

Lobbyist

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**Gas Networks Ireland**

**20 Jan, 2017**

Public Policy Area

Relevant Matter

Period

**Energy and Natural Resources Public policy or programme 1 Sep, 2016 to 31 Dec, 2016**

Specific Details

Results you intend to secure

**Meeting held with Ministers Denis Naughten and Seán Canney on 7/9/16. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the potential of extending the natural gas network to Athenry & Longford towns. The benefits of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) and Renewable gas were also discussed. Following this meeting, a detailed submission was made to Minister Naughten and DCCAE on funding requirements for Mains Infill, Gas Corridors, CNG and Renewable Gas in October. Refer to targeted lobbying activities text**

**Receive support in relation to policy and support for the expansion of the natural gas network through Infill and Gas Corridors, the development of CNG and Renewable Gas and the need for recognition of the role the gas network can play in a low carbon economy.**

Name of person primarily responsible for lobbying on this activity

**Denis O'Sullivan (Head of Commercial) and Liam O'Sullivan (MD)**

Is or was there any Designated Public Officials or former Designated Public Officials who carried out lobbying activities related to this return on your behalf?

**No**

Are you managing or directing a grass roots campaign?

What is the directive you gave to the grassroots campaigners?

**No**

Was this lobbying done on behalf of a client?

**No**

Lobbying activity

**Meeting (2-5)**

**Meeting held on 7th September with Denis Naughten and Seán Canney, attended by Liam O'Sullivan and Denis O'Sullivan. Referred to in Specific details.**

**Meeting held on 13th December with Denis Naughten and Ross Elwood, attended by Denis O'Sullivan. The cost of extending the natural gas network to Longford town was presented.**

**Submission (2-5)**

**A detailed submission on funding requirements for Mains Infill, Gas corridors, CNG and Renewable Gas was made to Minister Naughten and his department (DCCAE). Additional written submissions were made in October to Minister Naughten and Minister Canney on gas to Longford and Athenry. The submissions were made by Denis O'Sullivan.**

**Phone call (1)**

**There was a follow up discussion between Denis O'Sullivan and Ross Elwood on the submissions made in October. There was further follow up with the DCCAE in the form of 2 calls and an email regarding the cost and environmental benefits of connecting Longford to the natural gas network.**

Designated public officials lobbied

**Denis Naughten**

Minister

Department of Communications, Climate Action & Environment

**Sean Canney**

Minister of State

Department of Public Expenditure and Reform

**Ross Elwood**

Special Advisor

Department of Communications, Climate Action & Environment