

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 8 (4) OF THE GAS (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1996.

The Northern Ireland Authority for Energy Regulation (hereafter referred to as 'the Authority') pursuant to Article 8 (1) (c) of the Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 hereby gives notice as follows:

1. The Authority proposes to grant the following licence to Bord Gáis Eireann:
 - a) A licence for the supply of gas within the boundaries of the Ballylumford and Coolkeeragh Power Stations.
2. The Authority considers that the granting of this licence will promote the development of the gas industry in Northern Ireland, facilitate competition and in turn protect the interests of electricity consumers through the provision of an alternative supplier of natural gas to these Power Stations.
3. Copies of the licence will be available from the Ofreg web site (<http://ofreg.nics.gov.uk>) and from Samuel Connolly at the Office for the Regulation of Electricity and Gas, Queens House, 14 Queens Street, Belfast, BT1 6ER.
4. Representations or objections with respect to the proposed licences may be made on or before Friday 20th January 2006 to the Authority at the same address.