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Provision of Information to the Authority and the Transmission System Operator

Dear Kieran,

The Utility Regulator 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 TTEP Ballylumford Power 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,



Leigh Greer
Head of Security of Supply and Markets Regulation

Cc Colin Broomfield, Utility Regulator
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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 TTEP Ballylumford Power Limited (the **Licensee**), the Authority requires the Licensee to furnish it with the following information by 5pm on 18 November 2026:

Covering the period 1 November 2025 to the return date of this request:

a) For generation sets as defined in the Licence, confirmation that all maintenance has been or is being completed in line with Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) schedules.

b) If any was not completed, please provide detail on the issue, why maintenance did not proceed, if it has been addressed since or the expected future timeline to address any residual activities, including details of any expected outages to enable this and the best-estimated duration of those.

c) For any maintenance which is underway at receipt of this Direction and is not expected to be completed by the requested return date for information, please provide details of outstanding maintenance or inspection issues identified that have yet to be addressed/will require repair works, the risks associated with these outstanding issues, any mitigation measures being deployed/available for deployment while maintenance is underway, the timeline for addressing, and an assessment of the potential impact on the units' availability/ reliability to provide capacity for winter 2026/27.

From the return date of this request to 4 April 2027:

d) As soon as the Licensee becomes aware of them, immediate notification to the Utility Regulator of any other significant information which may or will cause operational difficulties of generation sets during the winter 2026/27 period.

In addition, please provide:

e) The current estimations about the length of time the temporary stack at GT21 is expected to be in place.

f) An update on the activity as per the Engineering Recommendations and Further Actions outlined in the GT21 Main Stack Collapse Root Cause Analysis

Report (as shared in response to the Utility Regulator's Provision of Information request dated 3 November 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 TTEP BALLYLUMFORD POWER LIMITED

TO:

TTEP Ballylumford Power 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 the matters below 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 16 of the SONI 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 5pm on 18 November 2026:

   Covering the period 1 November 2025 to the return date of this request:

   a) For generation sets as defined in the Licence, confirmation that all maintenance has been or is being completed in line with Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) schedules.

   b) If any was not completed, please provide detail on the issue, why maintenance did not proceed, if it has been addressed since or the expected future timeline to address any residual activities, including details of any expected outages to enable this and the best-estimated duration of those.

   c) For any maintenance which is underway at receipt of this Direction and is not expected to be completed by the requested return date for information, please provide details of outstanding maintenance or inspection issues identified that have yet to be addressed/will require repair works, the risks associated with these outstanding issues, any mitigation measures being deployed/available for deployment while maintenance is underway, the timeline for addressing, and an assessment of the potential impact on the units' availability/reliability to provide capacity for winter 2026/27.

From the return date of this request to 4 April 2027:

d) As soon as the Licensee becomes aware of them, immediate notification to the Utility Regulator of any other significant information which may or will cause operational difficulties of generation sets during the winter 2026/27 period.

In addition, please provide:

e) The current estimations about the length of time the temporary stack at GT21 is expected to be in place.

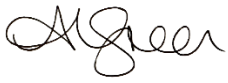
f) An update on the activity as per the Engineering Recommendations and Further Actions outlined in the GT21 Main Stack Collapse Root Cause Analysis Report (as shared in response to the Utility Regulator's Provision of Information request dated 3 November 2025).

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,



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