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Dear Paddy,

Re: Request for Approval of Gas Connection Offer to Belfast Power Limited (BPL)

On 21 November 2019 we¹ received a request, for and on behalf of Belfast Gas Transmission Limited Belfast Power Limited (BGTL), seeking approval for the making of an Initial Connection Offer to BPL. The Initial Connection Offer concerns and reflects a (proposed) offer to connect BPL to the Northern Ireland gas transmission network. The request for approval was sought pursuant to Condition 2.3.10 (b) of BGTL's gas conveyance licence.

We have assessed the request for approval in line with the policy set out in our Gas Regulatory Letter 1 dated 8 May 2015 ("GRL1")². GRL1 makes it clear that while each application for approval for connection to the NI *transmission network* is to be considered on its own merits, it is likely that we would grant a requisite approval only in exceptional cases, where there is, for example, a very large load involving technical reasons for gas to be taken at high pressure.

The Gas Application Form which BPL has submitted to BGTL in relation to BPL's application for connection to the NI gas transmission network confirms that BPL's proposed power station meets the described conditions for the grant of an exceptional approval (the "conditions") of an offer of terms to make such a connection.

We note that the actual provision of the connection for BPL's proposed power station will be subject to conditions defined in BGTL's connection policy; including acceptance of a Final Connection Offer. BGTL should contact us promptly should there be any material difference between the terms of the Initial Connection Offer and any proposed Final Connection Offer:

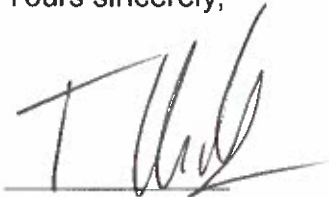
¹In this letter we use the word "we", "us", "our" and "UR" interchangeably to mean the Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation.

² https://www.uregni.gov.uk/sites/uregni.gov.uk/files/media-files/2015-05-08_GRL1_Amended.pdf

being any difference that might reasonably call into question the continued applicability of the stated conditions

We hereby grant the requested approval for BGTL to provide a connection offer to BPL to connect to the NI gas transmission network.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T Hedley', written over a horizontal line.

Tanya Hedley
Network Director
For and on behalf of the UR

cc: Marcus McFarlane