

Email from Donald Murray, AES, with comments on the NI Single Gas Transmission Code High Level Approach Consultation

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Subject: Consultation - Single Code - High Level Approach

Dear Stephen,

Re Consultation Paper:–

Northern Ireland Single Gas Transmission Code – High level Approach document for Industry Consultation: V1.0 7th November 2016 (the 'Paper')

At this time AES Kilroot and AES Ballylumford (collectively 'AES') has no substantive comments to make on the Paper and we await with interest for sight of the detailed drafting.

However, AES would again state its disappointment that the opportunity is not been taken to amend the provisions relating to Exit Capacity to introduce secondary products and to allow for transfer of Exit Capacity between NI Exit Points.

AES would also raise a general concern at the lack of a CBA in relation to the CJV project as a whole. In particular we are somewhat alarmed to learn that the CJV team is likely to be at least 8 persons whereas in the outline design information a figure of 4 persons was indicated. AES believes that it is highly likely that any efficiency savings from adoption of a single code and single IT system etc. will be outweighed by the operational costs of the CJV and therefor this project will be a net cost to system users and ultimately end customers.

Kind regards

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