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NORTHERN IRELAND AUTHORITY
for ENERGY REGULATION

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Dear Michael

Re: Interim Streamlining Modification Proposal

Further to the ongoing discussions that you have had with Ofreg and the other DPOs, and following your final submission today of the above named interim code modification proposal, NIAER grants consent under Condition 2.4.6 of your conveyance licence to the implementation of this code modification proposal with effect 1 February 2007.

This interim modification proposal will be time limited, expiring on 31 March 2007. It is expected that in this time a full and formal consultation will be carried out on the modification proposal which, should it then be approved, will become a permanent modification to the BGE (NI) Transportation Network Code.

In addition NIAER acknowledges receipt today of an unexecuted amended and restated Northern Ireland Network Operators Agreement ("NINOA"). NIAER consents to BGE (NI) operating the Northern Ireland gas transmission network in conjunction with the other DPOs in accordance with this unexecuted document until the earlier of 31 March 2007 or the date a finalized amended and restated NINOA is executed by the DPOs.

Please note that consent granted in this letter does not fetter any future decision from NIAER. If you have any queries please feel free to contact the office.

Yours sincerely

Iain Osborne
For and on behalf of NIAER