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Ref: CNO/G/TH/247

27<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Dear Mark,

**Re: Single System Operation  
System Operator Agreement (“the Agreement”)**

On behalf of the HP Conveyance Licensees acting in conjunction and co-operation, the above Agreement was submitted on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017 for our approval in compliance with condition 2.17.4 of the Gas Conveyance Licences. The Utility Regulator reviewed the content of the Agreement and it was subsequently revised and re-submitted on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

### **Decision**

The Utility Regulator has completed a review of the Agreement and has determined that it should be approved under Condition 2.17.4, however this approval is dependent upon the removal of the reference to the “Republic of Ireland” in the following definition of “Competent Authority” set out in Part 1 of the Agreement:-

“Competent Authority means any local, national or supra-national agency, authority, department, inspectorate, minister, official, court, tribunal or public or statutory person (whether autonomous or not) of the United Kingdom or, the Republic of Ireland or the European Union which has jurisdiction over the Parties or the subject matter of this Agreement (including, without limitation, NIAUR and Ofgem)”.

The Utility Regulator notes that the following Schedules are not yet completed and would expect that these are submitted to the Utility Regulator for approval by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017:-

Schedule 8 – Stock, UAG and Shrinkage Calculations;  
Schedule 10 – Technical Capacity Register (Forward & VRF);

## Schedule 11 – Network Diagram.

In addition, we note that Schedule 9 is to be updated by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017 and that Schedule 13 is to be updated by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 or such later date as may be agreed between the Parties to the Agreement and the Utility Regulator. We would expect that these Schedules are updated accordingly and submitted to the Utility Regulator for approval as per clause 14.3.4 of the Agreement.

Yours sincerely,



**Tanya Hedley**  
**Director of Compliance and Network Operations**  
**For and on behalf of NIAUR**

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