

**THE NORTHERN IRELAND AUTHORITY FOR UTILITY REGULATION  
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 14(2) OF THE ELECTRICITY (NORTHERN IRELAND)  
ORDER 1992 (AS AMENDED)**

**MODIFICATIONS PROPOSED TO SONI LIMITED'S ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION  
LICENCE**

The Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation (hereafter referred to as “the **Authority**”) hereby gives notice under Article 14(2) of the Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 (as amended) (hereafter referred to as “the Order”) as follows:

1. It proposes to make modifications to the transmission licence (the “**Licence**”) held by SONI Limited (the “**Licensee**”).
2. The proposed modifications are to reflect :
  - (a) The changes previously issued for consultation on 29 January 2010 excluding those dealing with the price control extant at that time and change to paragraph 14 of Condition 12. These changes are marked in light blue text.
  - (b) The decisions of the SONI Price Control covering the period 2010 to 2015 which are marked in red text. These are contained in Annex 1 and in Condition 9.
  - (c) Clarification and confirmation of the requirements of independence of SONI contained in Condition 12 and Condition 13 which are marked in red text.
  - (d) A new Condition 34 setting out the requirement for a Ten-Year Network Development Plan, which is marked in red text.
3. The reasons for the proposed modifications are set out in
  - (a) the consultation published on the Utility Regulator web site on 29 January 2010 under the title: “Consultation on Licence Modifications for SONI”.
  - (b) the price control paper “SONI Price Control 2010 – 2015 Decision Paper April 2011” published on the Utility Regulator web site on 6 May 2011.
  - (c) To provide clarification on the nature and scope of the requirements for the independence of SONI for as long as it remains under the ownership of Eirgrid plc and the state owned constitutional status of Eirgrid plc remains unchanged, and
  - (d) are required to implement the requirements of Article 22 “Network development and powers to make investment decisions” of Directive 2009/72/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009.
4. The Authority has requested that the Licensee gives its consent to the proposed modifications by no later than 5pm on 21 May 2012.
5. Representations or objections with respect to the proposed modifications may be made on or before 5pm on 21 May 2012 to:

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6. The Authority has, in pursuance to Articles 14(3) and 4 of the Order respectively served a copy of this notice on the Licensee and sent a copy to the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment.
7. Dated this 18 day of April 2012

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For and on behalf of the Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation