



Ms. Roisin McLaughlin,  
The Utility Regulator,  
Queen's House,  
14 Queen Street,  
Belfast BT1 6ED  
Northern Ireland

26<sup>th</sup> May, 2016

**Re: Exit Capacity Review for Northern Ireland Gas Transmission**

Dear Roisin,

GNI (UK) welcomes the opportunity to respond to the Exit Capacity Review for Northern Ireland Gas Transmission – Call for Evidence as published by the Utility Regulator on 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 (the “Consultation Paper”).

GNI (UK) believes the following general issues should be considered in respect of the exit capacity review:

- Potential trade-off between product flexibility and tariff stability;
- Anticipated impact on the utilisation of the gas networks associated with any proposed changes;
- Impact on proportionate share of networks costs borne by different sectors of gas users; and
- Impact on level of confidence around tariffs and regulated revenue recovery for the TSO's.

Any potential introduction of short-term Exit Capacity products will require extensive engagement with Shippers, TSO's and other stakeholders in Northern Ireland. It would also require Code Modifications and system changes and agreement would need to be reached regarding how these market requirements might be facilitated in light of the work that is currently ongoing in Northern Ireland to develop a single system operation across the transmission network.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries regarding this response.

Yours sincerely,

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