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Dear Eimear

Consultation on Prepayment Gas Meters in Northern Ireland

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Utility Regulator's consultation on Prepayment Gas Meters in Northern Ireland. This response is on behalf of Phoenix Natural Gas Ltd (PNG).

PNG agrees with the removal of the cap on Pay As You Go (PAYG) meters in our current licence and the firmus energy conveyance licence.

Evidence over the years has shown that PAYG meters are very popular with all types of consumers and your proposal will enable PNG to facilitate all requests for PAYG meters and will eliminate the potential need to determine who should and who should not receive them if the current cap remained. This will also ensure that consumers have the option of paying for their gas via PAYG if they so wish.

If you have any queries regarding our response, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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