

**THE NORTHERN IRELAND AUTHORITY FOR UTILITY REGULATION**

**NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 14(2) OF THE ELECTRICITY (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1992  
(AS AMENDED)**

**MODIFICATIONS PROPOSED TO THE LICENCE HELD BY SONI LTD AUTHORISING IT TO  
PARTICIPATE IN THE TRANSMISSION OF ELECTRICITY**

The Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation (hereafter referred to as the **Authority**) hereby gives notice under Article 14(2) of the Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 (as amended and hereafter referred to as the **Order**) as follows:

1. It proposes to modify the licence granted to SONI Ltd (the **Licensee**) under Article 10(1)(b) of the Order authorising it to participate in the transmission of electricity (the **Licence**).
2. The proposed modifications are to the Charges Restrictions as set out in Annex 1 of the Licence.
3. The modifications proposed are shown in redline and strikethrough in the proposed revised version of Annex 1, included as an Appendix to the document entitled "SONI TSO Price Control Changes Draft Decision" (the **Draft Decision**) – which is published on the same date as this notice and can be accessed from the Authority's website at <https://www.uregni.gov.uk/consultations>
4. The effect of the proposed modifications will be to:
  - (a) alter the total amount of revenue that the Licensee can recover in respect of its transmission system operator business for the price control period 2015-2020 to take account of amended allowances for that price control period for pension deficit costs and ongoing pension contributions costs in respect of the Licensee's Defined Benefit Scheme; and
  - (b) provide for the Authority to determine, without having been requested to do so by the Licensee, that there is a relevant change of law and determine an allowed amount in respect of any such relevant change of law.
5. The reasons why the Authority proposes to modify the Licence are to:
  - (a) ensure that the total amount of revenue that the Licensee can recover in the 2015-2020 price control period reflects relevant and appropriate costs likely to be incurred by the Licensee in respect of pension deficit and ongoing pension contributions relating to the Defined Benefit Scheme; and
  - (b) ensure that there is asymmetry in the current provisions relating to changes of law which may impact on the total amount of revenue that the Licensee can recover in the 2015-2020 price control period.

in each case as explained in more detail in the Draft Decision.

6. Representations or objections with respect to the proposed modifications may be made on or before 14 September 2017 to:

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7. The Authority has, under and in accordance with Article 14(4) of the Order, sent a copy of this notice (together with the Draft Decision) to the Licensee, the Department for the Economy and the General Consumer Council for Northern Ireland.

Dated this 16th day of August 2017

Jenny Pyper

For and on behalf of the Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation

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