

## Consultation on New Electricity Supply Licence for Open Electric Limited

29 September 2014







## **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 10(4) OF THE ELECTRICITY (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1992

Pursuant to Article 10(4) of The Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 (the **Order**) the Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation (the **Authority**), hereby gives notice as follows:

- It proposes, in accordance with Article 10(1) of the Order, to grant a licence to supply electricity to Open Electric Limited, a company incorporated in Northern Ireland (with registered number NI626108) and having its principal place of business at Marlborough House, 30 Victoria Street, Belfast, Co. Antrim, BT1 3GG (the "Proposed Licensee").
- 2) Such licence would enable the Proposed Licensee to supply the person and premises specified and designated at Schedule 1 of the proposed licence.
- 3) The Authority considers that the grant of the proposed licence would be an appropriate course of action for it to take as such grant is in keeping with the Authority's principal statutory objective in that it protects the interests of consumers of electricity supplied by authorised suppliers, wherever appropriate by promoting effective competition between persons engaged in, or in commercial activities connected with, the generation, transmission or supply of electricity.
- 4) The Authority further considers that the application made by the Proposed Licensee has been made in the prescribed manner and confirms that the appropriate fee has been submitted.
- 5) The purpose of this notice is to bring to the attention of persons likely to be affected by the grant, the proposed licence referred to above and to invite representations or objections in connection thereto. Any representations or objections with respect to the proposed licence may be made on or before 30 October 2014 to:

Ursula Trolan
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Queens House
14 Queen Street
Belfast, BT1 6ED

Email: <u>ursula.trolan@uregni.gov.uk</u>

6) A copy of the proposed Licence can be obtained in electronic form on the <u>Authority's website</u> or in hard copy form. To request a hard copy, contact Ursula Trolan at the details above or by telephone on 028 9031 1575.

Dated this 29/09/2014.

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**Kevin Shiels** 

For and on behalf of the Authority