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Dear Stephen,

**RE : NI Network Gas Transmission Code (the Code) – Final Modification Report for Modification No 20**

Thank you for your submission of the Final Modification Report (FMR) No 20 in respect of the 'Introduction of the Carrakeel Exit Point,' dated 20 August 2024.

This Proposed Modification is being made to introduce a new Exit Point at Carrakeel into the NI Network Gas Transmission Code. This point is for a new Industrial and Commercial customer and is the first time this type of connection has been made to the Gas Transmission System in Northern Ireland. This Proposed Modification introduces the type of point, the specific point itself, and confirms that it will be treated in the same way as other Exit Points under the existing Code rules. In addition, the modifications clarify the default priority order for the Transporter acting, in the event of a constraint. Drafting amendments have been proposed throughout the code to facilitate the Proposed Modification.

**UR consideration of the Modification Report**

The Utility Regulator has considered the information provided in the FMR. We note that the Transporter did not receive any responses to the Initial Modification Report (IMR).

We note the Transporter advises that condition 2.4 of the Transporter Licences will be better facilitated by the NI Network Gas Transmission Code because of the proposed modifications. The Transporter considers that the amendments will support the economic and efficient operation of the network by ensuring that the code is maintained to be as accurate and up to date as possible and can accommodate industrial and commercial loads connected to the transmission system.

We note the Transporter's reasons for recommending approval of this Proposed Modification, as follows:

- The introduction of the Carrakeel Exit Point into the Code will enable a Shipper to register at the point and facilitate commissioning and ongoing operation.
- The inclusion of the new type of point, an I&C Exit Point, is required as the Carrakeel is neither a DN Exit Point nor a Power Station Exit Point.
- The inclusion of nomination and allocation rules for an I&C Exit Point will allow the same shipping activity at the point as is permitted for existing types of Exit Points.
- The inclusion of I&C Exit Allocations within the calculation of the Aggregate NI Exit Allocation is required to ensure that calculation, and that of the Aggregate NI Imbalance, remain accurate.
- The changes to section 8 will ensure that Scheduling Charges apply to I&C Exit Points in the same way as for existing types of points.
- Inclusion of provisions in section 10 will allow for the issuing of requests for Revised I&C Exit Nominations and for issuing Flow Orders to I&C Exit Points.
- Setting out the default sequence for the order in which Revised Exit Nominations or Flow Orders would be requested in the event of a System Constraint provides clarity and transparency for Shippers.
- The update to section 13 makes it clear that the Transporter will require real-time access to Exit Point metering information for Exit Points from the transmission network.
- More general updates including the correction of typographical errors and renumbering will increase the accuracy and improve the reading of the Code.

We are content that the proposed modification would better facilitate the ‘relevant objective’ as outlined in condition 2.4 of the applicable licences. We agree that these modifications should improve the economic and efficient operation of the NI Gas Transmission Network as described in the FMR.

## **Decision**

As provided for in condition 2.4D.9(c) of the relevant licences we direct the Transporter to implement the modification as set out in FMR No 20 dated 20 August 2024. The modification shall become effective as of the date of this letter.

Yours sincerely,



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