

Mr Stephen English Belfast Gas Transmission Ltd (BGTL), First Floor, The Area Building, 85 Ormeau Road, Belfast, BT7 1SH

18<sup>th</sup> May 2015

Dear Stephen

## Re: BGTL Code Modification Proposal 12

Thank you for your recent submission of the Final Modification Report in respect of the above named modification. The modification covers the implementation of the Capacity Allocation Mechanism (CAM) Regulation (EU 981/2013) which defines the gas day as operating from 05:00 to 05:00 the following day.

The Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation (NIAUR) has considered the issues raised by this modification and the FMR.

## **BGTL** conclusion

BGTL states in its FMR that the relevant objective (condition 2.4 of the BGTL Licence), would be better facilitated by the Licensee's Network Code as a result of this modification.

## Authority review and conclusions

We note that one third party representation was received by BGTL during the consultation period from Phoenix Natural Gas Ltd. Consequently some minor amendments have been made pertaining to the transitional arrangements.

As noted in the equivalent PTL Code Mod 29, UR has held discussions with the DNOs about the impact of the NIED project, including the gas day change, on their businesses. The DNOs intend to propose a modification to their respective codes to deal with the change in the gas day and discussions are ongoing with the UR as to the treatment of these costs.

Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation Queens House, 10-14 Queen Street, BELFAST, BT1 6ED T: +44 (0) 28 9031 1575 F: +44 (0) 28 9031 1740 We have also considered whether the modification would better facilitate the 'relevant objective' as defined in your gas conveyance licence – Condition 2.4.1.

Accordingly, we have concluded that the modifications proposed should be made.

## Decision

As provided for in condition 2.4.7(c) of the BGTL licence we direct BGTL to implement the modifications set out in the FMR submitted on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2015.

The modifications should be implemented on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2015. You should note that we may use the relevant powers to make changes consistent with our statutory duties in future as we believe appropriate.

Yours sincerely

Tanya Hedley

For and on behalf of NIAUR