

**The Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation**

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In pursuance of its powers under Article 3(1) of the Electricity (Priority Dispatch) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012 (hereafter referred to as the “Regulations”); The Department of Enterprise Trade and Investment has formally requested the Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation (hereafter referred to as the “Authority”) to modify the transmission licence of SONI Limited to comply with the Regulations. The Authority, having given notice of its intention to make the modifications proposed below, has decided to modify the licence issued to SONI under Article 10(1)(b) of the Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 in the following manner:

**Insertion of Condition 9a**

Priority Dispatch of Renewable Generation

1. The Licensee shall comply with the Priority Dispatch Principles.
2. For the purposes of paragraph 1 the Licensee’s obligation to comply with the Priority Dispatch Principles is an obligation to comply with the provisions of the Priority Dispatch Principles in so far as they are applicable to the activities undertaken by the Transmission System Operator Business.
3. The Authority may from time to time (following consultation with the Licensee and such (if any) other licences holders as the Authority shall consider appropriate) issue directions relieving the Licensee of its obligations under paragraph 2 in respect of such parts of the Priority Dispatch Principles and to such extent and subject to such conditions as may be specified in those directions.

4. In this Condition:

“Priority Dispatch Principles” means the principles, processes, rules and criteria determined and published by the Authority for the purposes of ensuring that certain types of generation sets are afforded priority dispatch in accordance with the requirements of Article 16(2)(c) of Directive 2009/28/EC on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources, as amended from time to time by the Authority.

The above modifications will take effect from **28 November 2013**



**Jenny Pyper**

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