

**REGULATION OF LOBBYING - RELEVANT COMMUNICATIONS REGISTER<sup>1</sup>**

Organisation <sup>2</sup>	Period covered by return <sup>3</sup>	Public Policy Area <sup>4</sup>	Relevant Matter <sup>5</sup>	Specific details <sup>6</sup>	Intended Results <sup>7</sup>	Name of person who carried out lobbying <sup>8</sup>	Any DPO's/former DPO's <sup>9</sup> carried out lobbying?	Include Name of former <sup>10</sup> DPO who carried out lobbying - if applicable <sup>11</sup>	Lobbying conducted on behalf of a client? <sup>12</sup>	Name client i.e. individual/organisation <sup>13</sup>	Gas roots <sup>14</sup> Communication?	Mass <sup>15</sup> Communication?	Target of Mass <sup>16</sup> Communication?	Targeted Lobbying Activity Type <sup>17</sup>	Extent of activity <sup>18</sup>	Specifics of activity i.e. location/specific subject <sup>19</sup>	Name of DPO's <sup>20</sup> lobbied <sup>21</sup>
GNI <sup>22</sup>	01/01/16 to 30/04/16 <sup>23</sup>	Energy & Natural Resources <sup>24</sup>	Public Policy or Programme <sup>25</sup>	The role of natural gas in f energy policy <sup>26</sup>	Positive policy treatment towards Natural Gas, Biogas & CHG <sup>27</sup>	Liam O'Sullivan, Padraic O'Connell, Denis O'Sullivan <sup>28</sup>	No <sup>29</sup>	No <sup>30</sup>	No <sup>31</sup>	No <sup>32</sup>	No <sup>33</sup>	No <sup>34</sup>	No <sup>35</sup>	Meeting <sup>36</sup>	1 <sup>37</sup>	Dublin - DCENR Of ices 15/02/16 <sup>38</sup>	Michael Manley f Assistant Secretary, DCENR + others f (Principal Of icers), f Dublin 15/02/16 <sup>39</sup>
GNI <sup>40</sup>	01/01/16 to 30/04/16 <sup>41</sup>	Transport <sup>42</sup>	Matters involving public funds <sup>43</sup>	European Transport Funding <sup>44</sup>	GNI and its project partners submitted a f CEF Transport funding application to INEA f in February. GNI outlined the benefits of f he project in terms of reducing emissions f and meeting the requirements of the f alternative fuels directive. There are 3 f stages to the funding application evaluation process and the final phase may require f input from the Member States. Ensuring f hat the relevant MEPs are aware of the f project may be important to the outcome f the evaluation process. f	Ann Marie Colbert, Rodger O'Connor, Dan Fitzpatrick <sup>45</sup>	No <sup>46</sup>	No <sup>47</sup>	No <sup>48</sup>	No <sup>49</sup>	No <sup>50</sup>	No <sup>51</sup>	No <sup>52</sup>	Meeting <sup>53</sup>	1 <sup>54</sup>	Cork - Deirdre Clune's Of ice 31/03/16 <sup>55</sup>	Deirdre Clune f (MEP) + Political f Aide Laura f McGoigle <sup>56</sup>
GNI <sup>57</sup>	01/01/16 to 30/04/16 <sup>58</sup>	Energy & Natural Resources <sup>59</sup>	Public Policy or Programme <sup>60</sup>	The role of natural gas in f energy policy <sup>61</sup>	DCENR DPO to gain further understanding f natural gas industry <sup>62</sup>	Padraic O'Connell <sup>63</sup>	No <sup>64</sup>	No <sup>65</sup>	No <sup>66</sup>	No <sup>67</sup>	No <sup>68</sup>	No <sup>69</sup>	No <sup>70</sup>	Meeting <sup>71</sup>	1 <sup>72</sup>	DCENR of ice Dublin - 23/04/16 <sup>73</sup>	Michael Manley f Assistant Secretary, DCENR <sup>74</sup>

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Ervia	01/09/16 to 31/12/16	Agriculture	Legislation	Yes	Email		1 All Oireachtas Members
GNI	01/01/16 to 30/04/16	Arts	Matters involving public funds		Informal communication		2 to 5 All TD's
Irish Water	01/05/16 to 31/08/16	Banking & Financial Institutions	Public Policy or Programme		Letter		6 to 10 All Senators
	01/09/16 to 31/12/16	Budgetary Matters	Zoning or development		Phone call		11 to 20 All MEP's
		Children & Youth Affairs			Meeting		21 to 30 All Local Authority Members
		Communications			Virtual meeting		31 to 50 All Councillors
		Community			Conference call		
		Defence			Submission	1 to 1000	100+
		Development & Zoning			Social media		
		Economic Development & Industry			Lobby day		
		Education & Training			Event/reception		
		Employment					
		Energy & Natural Resources					
		Environment					
		EU Affairs					
		Finance					
		Food					
		Foreign Affairs					
		Gaeltacht					
		Health					
		Heritage					
		Housing					
		Justice & Equality					
		Local Government					
		Marine					
		Public Expenditure & Reform					
		Social Protection					
		Sports & Recreation					
		Taxation					
		Tourism					
		Trade					
		Transport					

*Lobbyist*

*Date Published*

**Gas Networks Ireland**

**20 Sep, 2016**

*Public Policy Area*

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**Energy and Natural Resources Public policy or programme 1 May, 2016 to 31 Aug, 2016**

*Specific Details*

*Results you intend to secure*

**Energy Policy and BrExit**

**Raised concerns about the impact of BrExit and enquired as to what DCCAE plans are from an Energy market perspective regarding the United Kingdom's intention to leave the EU.**

*Name of person primarily responsible for lobbying on this activity*

**Padraic O'Connell, Head of Regulation & Corporate Services**

*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*

**Phone call (2-5)**

**A telephone call was made in July with a follow up call taking place in August.**

*Designated public officials lobbied*

**Michael Manley**

*Assistant Secretary*

*Department of Communications, Climate Action & Environment*

*Lobbyist*

*Date Published*

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**Transport**

**Matters involving public funds 1 May, 2016 to 31 Aug, 2016**

*Specific Details*

*Results you intend to secure*

**European Funding - CEF Transport Fund**

**Providing information to Irish MEP's about the CEF funding proposal (The Causeway Study) and requesting support for the proposal**

*Name of person primarily responsible for lobbying on this activity*

**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*

**Letter (1)**

**A letter was sent to MEP's dated the 1st of June.**

*Designated public officials lobbied*

**Deirdre Clune**

*MEP*

*European Parliament*

**Seán Kelly**

*MEP*

*European Parliament*

**Brian Crowley**

*MEP*

*European Parliament*

**Brian Hayes**

*MEP*

*European Parliament*

**Mairead McGuinness**

*MEP*

*European Parliament*

**Nessa Childers**

*MEP*

*European Parliament*

**Marian Harkin**

*MEP*

*European Parliament*

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