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Ref: NET/G/RML/610

Dear Christopher,

**Re: Phoenix Natural Gas Ltd (PNGL) Distribution Network Code Modification 030**

Thank you for your recent submission of the Modification Report in relation to the 'Introduction of Biomethane System Entry Points and Aggregate Balancing, Modification report 030' dated 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022. The report sets out the purpose of the proposed modification as the introduction of the necessary terms and processes into the Code for new distribution Biomethane System Entry Points (BSEPs); the proposed modification also introduces the concept of Network Entry Agreements (NEA) between the DNO and the facility operator at a BSEP, and sets out the ways in which the provisions of NEAs are relevant to Users.

**UR consideration of the Modification Report**

The Utility Regulator (the UR) has considered the content of the Modification Report including PNGL's conclusion that the proposed modification meets the 'relevant objective' in Condition 2.5 of the PNGL licence. We also note that there was one consultation response received by PNGL during the consultation period which expressed support for the proposal.

**Decision**

We are content that the proposal would better facilitate the 'relevant objective' as it will enable biomethane to be injected into the distribution network and facilitate energy balancing arrangements. This will enable efficient and economic development of the network with due regard to the environment.

**The UR now gives the following Direction:**

Pursuant to Condition 2.5.7(c) of the PNGL licence, the UR directs PNGL to implement the modifications as set out in the Modification Report outlined above. The modifications shall become effective on 1 December 2022.

Yours sincerely,



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