

# Notice of Proposed Modification to the Gas Supply Licence held by Go Power

**7 January 2016** 







### **About the Utility Regulator**

The Utility Regulator is the independent non-ministerial government department responsible for regulating Northern Ireland's electricity, gas, water and sewerage industries, to promote the short and long-term interests of consumers.

We are not a policy-making department of government, but we make sure that the energy and water utility industries in Northern Ireland are regulated and developed within ministerial policy as set out in our statutory duties.

We are governed by a Board of Directors and are accountable to the Northern Ireland Assembly through financial and annual reporting obligations.

We are based at Queens House in the centre of Belfast. The Chief Executive leads a management team of directors representing the markets, networks and corporate affairs functional areas of the organisation. The staff team includes economists, engineers, accountants, utility specialists, legal advisors and administration professionals.

**Our Mission** 

Value and sustainability in energy and water.

Our Vision

We will make a difference for consumers by listening, innovating and leading.

#### Our Values

Be a best practice regulator: transparent, consistent, proportional, accountable, and targeted.

Be a united team.

Be collaborative and co-operative.

Be professional.

Listen and explain.

Make a difference.

Act with integrity.

## NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 14(2) OF THE GAS (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1996

In pursuance of its powers under Article 14(1) of the Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (as amended) (the "**Order**") and having obtained the consent of the Licensee, the Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation (hereafter referred to as the "**Authority**") hereby gives notice under Article 14(2) as follows:

- 1 The Authority proposes to modify the gas supply <u>licence</u> (the "**Licence**") held by Go Power (the "**Licensee**"), a company established in Northern Ireland and having its principal place of business at 16 Churchtown Road, Cookstown, Co Tyrone, BT80 9XD.
- 2 The proposed modification is to amend the financial year in condition 1.2 of the licence. The financial year in the licence currently runs from 1 January to 31 December each year. The proposed modification will change the financial year to run from 1 October to the following 30 September.
- 3 The reason for the proposed modifications is to align the financial year in the licence to Go Power's own statutory financial year. The modification is being proposed following a written request from the licensee.
- 4 The Authority considers that the proposed modification of the licence would be an appropriate course of action in order to align the financial year with the licensee's own statutory reporting period of 1 October to 30 September.
- 5 The Authority considers that the proposed modification will not have any effect on any other energy supplier or on the Northern Ireland retail energy market.
- 6 The proposed modification is set out below.

In Condition 1.2 of the licence, existing paragraph 1.2.1 shall be substituted as follows:

#### "1.2.1 Financial years

For the purposes of this Condition the first financial year of the Licensee shall run from the date of the Grant to 31st December 2014. Thereafter each financial year of the Licensee shall run from 1st October to the following 30<sup>th</sup> September."

7 The purpose of this notice is to bring the proposed modification to the attention of persons likely to be affected by it, and to invite representations or objections in connection thereto. In line with Article 14(3) of the Order, any representations

or objections with respect to the proposed modification may be made on or before 5<sup>TH</sup> February 2016 to:

Karen Wilson Utility Regulator Queens House 14 Queen Street Belfast, BT1 6ED

Email: <a href="mailto:karen.wilson@uregni.gov.uk">karen.wilson@uregni.gov.uk</a>

- 8 The Authority has, pursuant to Article 14(4) of the Order, served a copy of this notice on the licensee and sent a copy to the Department of Enterprise Trade and Investment. The Authority has also sent a copy of this notice to the Consumer Council.
- 9 A copy of the proposed modification can be obtained in hard copy from Karen Wilson at the contact details provided above.

Dated this 7<sup>TH</sup> day of January 2016

**Kevin Shiels** 

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For and on behalf of the Authority