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Dear Stephen,

**RE : NI Network Gas Transmission Code (the Code) – Final Modification Report for Modification No 21**

Thank you for your submission of the Final Modification Report (FMR) No 21 in respect of the 'Update to the Gas Quality Specification,' dated 14 March 2025.

This Proposed Modification is being made to update references in the NI Network Gas Transmission Code to the specification for gas entering the network, to align with the most up to date legislative position, including exemptions issued by the Northern Ireland Health and Safety Executive (HSE NI). Drafting amendments have been proposed to 'Appendix 3 Gas Specification,' 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 2.4D of the Transporter Licences will be better facilitated by the NI Network Gas Transmission Code because of the Proposed Modification. 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 by facilitating the possibility of a wider specification of gas entering the NI Network in future.

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

- That a failure to update the NI Network Gas Transmission Code could hypothetically lead to non-compliance if gas is supplied outside of the Gas Specification.

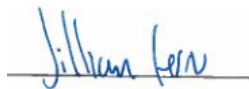
- If these changes are not implemented, it may be necessary to seek approval from the Northern Ireland Network Emergency Coordinator to allow emergency specification gas, depending on the Wobbe Number of gas imported from Great Britain.
- That the modification aligns the NI Network Gas Transmission Code with the gas specification used in Great Britain, from where almost 100% of Northern Ireland's gas is sourced.
- That the changes ensure that the NI Network Gas Transmission Code reflects the most up to date specification approved by HSE NI, with effect from 6 April 2025.
- That the updates proposed provide clarity and transparency for Shippers.

We are content that the Proposed Modification would better facilitate the 'relevant objectives' as outlined in condition 2.4D of the applicable licences. We agree that this modification 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 21 dated 14 March 2025. The modification shall become effective as of 6 April 2025.

Yours sincerely,



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