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Dear Stephen,

RE : NI Network Gas Transmission Code Modification No 14

Thank you for your submission of the Final Modification Report (FMR) in respect of the above named modification. The purpose of the modification is to reflect in the NI Network Gas Transmission Code the replacement of references to LIBOR, which ceased on 31 December 2021, with Bank of England base rate.

Authority review and conclusions

The Utility Regulator has considered the information provided in this FMR. We note that the Transporter received one response to the Initial Modification Report (IMR), which raised no objection. The Utility Regulator also notes that no changes were made to the Proposed Modification following the consultation and that the Transporter has considered that the modification will have no impact on Designated Pipeline Operators, Adjacent Transporters and/or relevant agreements in respect of the Northern Ireland gas network.

We are content that the proposal would better facilitate the 'relevant objective'. It will support the efficient development and operation of the network by ensuring that interest rates can be applied by switching to the Bank of England base rate. The UR anticipates consulting on a complementary change to the gas conveyance licences in due course.

We agree that these changes should support the efficient development and operation of the NI Gas Transmission Network.

Decision

As provided for in condition 2.4D.9(c) of the relevant licences we direct the Transporter to implement the modification as set out in FMR No 14 dated 2 August 2022. The modification shall become effective as of the date of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Roisin McLaughlin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Roisin McLaughlin
Head of Network Operations
For and on behalf of NIAUR