



# Gas Market Operator Northern Ireland

Managing Northern Ireland's gas  
transmission market efficiently



## Welcome to GMO Northern Ireland

We are the single Gas Market Operator for Northern Ireland (GMO NI), operational from the 1st of October 2017. We manage the commercial rules and all trading and transactional aspects of the gas transmission market in Northern Ireland.

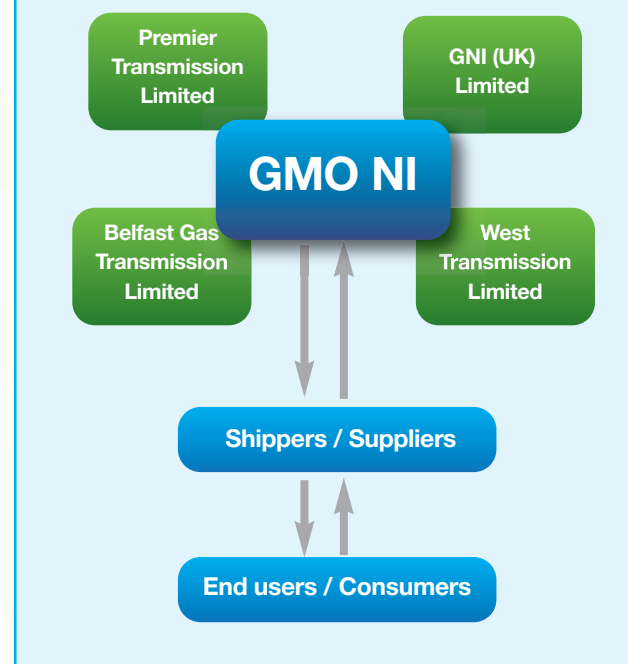
GMO NI is a collaboration of the four Transmission System Operators (TSOs) in Northern Ireland. The purpose is to provide a 'one stop shop' for the commercial activities of the TSOs, which can otherwise be described as operating the gas market.

## Background to GMO

Up until 1st October 2017 the gas transmission market was operated by four separate Transmission System Operators: Premier Transmission Limited (PTL), Belfast Gas Transmission Limited (BGTL), West Transmission Limited (WTL) and GNI (UK) Limited. PTL, BGTL and WTL are all subsidiaries of Mutual Energy Limited. Previously they commercially operated the gas transmission network through four different network codes and two separate IT platforms, with only some elements being streamlined to gain efficiencies.

The Utility Regulator (UR) has sought to create a commercial single system operator of the transmission network in Northern Ireland to fully streamline commercial operational activities. A contractual arrangement between the TSOs led to the formation of GMO NI, which will manage and administer a single network code and IT platform as a single entity, therefore delivering efficiencies for their customers into the future.

## How GMO NI fits in



## Functions and Activities of GMO NI

The main purpose of GMO NI is to operate the gas transmission market in Northern Ireland efficiently, providing a reliable, high quality service to all market participants under a single unified Network Code and a single IT platform. GMO NI will manage the process modifications to the code and seek to improve market arrangements over time to the benefit of stakeholders. This work will cover a range of functions including:

- Market Operations (capacity booking, nominations, allocations, PSA administration etc.)
- Single Code administration and interface with UR on Code/market related issues.
- Commercial balancing (of contracts etc.)
- Administration of energy balancing charges
- Production of Market Reports – ensuring transparency
- Procurement and administration/operation of a single IT system
- Invoicing function – all Shipper bills issued by GMO NI
- First point of contact for new connections



## Benefits of GMO NI for gas shippers

Although the arrangements under GMO NI should benefit all stakeholders in Northern Ireland's gas transmission market – not least through lower pass through costs – there are very clear benefits for gas Shippers. These include:

- **One Stop Shop** - Shippers using the NI Transmission system will interface with one body only – GMO NI in relation to market operations. This is easier for them and more efficient.
- **Single Transmission Network Code** - GMO NI manage a single Transmission Network Code which replaced the 4 individual Network Codes
- **Single IT System** - Less complication and greater efficiency for Shippers.
- **Costs** - Efficiencies should result from the change to GMO NI and savings will be passed on to Shippers



## Our Vision

GMO NI's vision is

*"To be recognised as the efficient and transparent operator of Northern Ireland's Gas Transmission Market"*



# The GMO NI team

The GMO NI team is headed up by General Manager Mark Raphael and has a structure aligned to delivery of its key functions. Details of GMO NI management and staff personnel are set out below.

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## Vision and Values

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Our actions in all aspects of our business, including communications, are governed by our core values. These are:

- **Transparency** – we will operate transparently, engaging with our stakeholders in relation to our activities and our deliberations
- **Integrity** – we will be recognised for doing the right thing
- **Performance** – we will deliver to our stakeholders the quality service they expect and foster a culture of continuous improvement in everything we do
- **Efficiency** – we will operate efficiently, adding value and avoiding unnecessary costs
- **Teamwork** – we will work as a team internally and through our industry engagements

## Further Information

Further Information is also available on the GMO NI website [gmo-ni.com](http://gmo-ni.com)

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