

Fiona Rooney Utility Regulator Queens House 14 Queen Street Belfast BT1 6ED

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Dear Fiona,

## Re: Final Determination Power NI licence modifications consultation.

I am writing regarding the consultation on Licence Modifications Pursuant to the Final Determination for Power NI's 2026-2029 Price Control.

## **The Consumer Council**

The Consumer Council is a non-departmental public body (NDPB) established through the General Consumer Council (Northern Ireland) Order 1984. Our principal statutory duty is to promote and safeguard the interests of consumers in Northern Ireland.

The Consumer Council has specific statutory duties in relation to energy, postal services, transport, water and sewerage. These include considering consumer complaints and enquiries, carrying out research, and educating and informing consumers.

## The impact of Power NI delivering for their regulated consumer base

The SPC25 Price Control is extremely important as it sets out the revenue Power NI will be allowed to recover in order to operate the regulated part of its business up to March 2029.

The UR allowance of £152 million for Power NI in operating and other costs over the fouryear period, set the duration, scope, operating expenditure allowance and margin for the next four years and will also provide certainty around any potential impact on Power NI consumer bills.

## Views on the overall licence modifications

The Consumer Council is content that a number of the decisions detailed in the Final Determination need to be implemented through licence modifications to bring them into effect.

The Consumer Council looks forward to working closely with the Utility Regulator and Power NI to ensure that the new cost share mechanism and the new margin structure works in the





best interest of Northern Ireland consumers.

We look forward to continued collaboration with you and your colleagues.

Yours sincerely,

Raymond Gormley Head of Energy

