

Notice of Proposed Modification to the Gas Supply Licence held by Flogas Natural Gas Limited

14 December 2015



About the Utility Regulator

The Utility Regulator is the independent non-ministerial government department responsible for regulating Northern Ireland's electricity, gas, water and sewerage industries, to promote the short and long-term interests of consumers.

We are not a policy-making department of government, but we make sure that the energy and water utility industries in Northern Ireland are regulated and developed within ministerial policy as set out in our statutory duties.

We are governed by a Board of Directors and are accountable to the Northern Ireland Assembly through financial and annual reporting obligations.

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Value and sustainability in energy and water.

Our Vision

We will make a difference for consumers by listening, innovating and leading.

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Be collaborative and co-operative.

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Listen and explain.

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Act with integrity.

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 14(3) OF THE GAS (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1996

In pursuance of its powers under Article 14(1) of the Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (as amended) (the “**Order**”) and having obtained the consent of the Licensee, the Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation (hereafter referred to as the “**Authority**”) hereby gives notice under Article 14(3) as follows:

- 1 The Authority proposes to modify the gas supply [licence](#) (the “**Licence**”) held by Flogas Natural Gas Limited (the “**Licensee**”), a company established in Northern Ireland and having its principal place of business at Airport Road West Sydenham, Belfast, BT3 9ED.
- 2 The proposed modification is to amend the financial year in condition 1.2 of the licence. The financial year in the licence currently runs from 1 January to 31 December each year. The proposed modification will change the financial year to run from 1 April to the following 31 March.
- 3 The reason for the proposed modifications is to align the financial year in the licence to Flogas Natural Gas Limited’s own statutory financial year. The modification is being proposed following a written request from the licensee.
- 4 The Authority considers that the proposed modification of the licence would be an appropriate course of action in order to align the financial year with the licensee’s own statutory reporting period of 1 April to 31 March.
- 5 The Authority considers that the proposed modification will not have any effect on any other energy supplier or on the Northern Ireland retail energy market.
- 6 The proposed modification is set out below.

In Condition 1.2 of the licence, existing paragraph 1.2.1 shall be substituted as follows:

“1.2.1 Financial years

For the purposes of this Condition the first financial year of the Licensee shall run from the date of the Grant to 31st December 2014. Thereafter each financial year of the Licensee shall run from 1st April to the following 31st March.”

- 7 The purpose of this notice is to bring the proposed modification to the attention of persons likely to be affected by it, and to invite representations or objections in connection thereto. In line with Article 14(3) of the Order, any representations

or objections with respect to the proposed modification may be made on or before 18TH January 2016 to:

Karen Wilson
Utility Regulator
Queens House
14 Queen Street
Belfast, BT1 6ED
Email: karen.wilson@uregni.gov.uk

- 8 The Authority has, pursuant to Article 14(4) of the Order, served a copy of this notice on the licensee and sent a copy to the Department of Enterprise Trade and Investment. The Authority has also sent a copy of this notice to the Consumer Council.
- 9 A copy of the proposed modification can be obtained in hard copy from Karen Wilson at the contact details provided above.

Dated this 14TH day of December 2015



Kevin Shiels

For and on behalf of the Authority