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### **Re: Call for evidence on gas transmission business plan for RIIO-3**

Gas Networks Ireland (GNI) welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on Ofgem's Call for Evidence on National Gas Transmission's business plan for RIIO-3, as published on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

GNI builds, owns, operates and maintains the natural gas network in Ireland. There are currently over 720,000 customers connected to the Irish gas network and GNI's core purpose is to ensure these customers receive a safe, efficient and secure supply of natural gas. The GNI gas network is transforming to deliver a repurposed, resized network with the GNI vision to deliver a fully decarbonised network by 2045 in line with national targets to successfully transition to a carbon-neutral economy by 2050. As the gas network transforms it will continue to have a critical role in providing a cleaner, competitive and secure energy supply for Ireland, particularly for power generation.

GNI works closely with National Gas and we welcome National Gas' RIIO-3 business plan and its potential to deliver significant benefits for all its stakeholders, including GNI.

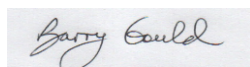
Owing to the interconnection between National Gas and the gas transmission system in Ireland, it is of mutual benefit that National Gas maintains safe, reliable, and secure supplies of gas to support energy flexibility and security of supply in Ireland. We further recognise the vital role National Gas will play in facilitating resilient security of supply of cross-border flows between Great Britain, Ireland, and Continental Europe.

GNI concurs that National Gas can play a crucial role in achieving the UK's ambitious decarbonisation targets alongside ensuring a continued and resilient supply of natural gas to support energy security. Investments in National Gas' forward-looking initiatives can support the realisation of the UK's net zero ambitions by leveraging the resilience and flexibility of the gas transmission network to transport carbon neutral energy such as biomethane and green hydrogen.

In conclusion, GNI welcomes the ambition and proposed investment outlined in National Gas' RIIO-3 business plan.

I trust this is in order, however, should you have any queries in this regard please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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