



# Notice of grant of gas supply licence to Electricity Supply Board (ESB)

27 January 2020



## 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, engineers, accountants, utility specialists, legal advisors and administration professionals.



### 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.



## Abstract

This paper sets out the UR's decision to grant a gas supply licence to Electricity Supply Board (ESB).

## Audience

This document is likely to be of interest to regulated companies in the energy industry, government and other statutory bodies and consumer groups with an interest in the energy industry.

## Consumer impact

It is not anticipated that there will be any end-consumer impact as a result of granting this licence



## **NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 8(6) OF THE GAS (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1996**

The Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation (“the Authority”) hereby gives notice as follows:

- 1) The Authority, in accordance with Article 8(6) of the Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (“the Order”), has granted a licence to supply gas (the “Licence”) to Electricity Supply Board (the “Licensee”).
- 2) On 18 December 2019, the Authority published a notice<sup>1</sup>, pursuant to Article 8(4) of the Order, of its intention to grant the licence. The Authority asked for any representations or objections with respect to the proposal to grant a gas supply licence to be made on or before 24 January 2020. We did not receive any responses.
- 3) The gas supply licence is available to view on our website.
- 4) The Authority has sent a copy of this notice to the Licensee, the Department for the Economy and the Consumer Council for Northern Ireland.
- 5) To request a hard copy of this notice, or the licence, contact Charlene Small at Utility Regulator, Queens House, 14 Queen Street, Belfast, BT1 6ED, or by telephone on 028 9031 6354, or by email at [Charlene.Small@uregni.gov.uk](mailto:Charlene.Small@uregni.gov.uk).

Dated this 27 day of January 2020

Kevin Shiels  
Director Retail & Consumer Protection

**For and on behalf of the Authority**

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<sup>1</sup> Notice to consult on new gas supply licence to ESB <https://www.uregni.gov.uk/news-centre/consultation-new-gas-supply-licence-electricity-supply-board-esb>