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Our ref: CNO/G/TH/435

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Dear Lisa,

**Re: firmus energy (firmus) Distribution Network Code Modification 008**

Thank you for your recent submission of the Modification Report in relation to the above named proposal. The report sets out the purpose of the proposed modification as follows:-

- To introduce a definition of a Supplier of Last Resort (SoLR) and the arrangements to be applied following the appointment of a SoLR.
- To amend the text of the Distribution Network Code to include electronic means of communication;
- To reference the new Data Protection Legislation;
- To amend incorrect references in the Code text;
- To update the Gas Entry Conditions to align with the Gas Safety (Management) Regulations and the Northern Ireland Network Gas Transmission Code (NINGTC).

**UR consideration of the Modification Report**

The Utility Regulator (**the UR**) has considered the content of the Modification Report including firmus' conclusion that the proposed modification meets the 'relevant objective' in Condition 2.4 of the firmus licence. We also note that there were no responses received by firmus during the consultation period.

**Decision**

Having considered whether the proposal would better facilitate the 'relevant objective' the UR deems it appropriate for the modification to be implemented.

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**The UR now gives the following Direction:**

Pursuant to condition 2.4.7(c) of the firmus licence the UR directs firmus to implement the modifications as set out in the Modification Report dated 10<sup>th</sup> August 2018. The modifications should become effective on the date set out in the Modification Report.

Yours sincerely,



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**Tanya Hedley**  
**Director of Compliance and Network Operations**  
**For and on behalf of NIAUR**