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Dear Stephen,

RE : NI Network Gas Transmission Code Modification No 5

Thank you for your recent submission of the Final Modification Report (FMR) in respect of the above named proposal. The purpose of the modification is to reflect the fact that the West Exit Point will shortly comprise more than one Offtake Point. As a result of this Modification, Shippers will be required to submit one aggregate West Exit Point nomination for all their West Offtake Points and will receive one allocation in respect of West Exit Point.

In addition, this Modification makes some “housekeeping” corrections in Appendix 3 and Appendix 4 (Part 1) and removes the network diagrams from Appendix 4 (parts II to VIII), as they included Exit Points which have not been included in the Code and therefore are not referenced in the text.

Authority review and conclusions

The Utility Regulator has considered the issues raised by this FMR. We note that there was one response received during the consultation period which was supportive. The respondent also noted an error in the Maximum Offtake Rate specified in Appendix 4 for the Ten Towns Exit Point, which has now been corrected.

We are content that the proposal would better facilitate the ‘relevant objective’ as it will ensure that the Code is updated to reflect the physical extension of the West Transmission System.

Decision

As provided for in condition 2.4D.9(c) of the relevant licences we direct the Transporter to implement the modifications as set out in FMR No 5 dated 15th April 2019. The modifications should become effective as set out in the FMR.

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Yours sincerely,



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