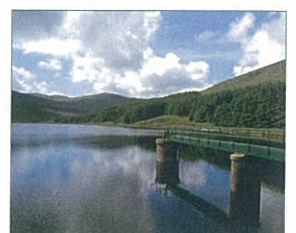
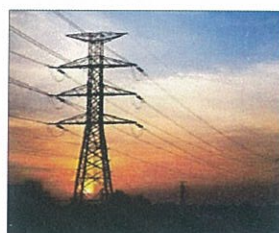
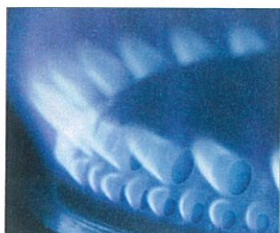


**Consultation on Modification of Gas Supply Licence
for
SSE Airtricity Gas Supply (Northern Ireland) Limited**

12 August 2015



About the Utility Regulator

The Utility Regulator is the independent non-ministerial government department responsible for regulating Northern Ireland's electricity, gas, water and sewerage industries, to promote the short and long-term interests of consumers.

We are not a policy-making department of government, but we make sure that the energy and water utility industries in Northern Ireland are regulated and developed within ministerial policy as set out in our statutory duties.

We are governed by a Board of Directors and are accountable to the Northern Ireland Assembly through financial and annual reporting obligations.

We are based at Queens House in the centre of Belfast. The Chief Executive leads a management team of directors representing the markets, networks and corporate affairs functional areas of the organisation. The staff team includes economists, engineers, accountants, utility specialists, legal advisors and administration professionals.

Our Mission

Value and sustainability in energy and water.

Our Vision

We will make a difference for consumers by listening, innovating and leading.

Our Values

Be a best practice regulator: transparent, consistent, proportional, accountable, and targeted.

Be a united team.

Be collaborative and co-operative.

Be professional.

Listen and explain.

Make a difference.

Act with integrity.

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 14(2) OF THE GAS (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1996

In pursuance of its powers under Article 14(1) of the Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (as amended) (hereafter referred to as the “**Order**”) and having obtained the consent of the Licensee, the Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation (hereafter referred to as the “**Authority**”) hereby gives notice under Article 14(2) as follows:

- 1 It proposes to modify the gas supply licence (the “**Licence**”) held by SSE Airtricity Gas Supply (Northern Ireland) Limited (the “**Licensee**”), a company established in Northern Ireland and having its principal place of business at 3rd Floor Millennium House, 17-25 Great Victoria Street, Belfast, Northern Ireland, BT2 7AQ.
- 2 The proposed modification is to amend the financial year of the Licensee established in the licence condition 1.2, on Separate Accounts for Separate Businesses.
- 3 The reason for the proposed modifications is due to a request made to the Authority by the Licensee to align the financial year in their gas supply licence (which is the period from 01 January to 31 December) to their own statutory financial year (which is the period 01 April to the following 31 March).
- 4 The Authority considers that the proposed modification of the licence would be an appropriate course of action in order to align with the Licensee’s own statutory reporting period of 01 April to 31 March.
- 5 The Authority considers that the proposed modification will not have any effects on any other energy supplier or on the Northern Ireland retail energy market.
- 6 The Authority further considers that the Licensee has made the request in the prescribed manner, through formal letter to the Authority dated 21 July 2015.

7 The proposed modification is set out below.

In Condition 1.2 of the gas supply licence for the Licensee, existing paragraph 1.2.1 shall be substituted as follows:

“For the purposes of this Condition the first financial year of the Licensee shall run from the date of the Grant to 31st December 2007. Thereafter each financial year of the Licensee shall run from 1st April to the following 31st March.”

8 The purpose of this notice is to bring the proposed modification to the attention of persons likely to be affected by it, and to invite representations or objections in connection thereto. In line with Article 14(3) of the Order, any representations or objections with respect to the proposed modification may be made on or before 11 September 2015 to:

Elena Ardines
Utility Regulator
Queens House
14 Queen Street
Belfast, BT1 6ED
Email: elena.ardines@uregni.gov.uk

9 The proposed modification will come into effect from 01 April 2016.

10 The Authority has, pursuant to Article 14(4) of the Order, served a copy of this notice on SSE Airtricity Gas Supply (Northern Ireland) Limited, and sent a copy to the Department of Enterprise Trade and Investment.

Dated this 12 day of August 2015



Kevin Shiels

For and on behalf of the Authority