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Dear Paul

**Inquiry into Price Control Conditions for Northern Ireland Electricity Limited – (Ref: PWJ/EXTENSION)**

Thank you for your letter dated 16 August 2013. We note that the Competition Commission has requested an extension under Article 15A(3) of The Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 (the Order) to the six month period specified in our reference of 30 April 2013 as the period within which it is required to make its report.

In accordance with the original reference the final report was therefore due to be made by no later than Tuesday 29 October 2013. We note that the request is to extend the period for making the report such that it will instead expire on Tuesday 29 April 2014.

The Utility Regulator has considered the reasons for the request set out in your letter, and is satisfied that they constitute special reasons why the report cannot be made within the period specified in the reference. It has therefore determined, in accordance with Article 15A(3) of the Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992, to extend that period such that it will now expire on Tuesday 29 April 2014.

We note from your letter, that the Inquiry Group does not intend to use the full 6 months extension, but intends to publish the provisional findings by the end of October 2013 and the final determination by the end of December 2013.

Please accept this letter as formal notice of that extension. A revised administrative timetable should be published on the Commissions website. The Utility Regulator will also publish notice of the extension, and send a copy of what is published to NIE T&D, in compliance with its duty under Article 15A(3) of The Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992. A copy of this notice will also be sent to DETI and the Consumer Council for Northern Ireland.

I trust this is clear, but if you have any further queries please feel free to me.

Yours sincerely

  
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Director of Electricity. For and on behalf of the Authority.

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