

**Notice of extension to the gas supply licence held  
by firmus Energy (supply) Limited**

**29 September 2016**



# 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 each of the key functional areas in the organisation: Corporate Affairs; Electricity; Gas; Retail and Social; and Water. 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, proportionate, accountable, and targeted.

Be a united team.

Be collaborative and co-operative.

Be professional.

Listen and explain.

Make a difference.

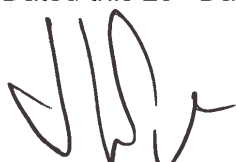
Act with integrity.

## NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 8(6) OF THE GAS (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1996

Pursuant to Article 8(6) of The Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 ("the Order") the Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation ("the Authority"), hereby gives notice as follows:

- 1) The Authority, in accordance with Article 8(2)(a) of the Order, has granted an extension to the licence to supply gas (the "licence") held by firmus Energy Supply Limited (the "Licensee") by increasing the authorised area of the licence.
- 2) The authorised area is set out in Schedule 1 of the licence and this area has been extended to include the West Area. The West Area is the Licensed Area within Schedule 1 of the licence granted to Scotia Gas Networks Northern Ireland Ltd<sup>1</sup>.
- 3) The extension will allow the Licensee an opportunity to supply gas to customers within the West Area when the network in the West Area has been developed.
- 4) The Authority considered that granting the extension was an appropriate course of action for it to take as such grant is in keeping with the Authority's principal statutory objective in that it promotes the development and maintenance of an efficient, economic and co-ordinated gas industry in Northern Ireland.
- 5) On 26 August 2016, the Authority published notice<sup>2</sup>, under Article 8(4) of the Order, of its intention to extend the licence. The Authority asked for any representations or objections with respect to the proposed extension to be made on or before 26 September 2016. No responses were received.
- 6) A copy of the extended Schedule 1 of the licence is appended to this notice. The consolidated licence is also available to view on our website.
- 7) The Authority has served a copy of this notice on the licensee and sent a copy to the Department for the Economy (DfE). The Authority has also sent a copy of this notice to the Consumer Council.
- 8) To request a hard copy of this notice, or the licence, contact Karen Wilson at Utility Regulator, Queens House, 14 Queen Street, Belfast, BT1 6ED, or by telephone on 028 9031 1575, or by email at [karen.wilson@uregni.gov.uk](mailto:karen.wilson@uregni.gov.uk).

Dated this 29<sup>th</sup> Day of September 2016



**Jenny Pyper**

**For and on behalf of the Authority**

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<sup>1</sup> Scotia Gas Networks Northern Ireland Ltd changed its company name to SGN Natural Gas Limited on 22 April 2015.

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.uregni.gov.uk/news/ur\\_consults\\_on\\_extension\\_to\\_the\\_gas\\_supply\\_licence\\_held\\_by\\_firmus\\_energy\\_su](http://www.uregni.gov.uk/news/ur_consults_on_extension_to_the_gas_supply_licence_held_by_firmus_energy_su)

# Annex 1 – extract from firmus Energy (Supply) Ltd gas supply licence showing extension

## SCHEDULE 1

### Designated Area and Premises

1 The premises designated as a term of the licence in this Schedule 1 are any person or premises:

(a) in the Greater Belfast Area; and

(a)(b) in the West Area.

2 In this Schedule:

“Greater Belfast Area” means the Licensed Area within Schedule 1 of the Phoenix Conveyance Licence;

“Phoenix Conveyance Licence” means the Licence for the Conveyance of Gas granted to Phoenix Natural Gas Limited by the Authority pursuant to Article 8(1)(a) of the Order.

“Scotia Gas Networks Conveyance Licence” means the Licence for the Conveyance of Gas granted to Scotia Gas Networks Northern Ireland Ltd by the Authority pursuant to Article 8(1)(a) of the Order;

“West Area” means the Licensed Area within Schedule 1 of the Scotia Gas Networks Conveyance Licence.