

Mr James Burchill  
Chair SOA Steering Committee  
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Ref: NET/G/TH/108

30 May 2019

Dear James,

**Re: System Operator Agreement (SOA)**

On behalf of the HP Conveyance Licensees acting in conjunction and co-operation, a revised SOA along with the following updated Schedules were submitted on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 to the Utility Regulator (the UR) for approval:-

- Schedule 8 – Stock, UAG and Shrinkage in the NI Network;
- Schedule 9 - Joint Procedure for Balancing the Northern Ireland Network;
- Schedule 10 – Technical Capacity Register and;
- Schedule 11 – Network Diagram.

Your letter advised that these revisions are for the purpose of incorporating the new Gas to the West (GTTW) pipeline to be operated by West Transmission Ltd (WTL), which connects to the GNI (UK) system at Derryhale.

**Decision**

The UR has completed a review of the revised SOA and Schedules and has determined that they should be approved under Condition 2.17 of the Gas Conveyance Licences. With regards to Schedule 9, we note the commitment from GNI (UK) and MEL to consult with industry by August 2019 on the network balancing trigger pressures. We understand that the current trigger pressures are subject to the outcome of this consultation. We would be grateful to receive a copy of the workplan on this once it has been finalised.

As per previous correspondence dated 2 August 2018, this is not a complete approval of the SOA as Schedule 13 remains outstanding.

For any future amendments to the SOA or the Schedules to it, we would be grateful to receive the documents with the changes clearly marked using Microsoft Word. This serves to expedite the review and approval process.

Yours sincerely,



**Tanya Hedley**

**Networks Director  
For and on behalf of NIAUR**

Cc Aidan Bugler and Brian Mullins (GNI); Stephen Hemphill & Gerard McIlroy (MEL) and Mark Raphael (GMO)

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