

Consent to assignment of the gas supply licence held by Flogas Natural Gas Limited and modifications to the licence

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About the Utility Regulator

The Utility Regulator is the independent non-ministerial government department responsible for regulating Northern Ireland's electricity, gas, water and sewerage industries, to promote the short and long-term interests of consumers.

We are not a policy-making department of government, but we make sure that the energy and water utility industries in Northern Ireland are regulated and developed within ministerial policy as set out in our statutory duties.

We are governed by a Board of Directors and are accountable to the Northern Ireland Assembly through financial and annual reporting obligations.

We are based at Queens House in the centre of Belfast. The Chief Executive leads a management team of directors representing each of the key functional areas in the organisation: Corporate Affairs; Electricity; Gas; Retail and Social; and Water. The staff team includes economists, engineers, accountants, utility specialists, legal advisors and administration professionals.

Our Mission

Value and sustainability in energy and water.

Our Vision

We will make a difference for consumers by listening, innovating and leading.

Our Values

Be a best practice regulator: transparent, consistent, proportional, accountable, and targeted.

Be a united team.

Be collaborative and co-operative.

Be professional.

Listen and explain.

Make a difference.

Act with integrity.

NOTICE OF CONSENT TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE GAS SUPPLY LICENCE HELD BY FLOGAS NATURAL GAS LIMITED AND THE MODIFICATIONS MADE TO THE GAS SUPPLY LICENCE

Whereas

- On 30 April 2014 Flogas Natural Gas Limited (registration number 47246) was granted a licence for the supply of gas in Northern Ireland ("the Licence") under Article 8 of the Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 ("the Order").
- Flogas Natural Gas Limited (registration number 47246) ("the licensee") has applied
 to the Authority for its consent to assign the licence to Flogas Natural Gas Limited
 (registration number NI622648) ("the assignee").
- 3. The reason for the assignment is that Flogas Natural Gas Limited has set up a new company registered in Northern Ireland and has requested that their gas supply licence is assigned from the company registered in ROI to the new company registered in NI. The new company is registered under the same company name.
- 4. Article 12(1) and 12(2) of the Order provides that the licence may be assigned:
 - (i) provided that the licence includes a condition authorising an assignment; and
 - (ii) with the consent of the Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulator ("the Authority").
- 5. Condition 1.9 of the licence provides that the licence may be assigned subject to the consent of the Authority.
- 6. In accordance with Article 12(3) of the Order, in deciding whether to give consent to the assignment the Authority applied the same criteria as would apply when determining if a licence would be granted to the assignee. The assignee has satisfied the Authority in this regard.
- 7. In accordance with Article 12(4) of the Order, the Authority considers that consequential licence modifications are necessary in order for the licence to be assigned. These modifications will amend references to Irish legislation throughout the licence to the equivalent legislation for Northern Ireland.
- 8. As required under Article 12(5) of the Order, on 9 June 2014 the Authority gave the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment (DETI) 28 days' notice that it proposed to make modifications to the licence as part of the licence assignment and provided details of the specific modifications. DETI did not raise any objection to the Authority making such modifications.

Consent to Assignment & Licence Modifications

- 9. The Authority, pursuant to Article 12 of the Order, consents to the assignment of the licence to the assignee with effect from 10 July 2014.
- 10. In assigning the licence to Flogas Natural Gas Limited (registration number NI622648), the Authority has also made modifications to the gas supply licence. The modifications made can be viewed in the marked up version of the licence published with this notice. These modifications are effective from 10 July 2014.

Dated this 10th day of July 2014

Jenny Pyper

Chief Executive

For and on behalf of the Authority