NORTHERN IRELAND ELECTRICITY PRICE DETERMINATION INQUIRY

Notice of extension of inquiry period made pursuant to Article 15A(3) of The Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992

1. On 30 April 2013, the Northern Ireland Utility Regulator (the Regulator), in exercise of its power under Article 15(1) of The Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 (the Order), made a reference requiring the Competition Commission (CC) to investigate and report on the Price Control Conditions in the Licence of Northern Ireland Electricity Limited. The reference required the CC to make its report by 29 October 2013.

2. On 16 August 2013 the special reference group (the Group) appointed to consider this inquiry made representations to the Regulator pursuant to Article 15A(3) of the Order that there were special reasons why the report could not be made by 29 October 2013.

3. On 20 August 2013, pursuant to Article 15A(3) of the Order, the Regulator extended the period for making the report to 29 April 2014.

4. The special reasons were to enable the Group to give full consideration to the issues raised by this inquiry having regard to its scope and complexity and to give full consideration to the submissions and evidence that the Group has received.

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Group Chairman
21 August 2013