

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE NORTHERN IRELAND AUTHORITY FOR UTILITY REGULATION (THE 'AUTHORITY') HELD ON THURSDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 2017 IN NEWRY AT 11.00 A.M.

Present:

Bill Emery (Chairman), Bill Cargo, Teresa Perchard, Jon Carlton, Alex Wiseman, Richard Rodgers, Jenny Pyper (Chief Executive)

In attendance:

SMT – Kevin Shiels, Tanya Hedley, Donald Henry, Jo Aston, Roisin McLaughlin, John Mills, Greg Irwin.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 None

1.2 The meeting was convened to consider three agenda items on the same day as the Board Advisory Forum meeting was taking place.

2. FIRE DRILL

2.1 The board members were notified of the evacuation procedures which apply in the event of a fire.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3.1 None.

4. POSTALISED TARIFF SETTING – GAS CONVEYANCE LICENCE MODIFICATIONS

4.1 Tanya Hedley introduced this item relating to proposals to modify gas conveyance licences such that the postalised gas transmission tariff is published prior to 31 May each year. A copy of the marked up licence modifications were provided to the board.

4.2 Board members sought further information on the responses received to the consultation on the proposed licence modifications. The extent of engagement with stakeholders was also clarified.

4.3 With all queries addressed, the board approved the proposed licence modifications as presented.

5. GAS TO THE WEST EARLY FINANCING

5.1 Tanya Hedley briefed the board on this information paper on the West Transmission Ltd proposal to raise early financing prior to the construction of the Gas to the West pipeline being completed.

5.2 The board noted the information paper and the proposed next steps in the process.

6. BRIEFING FOR BOARD MEETING WITH SGN AND MUTUAL ENERGY

- 6.1 The board received a briefing on the Gas to the West programme in advance of a meeting with the SGN and Mutual Energy that was due to follow after the board meeting.
- 6.2 Board members discussed key elements of the briefing and raised several queries which were addressed.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded at 12.20 p.m.