

Decision paper on SSE Airtricity Gas Supply Limited's Gas Supply Licence modification

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Modification of SSE Airtricity Gas Supply Limited's Gas Supply Licence

In August 2015 we issued a [notification](#) in pursuance of our powers under Article 14(1) of the Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (as amended). This notification related to the modification of licence condition 1.2 of the SSE Airtricity Gas Supply Limited's (SSE Airtricity).

This modification was based on SSE Airtricity's request to us to align the financial year set in Condition 1.2 of their gas supply licence (which is the period from 01 January to 31 December), to their own statutory financial year, which is the period 01 April to the following 31 March.

When analysing the request, we considered that the relevant modification of the licence would be an appropriate course of action. 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 SSE Airtricity, 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 1.2.1 in Condition 1.2 of the gas supply licence for SSE Airtricity shall be substituted as follows, with effect from 01 January 2016:

“For the purposes of this Condition the first financial year of the Licensee shall run from the date of the Grant to 31st December 2007. Thereafter each financial year of the Licensee shall run from 1st April to the following 31st March.”

Dated this 21st day of October 2015



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