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Ref: CNO/G/TH/239

25th September 2017

Dear Mark,

Re: Single System Operation Agreement (“the Agreement”)

On behalf of the HP Conveyance Licensees acting in conjunction and co-operation, you submitted the Agreement on 7th September 2017 for our approval in compliance with condition 2.17.4 of the Gas Conveyance Licences. The Utility Regulator reviewed the content of the Agreement and it was subsequently revised and re-submitted on 21st September 2017.

Decision

The Utility Regulator has completed a final review of the Agreement and has determined that it should be approved under Condition 2.17.4, however this approval is dependent upon the removal of the reference to the “Republic of Ireland” in the following definition of “Competent Authority” set out in Part 1 of the Agreement:-

“Competent Authority means any local, national or supra-national agency, authority, department, inspectorate, minister, official, court, tribunal or public or statutory person (whether autonomous or not) of the United Kingdom or, the Republic of Ireland or the European Union which has jurisdiction over the Parties or the subject matter of this Agreement (including, without limitation, NIAUR and Ofgem)”.

Yours sincerely,



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For and on behalf of NIAUR

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