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Commission for
Regulation of Utilities

CODE OF OPERATIONS

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS

PURSUANT TO PART F OF THE CODE OF OPERATIONS

CODE MODIFICATION A093 RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS OUTLINE

COMMISSION RATIONALE

Pursuant to Section 13 (1) of the Gas (Interim) (Regulation) Act, 2002, the Commission approves Code Modification A093 '*Renewable Natural Gas Outline*'. This approved modification will come into effect on 21 February 2019. The rationale is set out below.

BRIEF OUTLINE OF THE CODE MODIFICATION

The Code Modification amends the Code of Operations to provide for Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) Entry Points which may be transmission or distribution connected and to facilitate RNG injection into the grid. The modification amends Part A Definitions (include "Renewable Natural Gas", "RNG Delivery Facility", Part D Nominations and Allocations (amend Allocation arrangement), Part E Balancing & Shrinkage (update formula to include RNG), Part H Operations (introduction of RNG Entry Points, allowing for their connection to Transmission and Distribution Systems).

REASONS FOR APPROVAL OF THE CODE MODIFICATION

As it stands, the Code of Operations does not provide for RNG. Therefore, RNG cannot be injected into the natural gas network. The introduction of the amendments outlined above, such as the inclusion of a definition for RNG is one step in the process to allow for the injection of RNG into GNI's Transmission and Distribution Systems. The legal drafting setting out the proposed

changes was circulated to the Code Modification Forum. Shippers were given two-weeks to comment on the proposed changes. No comments were received.

The CRU is in favour of the Proposed Code Modification as it will support the availability of RNG, which will assist in security of supply and allow users of the natural gas network to decrease their carbon intensity and assist Ireland as it moves to a low carbon economy. With the approval of this Code Modification, it is expected that the injection of the first renewable natural gas onto the distribution network will occur at Cush Co. Kildare in the coming weeks.