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Dear Paul

Inquiry into Price Control Conditions for Phoenix Natural Gas Limited

Thank you for your letter dated 13 September 2012. We note that the Competition Commission has requested an extension under Article 15A(3) of the Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 to the six month period specified in our reference of 28 March 2012 as the period within which it is required to make its report.

In accordance with the reference the final report is therefore currently due to be made by no later than 28 September 2012. We note that the request is to extend the period for making the report such that it will instead expire on Friday 30 November 2012.

The Utility Regulator has considered the reasons for the request set out in your letter, and is satisfied that they constitute special reasons why the report cannot be made within the period specified in the reference. It has therefore determined, in accordance with Article 15A(3) of the Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996, to extend that period such that it will now expire on Friday 30 November 2012.

Please accept this letter as formal notice of that extension. The Utility Regulator will also publish notice of the extension, and send a copy of what is published to PNGL, in compliance with its duty under Article 15A(5) of the Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996.

I trust this is clear, but if you have any further queries please feel free to contact the Director of Gas, Brian McHugh.

Yours sincerely



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For and on behalf of the Authority