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Dear Nicola

Ref: Article 14(2) Notice Modifications Proposed to Power NI Energy Ltd's Electricity Supply Licence

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this Article 14(2) notice in respect of the proposed modifications to Power NI's electricity supply licence.

The Consumer Council deems as prudent the UR decision to extend the current Power NI price control for a further two years on account of the uncertainty that I-SEM is likely to cause on Power NI's costs.

Based on the information that the UR has provided to The Consumer Council, we believe that the extended Power NI price control will be beneficial for NI consumers.

With regards to the process leading up to the publication of this notice, we appreciate that the Power NI price control framework remains unchanged and that the extension only required the UR to scrutinize cost outliers. However, we note that

the UR issued a public consultation before deciding to extend the previous Power NI Price Control. The Consumer Council is of the opinion that in the pursuit of transparency and consumer trust the UR should have facilitated a similar consultation process before issuing this notice.

I hope you find our submission useful. You can contact me on 28 9025 1645 if you wish to discuss any aspect of my response.

Yours sincerely

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