

Utility Regulator
Queens House
14, Queen Street
Belfast
BT1 6ED

6th May 2014

Dear Sirs,

**Gas Network Extensions in Northern Ireland Gas, to the West
Applicant Information Pack of 6th February 2014**

firmus energy (Distribution) Limited (firmus) has pleasure in enclosing an application, together with a cheque for £2,000 in respect of the prescribed fee, for a low pressure exclusive gas conveyance licence in accordance with the Applicant Information Pack referred to above and subsequent clarification responses thereafter. Please treat this information as commercially sensitive.

Please note that this application is being made on the basis that it is **not to be** "connected" (within the terms of question 6 of Schedule 1 to the application, the form of which is reproduced in Annex 3 of the Applicant Information Pack) to any other application for a high pressure exclusive conveyance licence.

To facilitate your consideration of our application we have presented the application in two volumes:

1. Gas to the West Application

The Application volume contains Schedules 1 and 2 of the application form, together with associated supporting documents.

2. Gas to the West Submission

The Submission volume contains the Operational Business Plan (Annex 6), together with associated supporting documents, the Low Pressure Workbook and supporting workings (Annex 10), and the Innovation and Technology Transfer document.

Three copies of these volumes are enclosed, together with an electronic copy in the form of a DVD and a digital copy of an animated Development Plan illustrating the roll out of network development in each town. We will forward evidence of insertion of our application in relevant newspapers shortly.

At the time of application, 100% of the share capital of firmus is held by Bord Gáis Éireann. On 25 March 2014, BGE signed a share purchase agreement with Deka Energy Enterprises Limited, an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of iCON Infrastructure Partners II, L.P. (iCON) for the sale and purchase of firmus. Completion of the sale and purchase is scheduled for 30 June 2014, once the necessary regulatory clearances have been received. As a consequence this application has to be made on the basis that at the date of submission, firmus is a subsidiary of BGE. We have included by way of information, an appendix detailing how the submission will look under new ownership. We trust that this is helpful.

We look forward to your favourable consideration,

Yours Faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Scott', is positioned above the printed name.

Michael Scott

General Manager