MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE NORTHERN IRELAND AUTHORITY FOR UTILITY REGULATION (THE ‘AUTHORITY’) HELD ON THURSDAY, 24 AUGUST 2017 IN QUEENS HOUSE, BELFAST AT 10.30 A.M.

Present:
Bill Emery (Chairman), Bill Cargo, Teresa Perchard, Jon Carlton, Alex Wiseman, Jenny Pyper (Chief Executive)

In attendance:
SMT – Kevin Shiels, Brian McHugh, Donald Henry, Jo Aston, Greg Irwin.

Roisin McLaughlin (agenda item 3), Neil Bingham (agenda item 4), Karen McConnell, Liz Wilkin

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
1.1 Richard Rodgers, Tanya Hedley

1.2 The meeting was convened to consider two agenda items on the same day as the Board Advisory Forum meeting was taking place.

2. FIRE DRILL
2.1 The board members were informed of the evacuation procedures which apply at Queens House in the event of a fire.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
3.1 None.

4. JUDICIAL REVIEW UPDATE
4.1 Roisin McLaughlin provided an update on a Judicial Review of Ofgem relating to the NIRO.

4.2 Board members clarified legal and timing arrangements for the Judicial Review and endorsed the defence of the litigation on the NIRO JR should that be considered necessary as the proceedings progress.

5. NIEN AND SONI LICENCE MODIFICATIONS ON CONNECTIONS
5.1 Neil Bingham introduced this item which sought the board’s approval for modifications to the NIEN and SONI licences. A copy of the detail of the modifications were provided.

5.2 Board members clarified the scope and impact of the proposed modifications.

5.3 The board approved the licence modifications with any necessary small changes as required, including the necessary flexibility over the date of implementation.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.