

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE NORTHERN IRELAND AUTHORITY FOR UTILITY REGULATION (THE 'AUTHORITY') HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 22 JANUARY 2014 IN QUEENS HOUSE, BELFAST AT 10 A.M.

Present:

Jenny Pyper (Acting Chairperson), Richard Rodgers, Bill Cargo, Teresa Perchard, Harry McCracken, David Strahan

In attendance:

SMT - Kevin Shiels, Brian McHugh, Tanya Hedley, Jo Aston, Donald Henry, Greg Irwin (board secretary/communications manager)

Karen McConnell

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 Bill Emery

1.2 The board agreed that Jenny Pyper would assume the role of Acting Chairperson for the meeting which was convened to discuss one agenda item.

2. FIRE DRILL

2.1 The board members were informed of the evacuation procedures which apply at Queens House in the event of a fire.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3.1 None.

4. APPROVAL OF GAS (INDIVIDUAL STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2014

4.1 Brian McHugh introduced this item which sought the board's approval for the Gas (Individual Standards of Performance) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014. He provided an update on progress since the Authority's previous discussion on the issue.

4.2 Board member queries regarding the purpose of the regulations, the definition of a severe weather event and plans for providing accessible information to consumers on the regulations were addressed. A drafting amendment was also noted.

4.3 The board approved the regulations as presented.

There being no other business the board meeting concluded at 10.30am.