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Dear Karen,

Notice to extend the licence to supply gas held by Flogas Natural Gas Limited to the “West Area”

Thank you for providing the opportunity to comment on the proposed modifications to the Flogas Supply Licence to cover the “West Area” as set out in Schedule 1 of our conveyance licence.

I can confirm we are supportive of proposals to extend the Flogas licence. Natural gas suppliers have a crucial role to play in competitive market arrangements in Northern Ireland and participation will be essential to secure the delivery of the wide range of benefits set out for Gas to the West, namely:

- Greater customer choice and convenience
- Lower energy bills
- Environmental benefits associated with a cleaner fuel relative to coal and oil
- Improved business competitiveness
- Increased employment and development opportunities

In terms of legal drafting the only comment we would make is that references to Scotia Gas Networks should be SGN Natural Gas Limited following a change in company name on 22nd April 2015.

Following close of this consultation we would appreciate further discussion on next steps and expected timescales for completing the extension process.

Yours sincerely,

Beverley Grubb
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