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**Minutes of meeting of Northern Ireland Authority for Energy Regulation**

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The Fifth meeting of the Northern Ireland Authority Regulation took place on 3 October 2003. The topics discussed included the following:

Gas Issues – the mutualisation of SNIP and the financial restructuring of Phoenix Gas; it was agreed that the Chairman could take both matters forward on behalf of the Authority.

Power Station West – the proposed demolition process which required to be undertaken in an economic and effective way.

2004 Electricity Market Issues – it was noted that a Market Opening Steering Group had been appointed to oversee the implementation of the 2004 non-domestic market opening.

Work Plan – the draft NIAER Work Plan was discussed and suggestions made as to the issues to be covered in it.

Other topics which were discussed included the provision of legal services for Ofreg with effect from 1 April 2004; dates for future Authority meetings; and the DETI Energy Strategy paper. A presentation on North South Electricity Market Issues was undertaken by NERA, consultants, who had been appointed to assess the effects of ROI moving to a Locational Marginal Prices Market and how NI should respond.

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