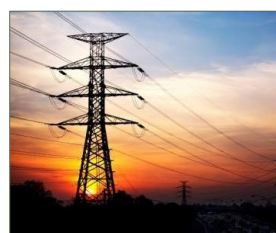


Decision paper on Vayu Limited's Electricity Supply Licence modification

07 October 2015



About the Utility Regulator

The Utility Regulator is the independent non-ministerial government department responsible for regulating Northern Ireland's electricity, gas, water and sewerage industries, to promote the short and long-term interests of consumers.

We are not a policy-making department of government, but we make sure that the energy and water utility industries in Northern Ireland are regulated and developed within ministerial policy as set out in our statutory duties.

We are governed by a Board of Directors and are accountable to the Northern Ireland Assembly through financial and annual reporting obligations.

We are based at Queens House in the centre of Belfast. The Chief Executive leads a management team of directors representing the markets, networks and corporate affairs functional areas of the organisation. The staff team includes economists, engineers, accountants, utility specialists, legal advisors and administration professionals.

Our Mission

Value and sustainability in energy and water.

Our Vision

We will make a difference for consumers by listening, innovating and leading.

Our Values

Be a best practice regulator: transparent, consistent, proportional, accountable, and targeted.

Be a united team.

Be collaborative and co-operative.

Be professional.

Listen and explain.

Make a difference.

Act with integrity.

MODIFICATION OF VAYU LIMITED'S ELECTRICITY SUPPLY LICENCE

In August 2015 we issued a notification in pursuance of our powers under Article 14(1) of the Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 (as amended) related to the modification of the Vayu Limited's financial year on their Electricity Supply Licence.

This modification was based on Vayu Limited's letter, submitted to us on 8 July 2015, requesting the alignment of the financial year set in Condition 2.2 on their electricity supply licence (which is the period from 01 April to 31 March the following year), to their own statutory financial year, (which is the period 01 January to 31 December).

When analysing the request made, we considered that the relevant modification of the licence would be an appropriate course of action and would facilitate the preparation of the financial statements and any audit adjustments. Also, we considered that the modification would not have any effects on any other energy supplier or on the Northern Ireland retail energy market.

As part of the process of licence modification, we sent a copy of the notice published on 12 August 2015 to Vayu Limited, and to the Department of Enterprise Trade and Investment.

The purpose of this notice was to bring the modification to the attention of persons likely to be affected by it, and to invite representations or objections in connection thereto. We did not receive any representations or objections related to this notification.

Therefore, existing paragraph 2 in Condition 2 of the electricity supply licence for Vayu Limited, shall be substituted as follows, with effect from 01 January 2016:

"The first financial year of the Licensee shall run from the date this Condition comes into force to **31 March 2012**. Thereafter each financial year of the Licensee shall run from **01 January** to the following **31 December**."

Dated this 07 day of October 2015



Kevin Shiels

For and on behalf of the Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation