

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE NORTHERN IRELAND AUTHORITY FOR UTILITY
REGULATION (THE 'AUTHORITY') HELD ON THURSDAY, 12 AUGUST 2021 BY VIDEO
CONFERENCE AT 9.30 A.M.**

Present:

Bill Emery (Chairman), John French (Chief Executive), Alex Wiseman, Jon Carlton, Teresa Perchard, David de Casseres, Claire Williams

In attendance:

SLT – Tanya Hedley, Kevin Shiels, Donald Henry, Roisin McLaughlin, John Mills, Elaine Cassidy, Greg Irwin

Colin Magee, Roisin Kelly

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 The Board convened in advance of the Board Advisory Forum to consider several items.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2.1 None.

3. GAS TO THE WEST – LICENCE MODIFICATIONS CONSULTATION

- 3.1 John Mills introduced this item which sought the Board's endorsement of a consultation on modifications to the Gas to the West licence, specifically with regard to extending the date by which the determination of actual expenditure is made.
- 3.2 Board members explored the arrangements for, and the timing of, the determination of actual costs for Gas to the West. The Board considered the potential risks of a further delay in determining the actual costs, and the opportunity to reduce uncertainty before a decision is made. Queries in respect of engagement with regulated companies and legal advice were addressed.
- 3.3 At the conclusion of the discussion, the Board approved the publication of the consultation document and proposed licence changes attached to the paper.

4. UPDATE ON GAS TO THE WEST ACTUAL EXPENDITURE

- 4.1 John Mills separately provided a financial overview relating to the determination of the Gas to the West actual costs and the ongoing process and engagement with relevant parties.
- 4.2 The Board clarified several items of detail and noted the overall update.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 5.1 Tanya Hedley provided a further update on the Compressed Natural Gas transmission system connection request. It was agreed that a paper on this item would be provided to the September Board meeting.

There being no other business, the Board meeting concluded to allow the Board Advisory Forum to proceed.