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Dear Sean

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the consultation on the Utility Regulator's (UR) proposed licence modifications for the Gas Supplier of Last Resort (SoLR) requirements.

Firmus energy has been actively engaged with the UR and industry stakeholders throughout the development of the arrangements and welcomes the clarity that the agreed arrangements have now brought to the application of the Gas (Supplier of Last Resort) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009.

The information paper published to support the consultation provides an important update to the UR's previous decision paper, published in June 2012. It also highlights some important areas for future consideration. Firmus energy will continue to engage with UR and industry stakeholders to work through the areas highlighted to ensure that the arrangements are fit for purpose.

Given that industry participants have been engaged in the SoLR project for a significant period of time and that important decisions have been made throughout this process, firmus energy would ask that future developments are mindful of the decisions (and the reasons for them) made to date. Firmus energy would also ask that timelines for the delivery of the next phase of the SoLR project are given careful consideration to ensure that all participants are in a position to engage fully in the process.

We trust our response is helpful and we look forward to continued involvement in the next phase of the SoLR project.

Yours sincerely



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