

THE NORTHERN IRELAND AUTHORITY FOR UTILITY REGULATION

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 14 (2)

OF THE GAS (NORTHERN IRELAND)

ORDER 1996

**MODIFICATIONS PROPOSED TO LICENCES TO CONVEY GAS
(as set out in paragraph 1)**

The Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation (“the **Authority**”) proposes to modify the conditions of a licence in exercise of its powers under Article 14(1) of the Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (the “**Order**”),

In accordance with Article 14(2) of the Order the Authority gives notice as follows:

1. The Authority proposes to make modifications to the following licences to convey gas, granted under Article 8(a) of the Order:

	Licensee	Address
3	Phoenix Natural gas Limited	197 Airport Road West Belfast BT3 9ED
4	firmus energy (Distribution) Ltd	Units A4 and A5 Kilbegs Business Park Antrim BT41 4LZ
5	SGN Natural Gas Limited	3 rd Floor 83/85 Great Victoria Street Belfast BT2 7AF

2. The proposed modifications are to the conditions of the Licence as set out in section 2 of the Notice and Consultation on Code of Practice for Consumers in Vulnerable Circumstances Licence Modifications Consultation Paper.
3. The actual text of the proposed modifications is as set out in schedule 1 to the notice below (“**schedule 1**”). The original licence text that is being retained is in black, any new text is in red and any original text that is being removed is in red and strikethrough.

4. Details of the proposed modifications are set out in section 2 of the Notice and Consultation on Code of Practice for Consumers in Vulnerable Circumstances Licence Modifications Consultation Paper.
5. The reasons for the proposed modifications are set out in section 2 of the Notice and Consultation on Code of Practice for Consumers in Vulnerable Circumstances Licence Modifications Consultation Paper.
6. The effects for the proposed modifications are set out in section 2 of the Notice and Consultation on Code of Practice for Consumers in Vulnerable Circumstances Licence Modifications Consultation Paper.
7. A copy of the proposed modifications can be viewed during normal office hours, and can be obtained (free of charge) from:

Rachel Strong
The Utility Regulator
Queens House
14 Queen Street Belfast
BT1 6ED
Email: Rachel.Strong@uregni.gov.uk

8. Representations or objections with respect to any or all of the individually proposed modifications may be made **on or before 5pm on 27 June 2024** by writing to or e-mailing to the same address.
9. The Authority has, in accordance with Article 14(4) of the Order, sent a copy of this notice to the Licensees, the Department for Economy (DfE) and also to the General Consumer Council.

Dated this 30 day of May 2024



John French
Chief Executive
For and on behalf of the Utility Regulator

Schedule 1

Proposed licence modifications for gas (distribution) conveyance licences as set out in section 2 of the Notice and Consultation on Code of Practice for Consumers in Vulnerable Circumstances Licence Modifications Consultation Paper.

Condition 2.21: Code of Practice for Consumers in Vulnerable Circumstances

1. The arrangements in the Code of Practice for Consumers in Vulnerable Circumstances shall be applicable to persons occupying domestic premises.
2. The Licensee shall (and shall procure that its agents or sub-contractors shall) comply with the obligations applicable to it under, the Code of Practice for Consumers in Vulnerable Circumstances.
3. The Authority, following consultation with the Licensee, the General Consumer Council and any other person who in the opinion of the Authority is likely to be interested or affected, may from time to time make such modifications to the Code of Practice for Consumer in Vulnerable Circumstances, as the Authority considers are necessary or expedient.
4. In this Condition:

Code of Practice for Consumers in Vulnerable Circumstances

means the relevant document of that name, prepared and published from time to time by the Authority, relating to the activities for protecting consumers in vulnerable circumstances.

Vulnerable or Vulnerability

means 'A consumer is deemed vulnerable when their personal characteristics or circumstances reduce their ability to engage effectively and achieve fair outcomes. A vulnerable consumer is significantly less able to protect or represent their interests and significantly more likely to suffer detrimental impacts on their health, wellbeing or finances'.

Agents or Subcontractors

means any person directly or indirectly authorised to represent the Licensee in its dealings with consumers or other Licensees.