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Dear Stephen,

RE : Application for Change No. 1 to the Code Modification Rules for the NI Network Gas Transmission Code

Thank you for your submission of the consultation report in respect of the above mentioned Application for Change. The report was initially submitted on 12 December 2019, and resubmitted with an update to the suggested implementation date on 20 December 2019.

The Application for Change is being made to accompany Code Modification Proposal No. 7 which seeks to add a new section 26 to the NI Network Gas Transmission Code. This section 26 relates to the South Section of the NI Gas Transmission Network.

The purpose of the Application for Change No. 1 to the Code Modification Rules is to add a new section of modification rules specifically in order to provide for the involvement of the Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU) in proposed changes to the new section 26 of the Code.

Authority review and conclusions

The Utility Regulator has considered the information provided in the consultation report. We note that no responses were received during the consultation period.

We are also conscious that the GMO NI has kept the CRU informed about the Application for Change to the Code Modification Rules, about the fact that no third party responses were received and that no changes have been made to the proposed text as a result of the consultation.

Decision

We are content that the change is required so that the CRU can have a role in the governance of the new section 26 of the Code as agreed between the Utility Regulator and the CRU.

As provided for in condition 2.4D.7 of the relevant licences we consent to the Transporter implementing the change as set out in the consultation report for Application to Change No 1 to the Code Modification Rules, as submitted on 20 December 2019. The modification shall become effective on 31 December 2020.

Yours sincerely,



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For and on behalf of NIAUR

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