the server on which our site is stored or any server, computer or database connected to our site. You must not attack our site. By breaching this provision, you would commit

a criminal offence under the Computer Misuse Act 1990. **We** will report any such breach to the relevant law enforcement authorities and **we** will co-operate with those authorities by disclosing **your** identity to them. In the event of such a breach, **your** right to use **our** site will cease immediately.

26.10. We will not be liable for any loss or damage caused by a virus, or other material which is malicious, or other technologically harmful material that may infect **your** computer equipment, computer programs, data or other proprietary material due to **your** use of **our** site or to **your** downloading of any content on it, or on any website linked to it.

27. Accessibility Services

We can provide additional help for those who need it, so that all of **our** customers can make the most of their **Phone** and **Broadband services**. If **you** would like more information on Directory enquiries for the visually impaired, text relay for deaf and speech impaired, priority fault repair service, third party bill management, bills and contracts for the blind or visually impaired or sign video please contact **our** Customer Services Team.



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