

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE NORTHERN IRELAND AUTHORITY FOR UTILITY REGULATION (THE 'AUTHORITY') HELD ON THURSDAY, 11 APRIL 2013 IN QUEENS HOUSE, BELFAST AT 10.30 A.M.

Present:

Bill Emery (Chairman), Richard Rodgers, Bill Cargo, Alan Rainey, Shane Lynch (Chief Executive)

In attendance:

Jo Aston (Director of Water), Kevin Shiels (Director of Retail and Social), Brian McHugh (Director of Gas), Tanya Hedley (Director of Electricity), Greg Irwin (Board Secretary/Communications Manager), Jean-Pierre Miura (Manager, Electricity directorate)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 None.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2.1 None.

3. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH OFGEM

3.1 The board was asked to approve a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Ofgem and authorise the signing of the MoU.

3.2 Key items in the board discussion included: the background to the development of the MoU, provisions in the draft MoU for the Authority's attendance at European level meetings, ongoing working relationships with Ofgem and MoU review arrangements. The board also considered legal advice on the MoU.

3.3 The discussion concluded and the board approved the draft MoU and authorised the Chief Executive to sign the MoU. It was noted that the MoU would be subject to review at a later date.

There being no other business, the board meeting concluded at 11.05 p.m.