

Consultation on New Gas Supply Licence for Equo Energy Company Limited

30 June 2017



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, proportionate, accountable, and targeted.

Be a united team.

Be collaborative and co-operative.

Be professional.

Listen and explain.

Make a difference.

Act with integrity.

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 8(4) OF THE GAS (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1996

Pursuant to Article 8(4) of The Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 ("the Order") the Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation ("the Authority"), hereby gives notice as follows:

- 1) It proposes, in accordance with Article 8(1)(c) of the Order, to grant a licence to supply gas to Equo Energy Company Limited, a private limited company established in Northern Ireland and having its principal place of business at Office 207, City East Business Centre, 68-72 Newtownards Road, Belfast, Northern Ireland, BT4 1GW (the "Proposed Licensee").
- 2) The Authority considers that the grant of the proposed licence would be an appropriate course of action for it to take as such grant is in keeping with the Authority's principal statutory objective in that it promotes the development and maintenance of an efficient, economic and co-ordinated gas industry in Northern Ireland.
- 3) The Authority further considers that the application made by the Proposed Licensee has been made in the prescribed manner and confirms that the appropriate fee has been submitted.
- 4) The purpose of this notice is to bring to the attention of persons likely to be affected by the grant, the proposed licence referred to above and to invite representations or objections in connection thereto. Any representations or objections with respect to the proposed licence may be made on or before 02 August 2017 to:
Seán Murphy
Utility Regulator
Queens House
14 Queen Street
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Email: sean.murphy@uregni.gov.uk
- 5) A copy of the proposed Licence can be obtained in electronic form on the Authority's website or in hard copy form. To request a hard copy, contact Seán Murphy at the details above or by telephone on 028 9031 6332.

Dated this 30th day of June 2017



Kevin Shiels
For and on behalf of the Authority