Notice of decision to modify the electricity supply licence held by Project Plug Limited t/a Click Energy

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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.

We are based at Queens House in the centre of Belfast. The Chief Executive leads a management team of directors representing each of the key functional areas in the organisation: Corporate Affairs, Markets and Networks. The staff team includes economists.

Our mission
To protect the short- and long-term interests of consumers of electricity, gas and water.

Our vision
To ensure value and sustainability in energy and water.

Our values
- Be a best practice regulator: transparent, consistent, proportionate, accountable and targeted.
- Be professional – listening, explaining and acting with integrity.
- Be a collaborative, co-operative and learning team.
- Be motivated and empowered to make a difference.
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 14(8) OF THE ELECTRICITY (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1992

In accordance with Article 14(2) of the Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 (as amended) (the “Order”) the Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation (the “Authority”) published a notice (the “Consultation Notice”) of its intentions to modify the electricity supply licence (the “Licence”) held by Project Plug Limited t/a Click Energy (the “Licensee”).

Following the Consultation Notice, the Authority has decided to proceed with the making of the modifications of the conditions of the Licence in exercise of its powers under Article 14(1) of the Order.

In accordance with Article 14(8) of the Order the Authority gives notice as follows:

1. The modification will amend the financial year in condition 2.2 of the Licence. The financial year (as set out in condition 2.2 of the Licence) currently runs from 01 January to the following 31 December each year. The modification will change the financial year to run from 01 April to 31 March.

2. The reason for the modification is to align the company’s accounting period to match that of the ROC payment cycle. The modification was proposed following receipt by the Authority of a written request from the Licensee seeking the proposed modification to its Licence.

3. The Authority considers that the modification will not have any effect on any other energy supplier, or on the Northern Ireland retail energy market more generally.

4. The proposed modification is set out below.

Condition 2.2 of the licence shall be substituted as follows:

“The first financial year of the Licensee shall run from the date this Condition comes into force to 31 December 2015 and thereafter each financial year of the Licensee shall run from 01 April to the following 31 March”.

5. In accordance with Article 14(5) of the Order, the Authority is required to consider any representations duly made. The Authority did not receive and representations or objections in the minimum 28 days from the date the Consultation Notice was published.
6. The Authority will therefore proceed with the modification as detailed at paragraph 4 above. The modification will take effect from 07 August 2020 (date must not be less than 56 days from the date of publication of this Notice).

7. The Authority has, pursuant to Article 14(8) of the Order, published this decision on its website and sent a copy of this notice to the Licensee. In addition, a copy has been sent to the Department for the Economy and the General Consumer Council for Northern Ireland.

8. A copy of the proposed modification can be obtained in hard copy from John Magill at:

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Dated this 08 June 2020

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For and on behalf of the Authority

CC: Click Energy

The Department for the Economy

The General Consumer Council for Northern Ireland