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Our Ref: MAR-25-1034

RE: Provision of Information to the Authority and the Transmission System Operator

Dear Kieran

The UR considers it necessary and important to be apprised of certain matters and information in the context of fulfilling its functions and/or obligations in relation to security of energy supply issues.

Accordingly, please find attached –

- A. At Annex A, a request issued by the Utility Regulator (**UR**), pursuant to paragraph 1 of Condition 11 (Provision of Information to the Authority) of the electricity generation licence (the **Licence**) held by EP Ballylumford Limited (the **Licensee**), for information to be provided by the Licensee to the Utility Regulator in such manner and at such times as set out in the request.

- B. At Annex B, a direction issued by the UR, pursuant to paragraph 2 of Condition 16 (Provision of Information) of the Licence, for information to be provided by the Licensee to the Transmission System Operator (SONI Limited).

Please note that any information provided to the UR under and in accordance with the request at Annex A, may be disclosed by the UR to the Department for the Economy (the **Department**) for the purposes of facilitating its functions and/or for the purposes of facilitating the functions of the Department under the legislation listed in Article 63(3)(a) of the Energy (Northern Ireland) Order 2003. This includes

in particular (but without limitation) for the purposes of facilitating the Department's functions under Article 37 of the Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 2003.

Yours sincerely



John French
Chief Executive

Cc Colin Broomfield, Utility Regulator
 Alan Campbell, SONI

ANNEX A

INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED TO THE NORTHERN IRELAND AUTHORITY FOR UTILITY REGULATION

1. Under and in accordance with paragraph 1 of Condition 11 of the electricity generation licence (the Licence) held by EP Ballylumford Limited (the **Licensee**), the Authority requires the Licensee to furnish it with the following information by 5pm on Wednesday 19 November 2025.
 - a. A copy of all maintenance and inspection records for generation sets as defined in the Licence covering the period 1 November 2024 to 31 October 2025
 - b. Copies of all detailed maintenance and inspections reports for the same period, including in respect of the structural integrity of the generation sets. Where not included within the reports, details of all recommendations arising out of maintenance or inspection issues should be provided. A progress report on the implementation of all recommendations and the timeline for any residual actions to be addressed should also be provided. This should include details of any expected outages and the proposed duration of those.
 - c. Where not covered by (b) above, details of any maintenance or inspection issues identified that have yet to be addressed, details on what those are, the risks associated with these and the timeline for addressing.
 - d. In respect of all residual maintenance/inspection issues yet to be addressed, an assessment of the impact on winter 2025/2026.
 - e. A report detailing the root cause analysis for the damage caused by Storm Darragh and mitigations put in place, to prevent a reoccurrence of the events of 2024/2025.

The Authority requires the above information for the purposes of performing its functions under Article 50(1)(a) and (b) of the Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992.

ANNEX B

DIRECTION OF THE NORTHERN IRELAND AUTHORITY FOR UTILITY REGULATION ISSUED UNDER LICENCE CONDITION 16 OF THE ELECTRICITY GENERATION LICENCE OF EP BALLYLUMFORD LIMITED

TO:

EP Ballylumford Limited, a body corporate registered in Northern Ireland under company number NI026040 (the **Licensee**)

WHEREAS:

1. The Licensee is the holder of an electricity generation licence (the **Licence**) granted under Article 10(1)(a) of the Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992, and is subject to the conditions contained in that Licence.
2. Paragraph 1 of Condition 16 of the Licence place obligations on the Licensee to furnish to the Transmission System Operator in such manner and at such times such information as may reasonably be required, and which the Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation (**the Authority**) deems necessary, by the Transmission System Operator in order to comply with its obligations in relation to any authorised business or activity.
3. Paragraph 2 of Condition 16 of the Licence provides that information provided under paragraph 1 of the Licence shall be furnished in accordance with a direction issued by the Authority.
4. The Authority has had regard to the following facts and circumstances:
 - a. The Licensee undertakes electricity generation and plays a key role in the Northern Ireland electricity sector and market.
 - b. This includes in particular a key role in relation to matters concerning security of supply and meeting all reasonable demands for electricity in Northern Ireland.
 - c. The Transmission System Operator (SONI Limited) has a number of statutory and regulatory obligations relating to the matters noted in paragraph b. above, including in particular under Article 12(2) of the Energy (Northern Ireland) Order 1992, Conditions 23A, 35 and 40 of its electricity transmission licence (the **SONI Licence**) and Regulation (EU) 2019/943 on the internal market for electricity.

- d. SONI reasonably requires information on matters relating to the maintenance and inspection of the Licensee's generating sets for the purposes of facilitating SONI's compliance with the obligations outlined in paragraph c. above.
 - e. The Authority deems it necessary for SONI to be provided with information for that purpose and for ensuring that appropriate and/or necessary security of supply measures can be taken, if/as required and to the extent possible, in light of the information provided to it.
5. Accordingly, the Authority is satisfied that it is appropriate for it to exercise the power to issue a direction to the Licensee in the terms set out below, for the purposes of Condition 7 of the Licence and in accordance with its principal objective and general duties under Article 12 of the Energy (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 (including in particular Articles 12(1), (1A) and (2) of that Order).

NOW THEREFORE:

1. The Authority hereby directs in accordance with paragraph 2 of Condition 16 of the Licence that the Licensee shall furnish to SONI the following information, by 5pm on Wednesday 19 November 2025.
- a. A copy of all maintenance and inspection records for generation sets as defined in the Licence, covering the period 1 November 2024 to 31 October 2025
 - b. Copies of all detailed maintenance and inspections reports for the same period, including in respect of the structural integrity of the generation sets. Where not included within the reports, details of all recommendations arising out of maintenance or inspection issues should be provided. A progress report on the implementation of all recommendations and the timeline for any residual actions to be addressed should also be provided. This should include details of any expected outages and the proposed duration of those.
 - c. Where not covered by (b) above, details of any maintenance or inspection issues identified that have yet to be addressed, details on what those are, the risks associated with these and the timeline for addressing.

- d. In respect of all residual maintenance/inspection issues yet to addressed, an assessment of the impact on winter 2025/2026.
 - e. A report detailing the root cause analysis for the damage caused by Storm Darragh and mitigations put in place, to prevent a reoccurrence of the events of 2024/2025.
2. The information to be provided by the Licensee to SONI under and in accordance with paragraph 1 above is subject to the disclosure provisions of Article 63 of the Energy (Northern Ireland) Order 2003. Accordingly, the Licensee shall not place any conditions on SONI with regard to SONI's access to and/or disclosure of the information.
3. This direction shall take effect immediately on being made.

Words and expressions used in this direction which are defined in the Licence shall have the same meanings in this direction as they are given in the Licence. This document constitutes notice of the reasons for the direction as required by Article 62(2) of the Energy (Northern Ireland) Order 2003.

Yours sincerely



John French
Chief Executive

Cc Colin Broomfield, Utility Regulator
 Alan Campbell, SONI